

## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH**

### **Monday, December 3rd**

Adoration and Confessions—5 to 8 PM  
Children's Adoration—6 to 6:30 PM

### **Tuesday, December 4th**

Mass—6 AM and 8 AM  
Bible Study—10:30 to 12 PM (rectory)

### **Wednesday, December 5th**

Adoration and Confessions—5 to 8 PM

### **Thursday, December 6th**

Mass—6 AM and 8 AM

### **Friday, December 7th**

Adoration 8:30 to 11:45 AM  
Mass—12 Noon  
Vigil Mass for Holy Day of Obligation —7 PM

### **Saturday, December 8th**

Masses at 9 AM and 12 Noon—Solemnity of the  
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Life Teen—6:30 to 8:30 PM

### **December 9th through 11th**

Advent Parish Mission—7 PM (1)

#### **Legend**

Church (1) Padua Hall (2)  
Religious Education (3) Ewald Center (4)

### **Mass Intentions December 3rd to 9th**

12/3	8 am	Norman Divver (D) r/b Irene O'Brien
12/4	8 am	Elaine Mallot (D) r/b Woodburn Family
12/5	8 am	Shannon Marie Bobick (D)
12/6	8 am	Stephen & Sharon Wathen (L) r/b Dorothy Wathen
12/7	8 am	Michael Green Jr. (D) r/b Marie Heaton
	7 pm	Joyce Margaret Michaels (D) r/b Woodburn Family
12/8	9 am	Sister Ann
	12 pm	O'Connor Family (L)
	4:30 pm	Mike Aunchman (D)
12/9	8:15 am	Parishioners
	11:15 am	Anna Green (D) r/b Marie Heaton

### **PLEASE HELP THOSE IN NEED WITH OUR "GIVING TREE"**

The Social Concerns Committee is asking for your generosity to help those in need by participating in their annual "Giving Tree" event. Envelopes are still available outside of Padua Hall. Gifts may be brought back the weekends of Dec. 8th and 9th, or 15th and 16th.

## **FROM THE PASTORS DESK**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

As the days grow shorter, or at least as the sunlight is not as prevalent, nature begins to close shop and brace for the months of winter. I have a new love for the winter months since coming to North Beach. That's a story in and of itself that I would rather not tell.

I would like to encourage all of our parish families to take advantage of the opportunities that will be afforded to them this Advent. I wish it could be more, and perhaps one day another priest will be assigned to our parish. It is a possibility since we have a number of young people studying for the priesthood in our Archdiocese and our parish seems to be growing a bid. At any rate, since coming to North Beach I have seen the steady growth. On first arrival I thought we could get away with one Mass on Sunday, but as things have developed, the two Masses that we have are pretty much full and there are thoughts of having a Sunday night Mass. However, the "Sunday Night Mass" idea is way off in the future. I know a priest friend of mine is going to retire in a few years and has expressed an interest in living here with me. But, like I said, that is way off in the future.

With the beginning of Advent, and thus the start of a new liturgical year, our Mass on Saturday night will now be at 4:30. Confessions will be 3 to 4 pm. I have to say that the people here do take advantage of the confessional opportunities, but it could be a lot better. I have added extra confessional times already on the first and third Monday nights during Adoration, which was already in place before I came to the parish. This Advent I am adding Wednesdays for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions to the schedule. Like St. John Vianney, who loved hearing confessions, I have grown to love the "Box" as I call it.

Along with adding confession times I have also added a few extra time to come to Mass during Advent. People seemed to enjoy the Mass opportunity that happens at 6 in the morning. So, on Tuesdays and Thursdays we have added an additional Mass at 6 am for those early risers.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has always been a sure-fire way to encourage priestly and religious vocations, so I have extended the Friday Holy Hour to 11:45 am and will have a Friday noon Mass for this purpose.

These are just a few highlights mentioned here. For the complete schedule of events, including the Parish Mission and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, see the bulletin insert that was put out a couple weeks ago or go to the parish website. Post this schedule on the refrigerator of your house and take advantage of this profound and beautiful season we call Advent. It is one of my favorite seasons of the year.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack



## **FAITH FORMATION**

### **Children's Adoration**

This Monday, December 3rd, we have Children's Adoration during the regularly scheduled Adoration from 5 to 8 pm. We will have a holy half hour from 6 to 6:30 pm where children of all ages are welcome and will be led by Mrs. Deborah Porfiri. We have a beautiful time in the presence of Our Lord, and such a wonderful way to begin this holy season of Advent!

### **LIFE TEEN**

Our next Life Night is on Saturday, **December 8th**; "Mama Says!" How appropriate this falls on the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception! We will open with some fun games and explore the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Come and get to know your Heavenly Mother on a deeper, more personal level. Our visiting Advent Parish Mission priest, Fr. Pierre Toussaint, or "Brother PT", will be with us to celebrate the love Our Blessed Mother has for each one of us! We will begin as usual with the 4:30 Vigil Mass (new time) and have dinner before we begin our lesson and we will end in Adoration with the opportunity for Confession around 7:30 (new ending time). We look forward to seeing all of our high school youth!

### **LIFE TEEN**

### **SUMMER CAMP 2019!**

Life Teen confirmed our week at **Camp CoveCrest** in Dahlonaga, Georgia for August 4th-10th. (This is the week BEFORE school sports tryouts!) This is open to all high school youth entering 9th grade and exiting 12th grade. We have reserved 30 spots and we will be traveling in a coach bus. Cost is \$600 per camper. To reserve your spot, please write a check (\$100) payable to St. Anthony's due as soon as possible. For more information on **Camp CoveCrest** you can go to **LifeTeen.com** and click on "Camps". Financial assistance is available if needed and we will be having fundraising events to defer costs. Please contact Mary Beth Woodburn at 443-646-5724 if you have any questions.

## **THIS CHRISTMAS GIVE YOURSELF THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME: A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND**

Fr. Stack and the Franciscan Friars are offering a trip to the Holy Land for only \$2,895 plus tax and fuel charge, **May 14th through the 24th, 2019**. The price includes economy class airfare from Washington Dulles to Tel Aviv, 9 nights hotel accommodations (double occupancy, including taxes and service charges), breakfast and dinner daily, special Middle Eastern farewell dinner at the Christmas Hotel in Jerusalem, comprehensive sightseeing with a licensed Christian guide, all entrance fees as per itinerary, whisper headsets, land transportation by deluxe motor coach, arrival and departure transfers; group flights only and portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels. Register online at:

[www.tektonministries.org](http://www.tektonministries.org) with a deposit of only \$300. If you have any questions see the flyers at the back of the church or call **Ginger Geisler at 443-964-8301**.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Chrissy Baxter, Vicki Baxter, JB, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Florence, Marlene Bradshaw, Dominic Brady, Jack Bragger, Jeff Carr, Ralph Carrello, Bill Carroll, Jimmy Carroll, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Elaine Cunnane, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Luke Engler, Jo Finch, Linda Foresta, Anthony Fowler, Taylan Fowler, John P. Flynn, Noah Christopher Haas, Marie Heaton, Maslynn Holmes, Cory Honoker, Roza Ivanac, Lindsey Jay, Kayla Johnston, Shirley Kallal, William Kallal, JoAnn Kery, Richard Knupp, Rick Kollinger, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Mark Mann, Walter Matziet, Kelly McCarley, Jennifer Melanab, Maude Mangels, Margie Edwards Morgan, Sarah Olsen, Doris Pettko, Darley Phillips, Payton Phillips, Ray Pyles, Babies Ace and Troy Remer, Jonathan Rieger, Carolyn Ritch, Joel Rivera, Grayson David Rodriguez, Wayne Romanek, Geri Rosen, Kristy Salek, Bunny Tate, Betty Theurer, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Chelsea Whittington, Shannon Wink, Sue White.

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 9TH, 2018**

### **First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9**

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

### **Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

### **Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.



## **Contributions and Donations**

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November 25th — \$7,622.75

**The second collection next weekend will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious.**

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