

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | DECEMBER 17, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IN JOY,
WE WAIT



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, or the Third Sunday of Advent. The Introductory antiphon for Gaudete Sunday Mass, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo (our current Liturgy), is taken from *Philippians 4:4-5*: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("*Rejoice in the Lord always*").

Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season of preparation, so a priest normally wears purple vestments. But on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood by allowing a priest to wear rose colored vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparations for Christmas.

At the midpoint of this Advent season, what do you have to rejoice about? How has God blessed you this Advent? How much time have you invested in preparing yourself spiritually for Christmas? What more still needs to be done?

~ Rev. Edward J. Smith



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DECEMBER 17, 2023

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul. (*Is 61:10*)

PSALM: My soul rejoices in my God. (*Is 61:10b*)

SECOND READING: May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (*1 Thes 5:23*)

GOSPEL: "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (*Jn 1:23*)

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (*Is 61:10b*)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-2

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday - Dec. 17th - 3rd Sunday of Advent

10:00 am - †Sheila Strauser

Requested by: The John Strauser Family

Monday - Dec. 18th - Advent Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Ellie DiLuciano

Requested by: Denise Butti

Tuesday - Dec. 19th - Advent Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Doug & Adele Fisher & their daughter
Pamela Barker

Requested by: Judith Duffy

Saturday - Dec. 23rd - St. John of Kanty, Priest

4:00 pm - †Deceased Members of the John & Anna
Kowalski Family

Requested by: John Kowalski

Sunday - Dec. 24th - 4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 am - †Andrew Michalski (Birthday)

Requested by: Richard & Stephanie Michalski

Sunday - Dec. 24th - Nativity of the Lord at the Vigil/ Christmas Eve

4:00 pm - †For the Living & Deceased Members of the
Garcia & Lesiecki Families

Requested by: Diana Lesiecki

Monday - Dec. 25th - The Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Day

10:00 am - †Living & Deceased of the Parish

4TH WEEK OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Advent:

Saturday, December 23 @ 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 24 @ 10:00 am

Christmas Holy Day - Nativity of the Lord:

Sunday, December 24 @ 4:00 pm

Monday, December 25 @ 10:00 am

*To fulfill the Sunday obligation & the Christmas
Holy Day obligation, you need to attend two Masses,
one for Sunday, and one for Christmas*

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



OFFERTORY REPORT

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$6,240.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (11/26/2023)..... \$3,411.00
 7/1/2023 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... - (\$6,479.53)

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.



3RD WEEK OF ADVENT- DECEMBER 10TH

Scripture Refection:

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them."

Luke 2:20

Advent Wreath Prayer:

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Gloria Badillo | Janet Baxter | Joanne Bilancini | Maryann Boylan | Tim "Swampy" Burton | Lynn Coscho |
| Pat Costello II | Ann DiFrancesco | Jerry Donovan | Anna Mae Ebinger | Denise Ellis | Deacon Jose Flores |
| Norma Jean Flores | Scott Friges | Bea Giacobbe | Virginia Glass | Barbara Glick | Brian Grace |
| Dan George | Renee Golowenski | D' Arie Gonzalez | Delores Gonzalez | Jose Gonzalez | Jose Gonzalez Jr. |
| Juan Gonzalez | Vicky Herrmann | Clara Hodorowski | Kevin Holley | Phyllis Holomuzki | Jennifer Humphrey |
| Baby Jackson | Al Jacobs | Devin Jarvis | Sylvia Johnston | Johnna Kuhar | Deacon Luis Maldonado |
| Dean Martin III | Rita McConley | Dolores Melley | Sandra Merkly | Jen Mitterholzer | Ellen Morgan |
| Mary Nazario | Luci Payne | Elizabeth Raddell | Emily Raddell | Joe Rizzo | Amy Schmidt |
| Patricia Smith | Jack Tocchi | Audali Torres | Rosa Torres | Nanette Truffin | Peter Uies |
| Stacie Velasquez | Nick Vivens | Sherri Wedgeworth | Paul Winkler | Doris Zgola-Whitka | |

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

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Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests,

Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

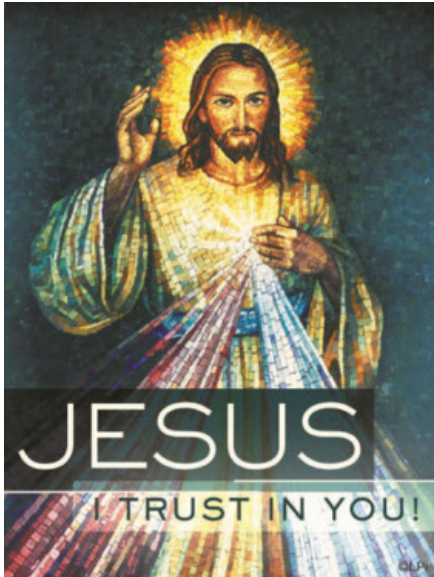
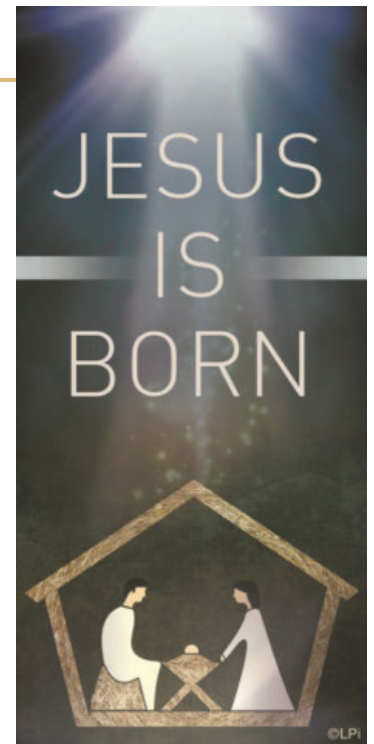
Servant of God, Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo called a saint by Padre Pio wrote these reflections in his book on the Rosary:

In the Third Joyful Mystery, the Birth of Jesus, the soul adores the Divine Redeemer as a child, unites itself to the choir of angels and offers to Jesus its gifts as did the shepherds and the magi. It makes reparation in this way for its own ingratitude and that of others toward Jesus. The soul offers itself to Him with the loving tenderness which the little newborn inspires.

Jesus: *Every day I come to You in the Holy Eucharist and every day I rest in you as in the stable of Bethlehem, I was born in the silence of the night, and in the silence of love I want to work in your soul.*

The Soul: *Come, O my Jesus. I believe in You. I adore You. Come into my poor heart and let me warm You with my love. I believe it is You who comes to me, and I want to be faithful to You till death.*

“Our own belief is that the renovation of the world will be brought about only by the Holy Eucharist.” - Pope Leo XIII



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - COME TO LOVE SUFFERING

I want you to detach yourself, not only from creatures, but also from yourself. My daughter, I want to delight in the love of your heart, a pure love, virginal, unblemished, untarnished. The more you will come to love suffering, My daughter, the purer your love for Me will be (*Diary, 279*).

*The words of Jesus appear in boldface type

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, only with Your love can I come to love suffering. Love me that I may love & carry my cross daily. Help us all to be Your disciples as You taught us: “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself & take up his cross daily and follow Me” (Lk 9:23). Amen!

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - NATIONAL MEMORIAL CONCERTS

National Memorial Concerts in Washington, D.C., have always been a beautiful tribute to our Armed Forces. I congratulate the people who put the show together every year, who gather the special and the wonderfully talented singers who perform.

As I write this, I am still moved remembering the stories they told of the men who were wounded and shattered and of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect us and our country. Oh, so many, many wars.

I can't help comparing them and the war of abortion - and it is a war! Babies are killed in the wombs of their mothers in the death camps of abortion clinics. Their little arms and legs are ripped to shreds just as surely as those of our soldiers and they, too, pay the ultimate sacrifice.

Why?? Sin has become justified, legalized and glorified but it is still 'Sin.' We have become blind to sin and its effects. Aren't we supposed to be “The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave”? What has happened to our country? Why do we continue to allow abortions to happen? Why?

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, December 23rd at 4:00 pm

Lector: Marybeth B.

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam W., Patty R.

Sunday, December 24th at 10:00 am

Lector: Celia F.

Eucharistic Ministers: Hilaire T., Dan L., Karen L.

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th at 4:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Genevieve Z., Joanne T.

Christmas Day

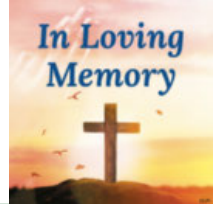
Monday, December 25th at 10:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan L., Karen L.

DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE

In memory of **Mary Ann Majjasie & Marge Cetovich**
for *St. Vincent de Paul Society & the Organ Fund* by Betty Fenelon

In memory of **Marge Cetovich** for *St. Vincent de Paul Society* by Dorothy Golowenski



MARIAN GUILD HOLIDAY BAKE SALE IS THIS WEEKEND!

Join us after Masses this weekend, Saturday, 12/16 & Sunday, 12/17,
for the Marian Guild 3rd Annual Holiday Bake Sale
and Gift Basket Raffle in the main vestibule of the church.

Get a plate of delicious, home baked cookies
for your holiday festivities or as a gift.

Thank you for supporting Marian Guild & Merry Christmas!

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE AT ST. TERESA - 12/19

All are invited to come pray before our Eucharistic Lord on **Tuesday, December 19th**
at 7 pm at **St. Teresa of Avila Church**. The Holy Hour will include Scripture Reading,
Litanies & the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



CHRISTMAS HYMNS BEFORE MASSES - 12/24 & 12/25

Join us in song 3:35 pm on Christmas Eve
&
9:35 am on Christmas Day.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS - 12/24

We are asking all children of the parish and school to help us celebrate the birth of Jesus!

On Sunday, December 24th during the 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass, we will have a procession with all our children. Please arrive at the main vestibule of the church by 3:50 pm to join us in the procession. All the children will process up the aisle with Fr. Ken to the Nativity Manger where Baby Jesus will be placed and the manger will be blessed. When the blessing is over, the children will return to their seats with their families to enjoy the Christmas Service. *You do not need to be Catholic to participate.*

Thank you for helping make our Christmas Vigil so special!

PLEASE HELP US KEEP "UP-TO-DATE"

- If you recently had a child, & the baptism took place at another parish; please let us know so we can update our files.
- If a child has moved out of your home, & is living on his/her own; please let us know.
- If you are a young adult 24 or older, supporting yourself, living on your own or with your parents, you should be independently registered with our parish.
- If your son or daughter has been married, at a parish other than St. Anthony's, please also let us know.
- If you have changed your address, email or phone number, please let us know so have the correct information on file.

St. Anthony of Padua Organ Fund

The sound of a beautiful organ elevates worship at a Mass like nothing else. The current organ was installed in 1979 and is experiencing increasing deterioration and inconsistencies. We have started an organ fund to replace and install a new Italian made digital pipe organ with new amplifiers and speaker cabinets.

The new organ will provide the sounds of a variety of pipe organs from across Europe and even some orchestral sounds. It will render reliability and longevity for future generations.



If you would like to contribute to this endeavor, please drop-off your donation at the parish office during regular hours or place your financial gift in an envelope marked "ORGAN FUND" and put it in the weekend collection basket. All donors will be recognized on a plaque unless they wish to remain anonymous.

EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION

The bulletin for **Sunday, December 31st** needs to be sent to the printer early. Any information needed in the bulletin must be emailed to obermillerk@stanthonylorain.com by **Tuesday, Dec. 19th at 10 am.**

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