

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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

January 1-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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.
Mrs. Mary Wilk, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Teresa Marin, Spanish Rel. Ed.
Mr. Will Villanueva, Trustee
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 28– January 5, 2020**

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

MONDAY (December 30) Octave of the Nativity

8:30 GIUSEPPE QUAGLIA/Brother, Dario Quaglia
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (December 31) Octave of the Nativity

8:30 MICHELE & LUGIA MILANO/Figlia Gerarda
 5:00 NEW YEARS EVE MASS/People of the Parish
 7:00 NEW YEARS EVE MASS/People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY (January 1) Octave of the Nativity

10:30 SOLEMNITY OF MARY/People of the Parish
 12:00 SOLEMNITY OF MARY/People of the Parish

THURSDAY (January 2) Sts. Basil & Gregory

8:00 SOULS IN PURGATORY/Jim & Cathy Leggett

FRIDAY (January 3) Christmas Weekday

8:30 EMIRO CASTILLO/Family

SATURDAY (January 4) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 CARMELA CIANFANO/Mamma Teresa
 5:00 JOSEPHINE PIGA/Vallatese Society
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

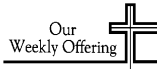
SUNDAY (January 5) EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 VICTOR SILVA/Wife & Children
 10:30 CONCETTA BONGIOVANNI &
 VITO & LIBORIA LORIA/
 Mr. & Mrs. Biago Arcieri & Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!

We remember those who have died in the peace of
 Christ, especially:

Mario Di Donato & Laura Philipone



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.

	Offertory	Religious Retirement Fund
5:00	379	127
7:00	986	253
8:00	212	107
10:30	706	252
12:00	1,851	460
Total	4,134	1,199

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	Frank Pierre
Mary Cusmano	Raul Atilio Portillo
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Jose Luis Porto
Marianna Dubell	Gisel Porto
Maria Espinoza	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Mario Fronzoni	Edith Quijada
Sherry Gallanter	Endy Quijada
Joseph Gambino	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Denise Griest	Sergio Ricciardi
Jared Leonardo Henao	Angel Rivera
Jacob Hinman	Isadora Rodriguez
Joshua Hinman	Magdalena Rodriguez
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	John Ruela
Lindsay LaMarre	Maria Saavedra
John Lapolla	Salvatore Saluccio
Theresa Lattanzio	Hugo Santa Maria
Rosa Leon	Frank Tinnirella
Elvin Martinez	Rosalie Tinnirella
Anthony Merlo	Angela Verlengeri
Leonarda Merlo	John Veltre
Joseph Merlo Jr.	



**Next week there will be a second collection for
the Monthly Assessment**

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Holy Family/La Sagrada Familia Ciclo/Cycle A


In the Gospel of Christmas, it was said: “Mary gave birth to her son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” It is a little strange, don’t you think, if a member of your family was coming from out of the state would they not find a place to stay with you and not have to look for a room in a hotel? We wonder if something must have happened, something that we do not want to talk about, something we do not accept in this person, a fact or an attitude that we think is not right. This was the case of the Holy Family. They went to Bethlehem to fulfill a duty with the government, they went to Joseph’s family birthplace, and no one wants him, so they have to look for refuge into a stable. Why? Because everybody believed that Joseph made a big mistake: Mary’s pregnancy before being together as a married couple. But everything was included in the “Plan of God.” So the Holy Family could rely only on God, nobody else. This Gospel, tells to us that God’s will can not be put inside of our mind, we do not understand it, mainly because we do not know how to interpret all the events of our lives. We judge them as “Good” or “Bad,” according to the measure of pleasure that we can get from them. So we have to create an illusion of “Good or Bad Luck” to help us understand those events or facts of our lives without thinking that using our freedom to choose, we can separate us from the plan of happiness that God has for each one of us. That he in his infinite mercy and love, has to allow many mistakes in our lives so he can save us and so we can return to the original way prepared for us by him. Joseph, “the Just,” knew that he could not fail in this situation if God allowed this to happen, there was a good reason behind it. This word is a help to us so we can trust in God’s judgment, meaning, that God knows better than us what is the best for us, in each moment of our lives. That the suffering involved in doing God’s will, bring us always “Eternal life” as a reward. This is what Joseph and Mary with the baby Jesus learned, because from this moment on, the Calvary started for the holy family. Let us ask Mary, Joseph and Jesus for this especial grace today: “Not to doubt in the will of God for us,” and let us say as Mary:” let it be done to me according to your word.” May God give you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy 2020.

Les parecería extraño a todos ustedes, si un familiar llegara de uno de sus países de origen, y nadie lo acogiera en su casa? Habría que pensar, que sucede, por que seria de extrañar, principalmente por que nosotros los latinos somos muy familiares y acogedores. Tendría que haber sucedido algo desagradable con este pariente para no aceptarlo en su casa. Pues este es el caso de la sagrada familia de Nazaret, fueron rechazados por los suyos. La familia de José no había perdonado a uno de los suyos por cometer un pecado, embarazar a la novia antes de casarse. Esto es lo que veían ellos. Pero todo estaba en el plan de Dios, para que así la Sagrada Familia solo pudiese apoyarse en Dios. Esta palabra nos pone de manifiesto, que la voluntad de Dios, primero no nos entra en la cabeza, ya que todos los acontecimientos de nuestra vida no sabemos interpretarlos. Todo lo juzgamos como “bueno” o “malo” dependiendo del placer que reciba de ellos. Y por esto tenemos que crearnos una ilusión, la “buena suerte” o “la mala suerte” en los acontecimientos de nuestra vida. Sin pensar que en nuestras libertad, podemos desviarnos del plan de felicidad trazado por Dios, y que El en su infinita misericordia, para salvarnos, tiene que permitir muchas equivocaciones en nuestra vida para devolvernos al camino marcado por El. Por eso, José, que era “Justo” sabia que Dios no le iba a fallar, que si el había permitido todo esto seria con una buena razón e intención de tras. Segundo, esta palabra nos ayudara a confiar en el juicio de Dios, en el sentido de que Dios sabe mejor que nosotros que es lo que nos conviene en cada momento de nuestra vida. Tercero, que los sufrimientos que conlleva entrar en la voluntad de Dios, siempre traen como recompensa “la vida eterna,” y esto lo aprendieron José y María con el niño Jesús, ya que aquí, en este momento empieza todo el calvario de la “Sagrada Familia” de Nazaret. Pidámosle a Cristo que ha nacido este regalo maravilloso, no el intentar entender a Dios, sino como dijo María al ángel, “Hágase en mi tu voluntad.” Que Dios me los bendiga a todos en esta Navidad y les conceda un prospero 2020 lleno de felicidad y paz.

Readers & Lectors Lectors for the Weekend of
 January 4– January 5

Saturday, January 4
 5:00 PM
 7:00 PM Will y Marta Villanueva
 (Maria Duran)

Sunday, January 5
 8:00 AM Ann Ruppert
 10:30 AM Mark Moron
 12:00 Noon Manuel Majico y Magdalena Ortiz
 (Patrica Zelaya)

 **Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of**
 January 4– January 5

Saturday, January 4
 5:00 PM Frank Mazza
 7:00 PM Salomon Yanes, Reina Yanes y Maria Duran

Sunday, January 5
 8:00 AM Mary Wilk
 10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Cristian Moron
 12:00 Noon Ana Marte, 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.

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)

SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today’s feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew’s Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

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YOU ARE INVITED

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.



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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

Gospel — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Los que honran a sus padres recibirán bendiciones y pagarán sus pecados (Eclesiástico 3:2-6, 12-14).

Salmo — Dichoso el que teme al Señor, y sigue sus caminos (Salmo 128 [127]).

Segunda lectura — Vivan una vida de amor sincero, sean agradecidos, hagan todo en el nombre del Señor Jesús; vivan en armonía (Colosenses 3:12-21).

Evangelio — José tomó a María y al niño de noche y se fueron a Egipto para escapar la persecución de Herodes (Mateo 2:13-15, 19-23).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

We are in the season of the Incarnation, the mystery of God's love poured out in Christ's birth. The word derives from the Latin *carnis* meaning "flesh." Throughout history, some Christians have distrusted the "flesh," and stressed a hatred of this world and its pleasures. Perhaps they have not paid enough attention to how "embodied" the sacraments are. One third-century author put it plainly in an image that may alarm diet-conscious Americans, explaining that we wash the body so the soul can be cleansed, that we anoint the body so the soul can be strengthened, and that we eat the body and blood of Christ so that "the soul can fatten on God."

Catholics "get" that God is revealed in this world. The sacraments use the "stuff" of creation: water and oil; the senses of the body, touch and taste and smell. We use the things of this world rightly. After all, God's love poured out into human flesh means the world has eternal value. Why else would Jesus describe the kingdom to come as a teeming city or a marriage banquet? Catholics are realists, and nowhere is that more evident than when we gather for a sacrament. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En Nicaragua y otras naciones latinoamericanas se celebra el final de un año con la "quema del año viejo". Construyen grandes muñecos con ropa vieja, pólvora y papel que se encienden a medianoche entre los dos años. Celebrar el comienzo de un año nuevo tiene una larga trayectoria en la historia humana. Hace unos 4000 años el pueblo de Babilonia ya festejaba la llegada de un nuevo año con grandes fiestas de primavera. Los judíos, al igual que otros pueblos agrícolas, también celebraban su año nuevo durante la primavera, el primer día de Nisán (a principios de abril).

Fue Julio César quien nos dio la fecha del primero de enero como el inicio de nuestro calendario. En 1582 el Papa Gregorio XIII reformó el calendario para darnos el que actualmente está en uso. No obstante, los cristianos continuaron celebrando el año nuevo en primavera para evitar los excesos del "hombre viejo". Hace 400 años la Iglesia comenzó a celebrar el día primero de enero buscando cristianizarlo lo mejor posible. Por eso en el calendario litúrgico este día es dedicado a María, Madre de Dios.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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