

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

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Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor

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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

December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of BVM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: Holy Hour following 7 pm Mass

Hora Santa después de la misa 7 pm

Office Hours:

Daily (Diario) 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday (Sábado) 10:00 - 12:00 noon

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** 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 FOR DECEMBER 2, 2017
TO DECEMBER 10, 2017**

SATURDAY (December 2) Weekday

8:30 HARRY DONATO/Teresa Marin
 5:00 VITO ANTONIO MAZZA/Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mazza
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 3) First Sunday of Advent

8:00 JEFFREY KROWICKI/Staff of St. Anthony's
 10:30 LINA LO SCHIAVO/Joe Chillemi & Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (December 4) St. John Damascene

8:30 MARIE LAMORTE/Marie Russo
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (December 5) Advent Weekday

8:30 CARMELA CIANFANO/Mamma Teresa

WEDNESDAY (December 6) St. Nicholas

8:30 ALBERT MULLEN/Your family from Our Lady of Guadalupe School

THURSDAY (December 7) St. Ambrose

9:00 FRANK & LINA ALFANO/Daughters & Grandchildren
 6:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH (English)
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (December 8) Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

8:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 7:00 IMACULADA VIRGIN

SATURDAY (December 9) St. Juan Diego

8:30 ALBERT DURDEN/Dorothy Nascondiglio
 5:00 HOLY SPIRIT/ THERESA NOBILE
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 10) Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 NICHOLAS CISTRELLI/Gerrity Family
 10:30 BENIAMINO & MARIA PAOLUCCI/
 Libby Paolucci & Anna Farina
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**Today there is a Second Collection for
 The Retirement Fund for Religious**
**Next week there will be a second collection for the
 Monthly Assessment**



**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.

Weekly Offering

5:00 PM	568
7:00 PM	803
8:00 AM	449
10:30 AM	381
12:00 Noon	1,885
Mail	141
Total	4,227

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Carmen Alava	Angelo Meo
Louise Barile	Leonarda Merlo
Oran Bryant	James D. Milazzo
Karen Bulloch	Carmen Mistichelli
Caterina Campbell	Carlos Moran
Isaac Castañeda	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Orlando Chavez	Irene Patrone
Wayne Cook	Robergeau Paul
Mary Cusmano	Maria Perdomo
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Laura Philipone
Marianna Dubell	Frank Pierre
Maria Espinoza	Anne Piga
Mario Fronzoni	Raul Atilio Portillo
Joseph Gambino	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Denise Griest	Edith Quijada
Paulette Hall	Endy Quijada
Ann Harris	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Jared Leonardo Henao	Sergio Ricciardi
Jacob Hinman	Angel Rivera
Joshua Hinman	Isadora Rodriguez
Annette Irizarry Jacome	Magdalena Rodriguez
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	John Ruela
Michelle Johnson	Maria Saavedra
Lindsay LaMarre	Salvatore Saluccio
John Lapolla	Hugo Santa Maria
Theresa Lattanzio	Frank Tinnirella
Rosa Leon	Rosalie Tinnirella
Arlene Marsden	Angela Verlengeri
Bob Marsden	John Veltre
Elvin Martinez	

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!



We remember those who have died in the peace of

Christ, especially: **Philip Galletta and Charles Bloodgood**

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

First Sunday of Advent/Primer Domingo de Adviento

On this First Sunday of Advent, the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass can guide us on how to prepare. Isaiah recognized how sin influences and corrupts all those it touches, the whole community. As we reflect on this, we can recognize with concern that we must be vigilant not to become blind or indifferent to the poison of sin in the world and in our hearts. Advent is not necessarily a penitential season in the same way that Lent is – but Advent is still a time to take stock ... perhaps to seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation ... certainly to pray for an inner conversion of our hearts. Jesus puts it bluntly to his disciples in today’s Gospel: “Be watchful! Be alert!” We can apply this exclamation to the words in the changed translation in the prayers of Mass. And we can apply this exclamation to the words and actions in our daily lives. We enter these changes with Advent hope, and not with despair. We recall that the apostles themselves fell asleep at a critical time, during our Lord’s Agony in the Garden. The Lord forgave them, and forgives us when we fall short in faith as well. Advent is full of anticipation, and of spiritual longing. As God’s people, we wait for the coming of the Lord; we remember his first coming. But we are confident that he remains in the present moment too. Every Sunday – every day even – we celebrate his presence through the gift he has given, the sacrifice of his Body and Blood. At Mass, the words may sound different, but the faith remains the same. Yes, it is a new season. We have a new chance, right now, to open our hearts to the Lord, to dwell on the meaning of the Sacred Scriptures and to ponder the significance of the words we offer at Mass – those newly translated and those that remain the same. In Advent and always, let us heed the Master’s challenge to be watchful and alert!

En este primer Domingo de Adviento, las lecturas proclamadas en la Misa pueden en guiarnos en como prepararnos. Isaías señala como la influencia del pecado corrompe todo lo que toca, a la comunidad entera. Si reflexionamos en esto podemos entender el porque de estar vigilantes y no ser ciegos e indiferentes ante el veneno del pecado en el mundo y en nuestros corazones. Adviento no es necesariamente un tiempo penitencial como lo es la cuaresma –pero es un tiempo de valores... Talvez de frecuentar el Sacramento de la Penitencia.. Ciertamente de rezar por la conversión interna de nuestros corazones. Jesús habla francamente a sus discípulos en el evangelio de hoy: Estad vigilantes y alerta!” y podemos aplicar esta exclamación a las palabras y acciones en nuestra vida diaria. Entramos a este Adviento con mucha esperanza. Recordemos como los apóstoles se han quedado dormidos en u momento critico, durante la agonía de El Señor en Getsemani. El Señor los perdona al igual que a nosotros cuando caemos en nuestra fe. Adviento esta lleno de las cosas por venir y de deseos espirituales. Como pueblo de Dios esperamos por la segunda venida del Señor , recordamos su primera venida (en Belén). Pero al mismo tiempo tenemos la certeza de que esta presente en el momento actual. Cada Domingo - y cada día- Celebramos su presencia real através del regalo de su cuerpo y su sangre. En nuestra Misa nuestra fe permanece igual pero al mismo tiempo es un nuevo tiempo. Tenemos nuevamente otra oportunidad ahora mismo de abrir nuestros corazones al Señor , Para vivir con el sentido de la Sagrada Escritura y profundizar el significado de las palabras ofrecidas en la misa. En Adviento y siempre escuchemos al Maestro que nos invita a estar ¡Vigilantes y Alertas!”



Readers & Lectors Lectors for the Weekend of December 9– 10

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Saturday, December 9

5:00 PM

7:00 PM Norma Frutos y Will Villanueva
(C: Teresa Marin)

Sunday, December 10

8:00 AM Ann Ruppert

10:30 AM Ashley Mora

12:00 Noon Jony Rodriguez y Sandra Bonilla
(C: Maria Duran)



Eucharistic Ministers

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EMHC for the Weekend of December 9 - 10

Saturday, December 9

5:00 PM Joe Gambino

7:00 PM Salomon Yanes y Reina Yanes

Sunday, December 10

8:00 AM Mary Wilk

10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Cristian Moron, Gino Merendino

12:00 Noon Ana Marte, Melida Canela y Mariza 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.



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***TUESDAY:** Novena to St. Anthony (After 8:30 AM Mass Chapel)

***THURSDAY:** 6:00 PM Mass
Holy Hour after 7:00 PM Mass

***FRIDAY:** 7:00 PM Mass
7:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading -- We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands

(Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm -- Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading -- God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel -- Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Isaías ruega por el retorno del Señor (Isaías 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7).

Salmo -- Señor, Dios nuestro, restáuranos que brille tu rostro nos salve (Salmo 80 [79]).

Segunda lectura -- Pablo está agradecido por las ben-diciones que los corintios han recibido debido a su fe en Jesús (1 Corintios 1:3-9).

Evangelio -- Jesús dice a los discípulos que estén siem-pre alertas a la llegada del tiempo designado (Marcos 13:33-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;

Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;

Mk 1:1-8





THE ADVENT WREATH

1st Candle- (purple)

THE CANDLE OF HOPE

We can have hope because God is Faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

Mary GOD'S MASTERPIECE Mary, under her title of the Immaculate Conception, is a familiar, comfortable part of our Roman Catholic life. Many parishes bear this name, and the United States has been consecrated to her protection. But the story of the Immaculate Conception was not without moments of contentiousness. Saints of no small stature—Thomas Aquinas and Bernard of Clairvaux (who had great devotion to Mary)—opposed belief in her immaculate conception, offering instead that she was sinless from the time of her birth. They feared that the faithful would think Mary was not in need of God's salvation from sin, as all mortals— including her—are. Some eastern rite Orthodox Christians still hold that Mary was sinless from the time Gabriel called her *Kecharitomenae*, "full of grace" or "most-highly favored" in Luke's Annunciation scene. Blessed Duns Scotus, called the "Doctor of Subtlety," stated that God saved Mary from sin by preserving her, not redeeming her, from it. He called her God's "Masterpiece of redemption." When Pius IX defined the Immaculate Conception in 1854, this is the language he used. Mary, through the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior, had been preserved from sin. "AVE!" "MARAN ATHA!" There is a marvelous, two-fold beauty surrounding all of Mary's feasts. Each of them is a profound meditation on the mystery of salvation in Christ, and each is a wondrous example of our own calling and destiny. The psalm today sings, "All the ends of the earth have seen God's saving power." This is what we celebrate today: that God's saving power works in many ways, and does so throughout the course of time. And so, along with celebrating Mary's salvation to bear the Word in flesh, we celebrate our own salvation. Like Mary, we are not saved through our own merits, but through the merits won by Christ on the cross of Calvary. Like she who was perfectly, abundantly graced, called *Kecharitomenae*, we are filled with *charis*, the grace of Christ through the Spirit of our baptismal waters. And so we sing "Ave!" to her, as our Advent cry joins hers while the Church, the Bride, and the Spirit say, "Maran Atha!" "Come, Lord!" Today's Readings: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1-4; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38
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LA OBRA MAESTRA DE DIOS

María, bajo su título de la Inmaculada Concepción, es una parte familiar y confortante de nuestra vida católica. Muchas parroquias llevan este nombre y Estados Unidos ha sido consagrado bajo su protección. Pero la historia de la Inmaculada Concepción no ha transcurrido sin momentos de contienda. Santos de peso —Tomás de Aquino y Bernardo de Claraval (grandes devotos de María)— se opusieron a la creencia de su inmaculada concepción, ofreciendo más bien que ella fue sin pecado desde el momento de su nacimiento. Temieron que los fieles pensarán que María no tuvo necesidad de la salvación de Dios como todo mortal —incluyéndola a ella— la tiene. Algunos cristianos ortodoxos del rito oriental aún sostienen que María estuvo libre de pecado desde el momento en que Gabriel la llamó *Kecharitomenae*, "llena de gracia" o "la favorecida" en la escena de la Anunciación según Lucas. El Beato Juan Duns Escoto, llamado el "Doctor Sutil", declaró que Dios salvó a María del pecado preservándola, no redimiéndola de él. La llamó la "obra maestra de la redención" divina. Cuando Pío IX definió la Inmaculada Concepción en 1854, empleó este lenguaje: María, por los méritos de Jesucristo, Salvador, ha sido preservada de pecado.

"¡AVE!" "¡MARAN ATHA!"

Un doble maravilloso y hermoso aspecto rodea a todas las fiestas de María. Cada una de ellas es una profunda meditación sobre el misterio de la salvación en Cristo, y cada una es un maravilloso ejemplo de nuestro llamado y destino. El salmo de hoy entona: "Los confines de la tierra han contemplado la victoria de nuestro Dios". Esto es lo que celebramos hoy: que el poder salvador de Dios obra de muchas maneras y lo hace durante el curso del tiempo. Y así, junto con la celebración de la salvación de María para dar a luz al Verbo hecho carne, celebramos nuestra propia salvación. Como María, no somos salvos por nuestros propios méritos, sino por los méritos obtenidos por Cristo en la cruz del Calvario. Así como ella que fue perfecta y abundantemente llena de gracia, llamada *Kecharitomenae*, somos llenos de *charis*, la gracia de Cristo por medio del Espíritu en las aguas de nuestro bautismo. Y por eso le cantamos "¡Ave!", cuando nuestro clamor de Adviento se une al de ella, mientras la Iglesia, la Esposa y el Espíritu dicen, "¡Maran atha!" "¡Ven, Señor!"

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