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**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**  
**St. Anthony~NT Saturday 7:30 PM**  
**St. Anthony~NT Sunday 8:30 AM**  
**St. Anthony~M Sunday 11:00 AM**  
**Confession 15 minutes before Mass**  
**Pastor Fr. Roger A. Synek**

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# 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 22, 2019

## MASS TIME

Weekend Schedule (See Header)

### WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

No Daily Mass Thu

St. Anthony NT Mon 9:00AM

St. Anthony NT Tue 4:30PM

St. Anthony NT Tue 12:00 Midnight

**Caroling begins at 11:30pm**

St. Anthony M Wed 9:00AM

No Mass Thu

St. Anthony NT Fri 5:30PM

**Memorial Mass for Avis Mayer**



## THE CALENDAR YEAR

The year is coming to an end soon. "Thank you" for your participation in many different ministries and volunteer opportunities in our parish community. Thank you for your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure in 2019. Please be aware that "all tax deductible contributions" to the parish is to be received by December 31 if it is to be



## DEACON JIM BAKER

The family of Deacon Jim Baker sends a note to thank you for your prayers, care and concern through this difficult time. Here is an address for Deacon Jim Baker.

James Baker Jr  
 1802 West Maryland Ave, Apt 3001  
 Phoenix, AZ 85015

## WORD OF LIFE

That the wondrous birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ will awaken our hearts to the priceless gift of every child;  
**We pray to the Lord.**

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**Saint Anthony New Town**

December 24, 4:30pm

**Saint Anthony-New Town**

Midnight Mass 12:00am

Caroling begins @11:30pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Saint Anthony-Mandaree**

December 25, 9:00am



## MARY, MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL

**Saint Anthony New Town**

December 31, 5:00pm



## MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

**Saint Anthony, New Town**

January 1, 8:30am

**Saint Anthony Mandaree**

January 1, 11:00am

**BRING YOUR BABY JESUS!!:** We will be blessing the baby Jesus at the 4:30pm at the Christmas Eve Mass. Please bring the baby Jesus from your Nativity Scene at home. The children will be called forward at the conclusion of Mass and Fr. Roger will offer a



## FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK



**The Story of the Nativity**

Parish code  
**TC8V82**

WATCH ON  
**FORMED.ORG**

### Understanding the Full Story of Jesus' Birth

The birth of Jesus is often misunderstood, but this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clarifies widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus.

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## THE CHRISTMAS SEASON STARTS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Judging by the number of Christmas trees that are put out to the curb on December 26, many people believe that Christmas Day ends the Christmas season. They couldn't be more wrong: Christmas Day is the *first* day of Christmas. The period of feasting continues until Epiphany, the 12th day after Christmas, and the Christmas season traditionally continued until the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)—February 2—a full 40 days after Christmas Day! (Since the revision of the liturgical calendar in 1969, however, the liturgical season of Christmas ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord; the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time begins the next day.)  
<https://www.thoughtco.com/when-does-the-christmas-season>



**STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY:** When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:** We are all stewards – managers of the many gifts God has bestowed upon us. Our challenge as Christians is to make good use of those gifts. You can avoid excess taxes by giving certain appreciated securities, art or coin/stamp collections to St. Anthony, a very attractive and substantial way to make a memorial gift.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS:** In the northern hemisphere, Christmas coincides with the longest nights of the year. Let darkness be your friend. Pause with your honey amidst your busy preparations to go outside (even in the cold) and look at the sky. Ponder your smallness in this universe, but also the warmth of your love for each other.

**PARENTING POINTERS:** December 21st is the longest night of the year - and not only because kids are getting antsy about Christmas. Celebrate the darkness with candles. Perhaps make a “pilgrimage” through your home carrying a candle and reflecting on the holiness of each room and person.

**SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY – JAN 16-19:** A weekend retreat experience sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Bismarck for anyone of at least 15 years of age, in the Badlands Ministries Camp near Medora. SEARCH weekends are of, for and by youth. A scholarship is available for need. The next SEARCH weekend is Jan. 16-19, 2020. (Early Registration Recommended!) Registration and more information are online at: [www.bismarckdiocese.com/search1](http://www.bismarckdiocese.com/search1).

**DISCOVER PEACE AFTER ABORTION MARCH 2020:** If you or your partner have experienced an abortion, either recently or in your past and have feelings of regret or grief, Dakota Hope Clinic in Minot is here for you. Join Discover Peace, a 7-week small group where you can find healing surrounded by those who have been in similar situations. Go to [www.dakotahope.org](http://www.dakotahope.org) or call Dakota Hope at 701-852-4675 for more information. The next group starts in March, 2020; it is 100 % free and confidential.

**PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS:** For Pope Francis, for all of our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Nuns and those in discernment, and for more religious vocations.

**VOCATION VIEWS:** Open your mind and heart and listen to God's wisdom spoken in dreams, signs, and wonders. Mary and Joseph trusted and let God work through them. What about you? (Matthew 1:18-24)

### USE OF SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** By appointment

**Reconciliation:** Before or after Mass or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Nine months notice; marriage pep required.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please let us know when someone is seriously ill, has a prolonged illness or is to have surgery. This sacrament celebrates the healing of mind and body and the forgiveness of sins.

**Catholic Funeral Rites:** When a death occurs in your family, please call the Parish Office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.



**DID YOU KNOW?:** There’s an old saying that goes, “Once a Catholic, always a Catholic.” Maybe you have been away from the Church for little while or for quite some time, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church. Listen to that tug. It’s your Heavenly Father reaching his arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping to draw you home. Visit [www.catholicscomehome.org](http://www.catholicscomehome.org)

**ON LINE GIVING:** Our parishes online giving system lets you make your one-time, weekly, or monthly donation using your debit card, credit card or bank account. It’s easy to allocate different amounts for different collections, and view complete and accurate financial records anytime. If you would like to use On Line Giving to donate to the church please go to our website. [www.saintanthonypadua.com](http://www.saintanthonypadua.com)

**HOSPITAL VISITATIONS FROM PASTORS:** Due to state regulations concerned with a person’s privacy, the burden is now placed on each individual person admitted into the hospital. When admitted into the hospital, please be sure you have indicated that you are a Catholic and that you are from a specific parish. The hospital allows the pastor to only see names from a particular parish. If no parish is indicated, pastors will be unaware that you are in the hospital. Visiting the sick is one of the corporal works of mercy, a command by Jesus. By informing others of your hospitalization, you allow others to follow Christ. Take time for others and visit family and friends this season that are shut in.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT IN HARVEY JAN. 10-12:** Everyone’s invited to a Life in the Spirit Weekend Jan. 10-12 at St. Cecilia's Social Center in Harvey, N.D. Registration begins at 6p.m., seminar begins at 7 p.m. Friday and concludes at 3 p.m. Sunday. The seminar is an opportunity to deepen your personal relationship with the Holy Spirit and fellow members of the Body of Christ. The weekend includes Mass, praise and worship, talks and testimony, discussion groups, Eucharistic adoration, healing of hurtful memories prayer and more. register by Jan. 7. Free will offering. For more information and to register, contact Rosalie at [raxtman@gondtc.com](mailto:raxtman@gondtc.com) or call 324-2706 or the parish office at 324-2144. No-cost housing available in St. Cecilia's Social Center or in private homes with prior weekend arrangements. Area hotels include: Cobblestone Inn 635-2222 (until Jan. 4); R&R Motel 324-2271; Artos Motel 324-4602. Mention the Life in the Sprit group name for possible block rates



If you have information to be included in the bulletin, please contact Fr. Roger Synek at 627~4423 or Bobbi Shegrud @720~3998, (texting available) [Bobbi.Shegrud@k12.nd.us](mailto:Bobbi.Shegrud@k12.nd.us) The deadline is Thursday at noon each week.