

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2020

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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)

May 21-Ascension of Jesus

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
January 4– January 12, 2020**

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

MONDAY (January 6) Christmas Weekday

8:30 RITA IENTILE/Family
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (January 7) Christmas Weekday

8:30 MARGHERITA DI COSMO/Luigi, Gerardo & Vito
Tanga

WEDNESDAY (January 8) Christmas Weekday

8:30 CARMEN PERROTTI/Rosemary Coppola

THURSDAY (January 9) Christmas Weekday

8:30 ANGELINA NOVELLO AIELLO/Tripodi Family
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (January 10) Christmas Weekday

8:30 MARGHERITA DI COSMO/Libby Paolucci

SATURDAY (January 11) Christmas Weekday

8:30 ANTHONY & MARIE BELLUSCIO/
Franklin & Susan Belluscio
5:00 MARIA ROSA/Vallatese Society
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

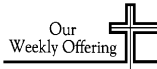
SUNDAY (January 12) BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 DOMENICO DE COSIMO/Family
10:30 JENNIE PERONE/Daughter Rose
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**The Bread and Wine will be offered this week
in memory of
Greco & Kolesar Families
Requested by Family**

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!

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



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.

December 22, 2019

5:00	285
7:00	760
8:00	645
10:30	383
12:00	1,703
Mail	209
Total	3,985

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.	

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

**Next week there will be a second collection for
Communicating God's Word**

The Epiphany of the Lord/La Epifanía del Señor Ciclo/Cycle A

The arrival of wise men from the East at Herod's court with questions about the reported birth of a royal pretender could very easily have caused some consternation. Herod was very well aware of messianic pretenders and may have considered them a real threat to his power. However, in this gospel story, the symbolic message has completely eclipsed whatever historical kernel may have existed. We know that Matthew, more than any other evangelist, is aware of the hopes of ancient Israel and he is, therefore, constantly alert to any opportunity to show that Jesus has fulfilled those expectations. Thus, for example, Jesus' lengthy Sermon on the Mount is said to have taken place on a mountain, simply because Matthew wants us to recognize Jesus as a successor to Moses, who also proclaimed divine revelation from a mountain top. In the story of the Magi, Matthew wants us to recognize in Jesus the new Solomon, whose reputation for wisdom was legendary. He too received a visitor from the East, the Queen of Sheba, who was said to have been "breathless" as she marveled at his wisdom and wealth (1 Kings 10:1-13). This Epiphany story is, therefore, a celebration of the wisdom represented by Jesus--in his person and in his message. It is an unpretentious wisdom, because it is embodied in a tiny child, but it is in fact the only wisdom that will ultimately survive. The Magi represent secular wisdom, which is validated by success through a clever use of power. In this case, physical power is for controlling others, intelligence is for out-witting them, and wealth or political power is for amassing ever more wealth and influence. This wisdom is the centerpiece of today's dominant secular culture. It is not always a bad thing, but neither should it be dominant. Jesus offers a radically different kind of wisdom, which declares that all forms of power must be in the service of love and that true success should be measured in terms of who has been liberated by unselfish love from the bondage of fear, guilt, low self-esteem and the like. Our real power is our freedom, and it is very tempting to use that freedom to dominate and control others. Jesus tells us that we should risk using freedom as he did--for loving and liberating and trusting and forgiving. In fact, I have often wondered whether the first, and perhaps the only, question asked of us at the final judgment will simply be, "Did you let my people go?" The powerful and oppressive Pharaoh was an exemplar of secular wisdom, while the God of Exodus and Jesus represent the far superior and enduring wisdom of love and liberation. We need to ask ourselves whether the net result of our actions and attitudes is to make others stronger and happier and more confident. The Wise Men offer gifts to Jesus because they recognize that the humble wisdom of Jesus eclipses all forms of merely human wisdom. May God will bless you and all your families and friend in this brand new year 2020.

¡Qué pintoresca y atractiva es la historia de los Reyes que vienen de oriente para "adorar" al Rey de Israel! Es lo que celebramos en "Epifanía". Significa esta palabra griega: "manifestación de Dios". En efecto, de manera misteriosa -por medio de una estrella milagrosa- Dios se manifiesta a tres reyes, los cuales llegan a Belén para adorar al Rey de reyes, Jesucristo. El viaje no fue fácil. El inicio tampoco. Debían haber tenido una gran fe y también mucha humildad. Ellos eran también reyes, pero buscaban a un "Rey" que era mucho más que ellos. Esta supremacía del recién-nacido "Rey" deben haberla conocido por revelación divina. Deben haber sabido que el Reino de este Rey que nacía era mucho más importante y grande que sus respectivos reinos. De otra manera ¿cómo podrían estarlo buscando con tanto ahínco? Y lo buscaban, no para un simple saludo o sólo para brindarle presentes, sino -sobre todo- para adorarlo. El Profeta Isaías (Is. 60, 1-6) que leemos en la Primera Lectura, ya anunciaba esta inusitada visita y nos da detalles que completan el escenario descrito en el Evangelio: "Te inundará una multitud de camellos y dromedarios procedentes de Madián y de Efa. Vendrán todos los de Sabá trayendo incienso y oro, y proclamando las grandezas del Señor". Esta visita pomposa en la cueva de Belén, que sin duda contrasta la fastuosidad de los reyes con la humilde presencia de los pastores, nos indica que Dios se revela a todos: ricos y pobres, poderosos y humildes, judíos y no judíos. Eso sí: está de nuestra parte responder a la revelación que Dios hace a cada raza, pueblo y nación... y a cada uno de nosotros. Y Dios se revela en su Hijo Jesucristo, que se hace hombre, y nace y vive en nuestro mundo en un momento dado de nuestra historia. Sí. Jesucristo es la respuesta de Dios a nuestra búsqueda de El. Los Reyes supieron buscarlo y lo encontraron. Respondieron con prontitud, obediencia, humildad y diligencia. No les importó que fuera Rey de otro país. No les importó el viaje largo y molesto que les tocó hacer. No les importó que la estrella se les desapareciera por un tiempo. No les importó encontrar a ese "Rey de reyes" en el mayor anonimato y en medio de una rigurosa pobreza. Ellos sabían que ése era el "Rey" que venían a adorar. Y eso era lo que importaba. Nos dice Isaías y nos dice el Evangelio que los Tres Reyes ofrecieron regalos al Rey de reyes: oro, que representa nuestro amor de entrega al Señor; incienso, que simboliza nuestra constante oración que se eleva al Cielo, y mirra, que significa la aceptación paciente de trabajos, sufrimientos y dificultades de nuestra vida en Dios. Esta breve historia sobre los Reyes de Oriente (Mt. 2, 1-12), que nos trae el Evangelio de hoy, nos muestra cómo Dios llama a cada persona de diferentes maneras, sea cual fuere su origen o su raza, su pueblo o su nación, su creencia o convicción. El toca nuestros corazones y se nos revela en Jesucristo, Dios Vivo y Verdadero ante Quien no podemos más que postrarnos y adorarlo. Como a los Tres Reyes, Dios nos llama, nos inspira para que le busquemos, se revela a nosotros en Jesucristo. A veces, inclusive, parece esconderse -como se ocultó la estrella. Y nuestra respuesta no puede ser otra que la de los Reyes: buscarlo, seguir Su Camino -sin importar dificultades y obstáculos- postrarnos y adorarlo, ofreciéndole también nuestros presentes: nuestra entrega a El, nuestra oración y nuestros trabajos. Que Dios los bendiga a todos en este nuevo año.

Readers & Lectors
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**Lectors for the Weekend of
January 11– January 12**

Saturday, January 11

5:00 PM

7:00 PM Marta Villanueva y Vivanett Lorenzo
(Maria Duran)

Sunday, January 12

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz

10:30 AM Ariel Legacy

12:00 Noon Manuel Majico y Yoni Rodriguez
(Sandra Bonilla)



**Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of
January 11– January 12**

Saturday, January 11

5:00 PM Jim Leggett

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

Sunday, January 12

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli

10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Cristian Moron, Nicholas Arias

12:00 Noon Peter y 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.

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.

Epiphany of the Lord

*“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”
MATTHEW 2:11*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.



A gracious thank you to everyone who shared their time, talent and treasure to make our Advent and Christmas season so beautiful. Thank you to all who donated to the Christmas Flower collection. Your generosity made the church extra beautiful this Christmas season. A special thank you to Francisco Espinosa for creating our beautiful Nativity scene which has been enjoyed by all.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60:1-6).

Salmo — Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Evangelio — Magos del oriente llegaron, diciendo: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?” (Mateo 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Life hands us many epiphanies or “wake-up calls.” A few years ago, a young couple adopted a two-year-old child in a morass of red tape, complications, and court hearings. At the baby’s baptism, the priest suggested appending an “adoption blessing,” wherein the new relationship was expressed and affirmed. There is a place in that rite for the child to speak, and instead the priest said, “Can you give Daddy a kiss?” Standing in the midst of his church, the young adoptive father suddenly welled up with tears as he embraced the child. Afterward, he explained that through all the hassles and legal struggles he never until that moment in church understood that he was the parent of this child. The ritual claimed them for each other, gave expression to their relationship that the legal documents never could, and firmly cemented this child into the heart of a community as everyone erupted into heartfelt applause. This assembly witnessed in a powerful way what happens in every baptism: the mystery of adoption, the free flow of grace, the overwhelming sense of God’s presence at the heart of our life’s journey.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Es tiempo de añadir los reyes magos al pesebre. En 1448 llegaron los pesebres italianos a las iglesias españolas, pero no fue hasta que el Rey Carlos III le regaló un pesebre a su hijo en el siglo XVIII que el uso de pesebres se expandió en los hogares. Desde entonces, el uso de nacimientos llegó al continente americano en donde se convirtió en la decoración principal para las fiestas navideñas.

Así como en todo país latinoamericano el montaje del Belén es una tradición, lo es también en Venezuela. Con el pesebre venezolano llegan también aguinaldos, parrandas, Misas y patines. ¡Sí! ¡Patines! Desde la mitad del siglo pasado los venezolanos celebran la época navideña con “patinadas”. Estas “patinadas” normalmente se hacen por las mañanas y muchas calles están cerradas a los autos hasta las 8 a.m. para que niños y jóvenes puedan disfrutar de los patines, bicicletas y otros juguetes que les regala el niño Dios. Por esto, muchos niños duermen con un “cordoncito” atado al dedo gordo de los pies, que cuelgan por la ventana para que los despierten los que pasan patinado.

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

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