

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2019

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Eucharist:

Daily: Chapel 8:30 am
Monday, Thursday: 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon (Spanish)

Next Holy Day of Obligation

(All Sundays)

December 25-Christmas

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: Holy Hour following 7 pm Mass
Hora Santa después de la misa 7 pm

Office Hours:

Daily (Diario) (M - F) 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Baptism/Bautizos:

Baptisms in English are the first and third Saturday of each month. Arrangements should be made one month in advance. Parents should be registered parishioners.

Los Bautizos son el 2do y 4to sábado de cada mes. Deben de pasar por la oficina para coordinar la fecha por lo menos con un mes de anticipación. Deben de estar inscritos en la parroquia para solicitar un bautismo.

Marriage/Matrimonio:

Please arrange with the priest at least one year in advance. Por favor de separar fecha con el sacerdote y un año de anticipación.

Reconciliation/Reconciliación:

Every Saturday (Cada Sábado) 4:00 PM—5:00 PM

Religious Education/Catecismo:

English: Sunday at 9:00 am in the Grammar school
Español: Sábado a las 10:00 am se reúnen en la cafetería de la escuela.

Sponsorship/Godparent Certificates

You must be an **active parishioner** (registered) for at least 6 months to receive a Certificate of eligibility to be a sponsor or godparent.

Debe ser un **feligrés activo** durante al menos 6 meses para recibir un certificado de elegibilidad para ser un patrocinador o padrino.

Staff:

Ms. Rose Perone, Trustee & English Rel. Ed.
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Mrs. Teresa Marin, Spanish Rel. Ed.
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Mr. Edwin Lopez, Altar Servers



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Anthony of Padua Parish is committed to the Celebration of God's presence among His people through meaningful, well prepared liturgy, prayerful gatherings, evangelization and faith formation. We recognize and welcome the richness of our culturally and ethnically diverse community. We strive to nurture and develop these differences by encouraging all our brothers and sisters to share their gifts so we may strengthen our community and become one.

**Mass Intentions
December 21– December 29, 2019**

SATURDAY (December 21) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 ANTHONY MARSHOTT/Daughter Ursula
5:00 MARY & PIETRO PIGA/Children & Grandchildren
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 22) Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 DOMENICA CARONIA/Children
10:30 CARMELA DI GRIGOLI & ROSALIE ARCIERI/
Mr. & Mrs. Biagio Arcieri & Family
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (December 23) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 LUCIA & NERI PUZZOLO/Antonia Chillemi
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (December 24) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 DOMENIC & MARIA/Joann Barberio & Sons
4:00 CHRISTMAS EVE MASS/People of the Parish
12:00 MIDNIGHT MASS/People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY (December 25) NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:30 CHRISTMAS/People of the Parish
12:00 CHRISTMAS/People of the Parish

THURSDAY (December 26) St. Stephen

8:00 ANGELO NAZIANZENO/Frank O. Mazza

FRIDAY (December 27) St. John the Apostle

8:30 LINDA MAZZA/Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza

SATURDAY (December 28) The Holy Innocents

8:30 SALLY VACCARO/Dotty Nascondiglio
5:00 REV. VINCENT ZULIANI & REV. PAT DIVER/
Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (December 29) The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:00 VICTOR SILVA/Wife & Children
10:30 ANN HARRIS/Daughter Kathy
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS



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OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

is shown below. We sincerely thank all those parishioners and friends who contributed to the parish. Be assured that the Lord will never be outdone in rewarding those who give even a glass of water in His Name.

Collection amount's will be in the next bulletin

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Carmen Alava	James D. Milazzo
Karen Bulloch	Carmen Mistichelli
Caterina Campbell	Carlos Moran
Isaac Castañeda	Rosemarie Newton
Orlando Chavez	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Alberto Chumbiray	Pietro Paolucci
Maritza Chumbiray	Robergeau Paul
Wayne Cook	Maria Perdomo
Rosemary Coppola	Laura Philipone
Mary Cusmano	Frank Pierre
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Raul Atilio Portillo
Marianna Dubell	Jose Luis Porto
Maria Espinoza	Gisel Porto
Mario Fronzoni	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Sherry Gallanter	Edith Quijada
Joseph Gambino	Endy Quijada
Denise Griest	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Jared Leonardo Henao	Sergio Ricciardi
Jacob Hinman	Angel Rivera
Joshua Hinman	Isadora Rodriguez
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	Magdalena Rodriguez
Lindsay LaMarre	John Ruela
John Lapolla	Maria Saavedra
Theresa Lattanzio	Salvatore Saluccio
Rosa Leon	Hugo Santa Maria
Elvin Martinez	Frank Tinnirella
Anthony Merlo	Rosalie Tinnirella
Leonarda Merlo	Angela Verlengeri
Joseph Merlo Jr.	John Veltre

The Bread and Wine will be offered this week in memory of:
Deceased Members and Families
Requested by Historic Columbus Parade Assn. of U.C. 500th Members

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**Fourth Sunday of Advent/Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, Ciclo/Cycle A**

We are celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent and the Gospel of Mathew recounts to us a short version of how the miraculous conception of Christ happened. The Evangelist put Joseph as the protagonist in this story. Joseph is presented in this gospel as a “Just man.” Justice is referred here as the fulfillment or observance of the religious practices of his time. Not only as mere fulfilling of the established ritual practices, but observing carefully the traditions received from his ancestors. For these same reasons, Joseph, found himself in a very complicated and difficult situation, that is, what to do with Mary, his betrothed that was pregnant. The law is very clear what to do; the adulterers must be eradicated from the midst of the people of God. Adultery according to the Mosaic Law is punishable by death by stoning. But Joseph loved Mary, so, what must he do? Should he expose and allow Mary to be stoned to death? Or, should he divorce her in secret? In any case, he will be implicated and he will carry a heavy weight in his conscience if Mary will be stoned to death because of adultery, or he will be blamed for making her pregnant before marriage. So, what must he do? He has to wait for God to appear. For this reason, the angel of the Lord appeared, to console and comfort him, telling him, “Courage Joseph! Do not be afraid. I know that you are just and that you delight in my Law, this child is the Son of the Most High, he is the One who will fulfill all the prophecies, announced by the prophets. He is the much awaited Messiah.” What a difference between Joseph and us! Joseph did not despair or panicked, but on the contrary, put all his trust and waited for the Lord. Joseph may have thought, “The Lord has put me in this situation, he has to appear and provide!” He did not try to do anything, even though he did not see any solution to the problem, and the closest possible solution will be wrong. For this same reason, Joseph is called “Just,” and he reflects the suffering of Jesus, his son or the one of Joseph, the son of Jacob, sold by his brothers into slavery in Egypt. On the contrary, when we find ourselves in a difficult situation, we immediately enter into despair and most of the time we take the wrong decision. We can learn from Joseph to hope in the Lord, because “the Lord rewards the Just.” God is calling us through his Son, to acknowledge our sins and ask for forgiveness, and not to lose hope that God will help us through difficult and complicated moments in our lives. God bless all of you!

Estamos celebrando el cuarto domingo de Adviento, y en el Evangelio San Mateo, nos cuenta una versión abreviada de cómo ocurrió la concepción de Jesús. Pero aquí, el evangelista toma como protagonista a José. Se nos describe un poco como es José, de acuerdo al relato del Evangelio, era un hombre “Justo.” Aquí la justicia, hace referencia a ser cumplidor, observador de las prácticas religiosas de su tiempo. No simplemente, cumplir con los ritos establecidos, sino, observar cuidadosamente la tradición recibida de sus ancestros. Por esto, se encuentra en una situación muy complicada, que hacer ahora que María, su prometida, esta embarazada. La ley dicta muy claramente lo que hay que hacer, ya que a los adúlteros, hay que hacerlos desaparecer de en medio del pueblo. El adulterio se pagaba con la muerte. Pero José amaba a María, entonces que debe hacer, ¿exponer a María y que la apedrearan?, o ¿divorciarla en secreto? De cualquier forma el se vería implicado y cargaría con mucha culpa, una con la muerte de María, y la otra con la culpa de haber cometido una infamia sin haberlo hecho, ¿Qué hacer entonces? Esperar. Hasta que Dios aparece. Por eso el ángel de Dios, se le aparece para calmarlo y confortarlo, y le dijo, ¡Animo José! No tengas miedo, Yo se que tu eres Justo, que te deleitas en Mi ley (La ley del Señor), este hijo es Hijo del Altísimo, es el que va a cumplir todas las profecías, es el, del que hablan los profetas, es el Mesías esperado. ¡Que diferencia entre José y nosotros! Ya que José no se desespera, sino al contrario, pone toda su confianza en el Señor, espera en el Señor. El me ha metido en esta situación, el tiene que aparecer, no intenta nada, aunque no vea solución alguna, y la que mas se ajusta será equivocada. Por esto es apodado el justo, y se asemeja también al sufrimiento de Jesús, su hijo, y al de José, el hijo de Jacob, el que fue vendido por sus hermanos como esclavo. Sin embargo, nosotros, si que nos desesperamos, y eso muchas veces nos hace tomar decisiones equivocadas. Aprendamos de José, esperemos en el Señor, que el recompensa a los justos. Pero si yo no soy justo, si soy un pecador. Dios a través de su hijo, a que reconozcamos nuestros pecados y pidamos perdón, y nunca perdamos la esperanza de que Dios nos perdona y actúa en nuestra vida en los momentos mas difíciles y complicados. En esta esperanza José se levanta del sueño y hace como le ha dicho el ángel, cumpliendo así sin saberlo lo que decimos en el padre nuestro, “Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.” Que Dios me los bendiga siempre.

Readers & Lectors
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**Lectors for the Weekend of
December 28– December 29**

Saturday, December 28

5:00 PM

7:00 PM Vivianett Lorenzo y Jose Argueta
(Claudia Yanes)

Sunday, December 29

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz

10:30 AM Ariel Legacy

12:00 Noon Manuel Majico y Oscar Flores
(Sandra Bonilla)



**Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of
December 28—December 29**

Saturday, December 28

5:00 PM Frank Mazza

7:00 PM Salomon Yanes, Reina Yanes y Maria Duran

Sunday, December 29

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli

10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Cristian Moron

12:00 Noon Peter, Besy Aleman, Melida Canela y
Marisa Puello

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The parish family of St. Anthony's seeks to reach out and include the sick, the elderly, and the homebound in the life and prayers of our parish.

Please contact the parish office if someone wants to receive Communion or needs to see the priest for the sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick.

RCIA

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process the Catholic Community provides to welcome adults who wish to become Catholic and to prepare adult Catholics to receive Confirmation (and when needed, First Eucharist.) Please contact the Parish for more information.



- *MONDAY:** 7:00 PM Mass (Spanish)
- *TUESDAY:** Novena to St. Anthony (After 8:30 AM Mass-Chapel)
- *THURSDAY:** Holy Hour after 7:00 PM Mass
- *FRIDAY:** 7:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Our Food Pantry is in need of food. Please drop off your food to help feed those in need of our parish in the baskets at the back of the church or at the rectory.



THE ADVENT WREATH
4nd Candle- (Purple)
THE CANDLE OF LOVE

The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

***Wishing all Parishioners a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!***

Our Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2019

4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass (English)

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass of Christmas (Trilingual)

Church doors will open at 11:00 p.m.

CAROLING will begin at 11:30 p.m.

**The Masses of Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25, 2019**

10:30 a.m. (English)

12:00 Noon (Spanish)

New Year's Eve Mass Schedule

Tuesday 5:00 p.m. (English)

7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

New Year's Day Mass Schedule

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

10:30 a.m. (English)

12:00 p.m. (Spanish)

YOU ARE INVITED
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**We invite you to a special Mass celebration on
Sunday, January 12th, 2020, at the 12:00
bilingual Mass.**

**Cardinal Tobin will be presiding and will be
blessing our new altar. Please mark this
special day on your calendar and join us.**



There will be no CCD classes

Saturday, December 28 and Sunday, December 29

**Classes will resume on: Saturday, January 4th
and Sunday, January 5th**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalms — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass (c) 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La señal es que la virgen estará embarazada y dará a luz un hijo varón (Isaías 7:10-14).

Salmo — Va a entrar el Señor: él es el Rey de la Gloria (Salmo 24 [23]).

Segunda lectura — Jesús, descendiente de David biológicamente, fue establecido el Hijo de Dios en poder (Romanos 1:1-7).

Evangelio — María quedó embarazada por obra del Espíritu Santo (Mateo 1:18-24).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-18
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-1]

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8a, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-2

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:25, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**EMMANUEL**

Of all of the names connected to our Lord, two stand out in the ways that they describe the identity and mission of the Lord: “Emmanuel: God is with us” and “Jesus: God saves.” The most stunning thing about our Christian faith is that God is not distant, abstract, demanding, a god of wrath and military might. Rather, God desires to be near to us, in relationship, one with us in our challenges and in our joys. God is with us even when remaining with us will lead to betrayal, persecution, and violent death. God who is beyond all of this struggle remains with us so that we might transcend the limitations of our human nature in order to become more like God, to embrace the divine light that resides within each of us. As we approach the celebration of Christmas, consider this: what does it mean to you that God is with us, now and always? What does this call you to be and to do as a Christian, as a follower of God’s Son, Jesus, who is with us and who saves us?

EMMANUEL

De todos los nombres asociado con nuestro Señor, hay dos que sobresalen en la forma que describen la identidad y misión del Señor: “Emmanuel: Dios con nosotros”, y “Jesús: Dios salva”. Lo más impresionante acerca de nuestra fe cristiana es que Dios no está lejos, es algo abstracto, exigente, un dios de ira y poder militar. Al contrario, Dios desea estar cerca de nosotros, tener una relación, estar con nosotros en nuestros desafíos y alegrías. Dios está con nosotros aun cuando permaneciendo con nosotros nos lleve a la traición, la persecución o una muerte violenta. Dios que está más allá de esta lucha permanece con nosotros para que podamos trascender las limitaciones de nuestra naturaleza humana para llegar a ser más como Dios, para abrazar la luz divina que reside dentro de cada uno de nosotros. Al acercarnos a la celebración de Navidad, consideremos lo siguiente, ¿qué significa para ti que Dios esté con nosotros, ahora y siempre? ¿Qué te llama a ser y hacer como cristiano, como seguidor del Hijo de Dios, Jesús, quien está con nosotros y nos salva?

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