

# *Saint Anthony of Padua Church*

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 9, 2018**

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## **Pastoral Staff:**

Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor

Rev. Juan Carlos Zapata, Parochial Vicar

## **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)**

December 25 - Christmas Day

## **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  
December 8 - December 16**



**SATURDAY (December 8)**

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

- 8:30 ANN MARIE DI COSIMO/Family
- 10:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
- 5:00 DERRICK CASTANER/Stefannie Melara
- 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (December 9) Second Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00 JENNIE MERRIT/(Bequest)
- 10:30 VINCENZO CARUBIA/Tony & Mary Kay Nigro & Family
- 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY (December 10) Advent Weekday**

- 8:30 GIUSEPPE & ANGELA TROVATO/AntoniaChillemi
- 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**TUESDAY (December 11) Advent Weekday**

- 8:30 ROSALIA ARCIERI/Nicolo & Vincenzina Arcieri

**WEDNESDAY (December 12)**

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

- 5:00 am MAÑANITAS
- 8:30 ANGELO STERIO/Wife, Dolly
- 7:00 MISA DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

**THURSDAY (December 13) St. Lucy**

- 8:30 ANTHONY & MARIE BELLUSCIO/  
Franklin & Susan Belluscio
- 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**FRIDAY (December 14) St. John of the Cross**

- 8:30 ST. LUCY/Joann Barbero & Sons

**SATURDAY (December 15) Advent Weekday**

- 8:30 CARMELA MADORMA/Daughter, Dolly
- 5:00 ANTONIO CHIRICHIELLO/Wife & Children
- 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (December 16) Third Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00 NICHOLENA ZENNARIO/Bequest
- 10:30 FRED MICHAEL PERONE/Aunt Rose
- 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

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**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!**  
We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ,  
especially: **Zully Diaz Checo**



**OUR OFFERTORYCOLLECTION**

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.

	<i>Weekly</i>	<i>Religious Retirement</i>
<b>5:00</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>7:00</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>8:00</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>133</b>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>494</b>
<b>Mail</b>	<b>419</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,866</b>	<b>949</b>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:**

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



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

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**WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**


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**Second Sunday of Advent/Secundo Domingo de Adviento**

On this Second Sunday of Advent, God invites us to go to a specific place: the desert. In the Gospel we hear about the people going out to the desert to listen to John the Baptist. God wants us also to go the desert. Not the desert of Judea, but one much closer: the desert of the human heart. The desert is a place free from distractions, a place where a person can be alone with God. Another word for the desert is silence. In silence we meet God and, by meeting him, we find our true selves. Silence, time alone without distractions. The desert is the place where God talk to the heart of his people. Because of that, it was the place, where He brought Israel after freeing it from the slavery of Egypt. In the desert there is nothing, only God and yourself, because of this, is easier to listen to what God wants to tells us, even though, we cling to some nonsense excuses and or sins, like the people of Israel always complaining about Moses, the food, the lack of water, etc. Pope Benedict observed: "We are no longer able to hear God – There are too many frequencies filling our ears." Unfortunately, noise not only surrounded us - we seek it. We make the choice to turn on the TV, to fire up the computer or to plug in the iPod. There is an irony in this: People can spend hours in diversion or entertainment. On the other hand, when we try to pray, five minutes can seem like eternity. We begin thinking about something left undone. One reason we resist silence is because we do not like to face our actual condition. Not just our insufficiency and our mortality, but something else. There is something amiss inside us. We have taken a wrong turn, gone down a false path. For that reason, when people went out to the desert, the first thing John said was, "Repent." The word means, "Change your mind, and get a new way of thinking." Few people want to change their way of thinking. It can be scary to see myself and my life as it really is. I am now going to mention a word we don't like to talk about. It's a three letter word that starts with "S." That's right, sin! We make light of sin, but that is because we do not realize what sin really is. Someone who saw the reality of sin was the man Pope beatified when he visited England last September - Blessed John Henry Newman. Newman said this: I would like to sum up with two other words that begin with that same letter. The first, of course, is "silence." During Advent we need to find a time of silence - no TV, no computer, no ipod, not even a cell phone. Silence is not always comfortable. It may make us aware of sin - and how sin separates us from God and others. But silence will open us to a more powerful reality. It also begins with "S" - the Spirit. On our own we cannot get to the roots of the problem. Only the Holy Spirit can do that. Silence, sin, Spirit. By silence, we recognize sin and open ourselves to the Spirit. Amen.

En este Segundo Domingo Dios nos invita ir a un lugar especial: el desierto. En el Evangelio escuchamos de la gente yendo al desierto para escuchar a Juan el Bautista. Dios quiere que nosotros también vayamos al desierto. No es desierto de Judea sino uno mucho mas cerca: el desierto del corazón humano. El desierto es un lugar libre de distracciones, un lugar donde la persona esta solo con Dios. En el desierto es donde Dios puede hablar al corazón de su pueblo, de ahí que lo lleve al desierto después de liberarlo de la esclavitud de Egipto. Por que en el desierto no hay nada, solo tu y Dios, por eso es mucho más fácil escuchar lo que Dios tiene que decirnos, incluso cuando no queremos escuchar y nos aferramos a excusas que son muchas veces inútiles o incluso pecados, como el pueblo de Israel, quejándose siempre de Moisés y de Dios. Otra palabra por desierto es silencio. En el silencio encontramos a Dios y, al encontrarlo, descubrir nuestro ser verdadero. Silencio, tiempo solo sin distracciones. Estamos rodeados de ruido - por los medios de comunicación que constantemente tratan de agarrar nuestra atención. Esta temporada de navidad es particularmente ruidoso. El Papa Benedicto observo: "Nuestros corazones están tan llenos de tantos ruidos del mundo que no podemos escuchar esta silenciosa presencia que toca a nuestras puertas." Desgraciadamente, el ruido no solo nos rodea - lo buscamos. Tomamos la decisión de prender el televisor o la computadora. Hay una ironía: La gente puede pasar cualquier cantidad de tiempo en su diversión, pero, por otro lado, cuando tratamos de rezar, cinco minutos parece una eternidad y empezamos a recordar cosas que debemos de hacer, cosas que no puedan esperar. Es difícil ir al desierto, estar solo sin distracciones. Huimos el silencio. Pero también Jesús pregunta: ¿Que habéis venido a buscar a un Profeta? No solo a un profeta, sino a Juan el Bautista, el precursor del Mesías, el que lo va a anunciar, él no se anuncia a si mismo sino que es “el sonido, la voz,” de la Palabra que es Cristo mismo, lo que Dios te quiere decir hoy. Quisiera resumir con tres palabras. Primer, "silencio." Durante el Adviento necesitamos un tiempo de silencio, un tiempo aparte sin distracciones, para poder escuchar la voz del Señor. Nos hará entender otra palabra, el pecado,. Lo que nos separa de Dios y nos da infelicidad para poder arrepentirnos y así estar preparados para la venida del Mesías. Y al mismo tiempo nos abrirá a otra realidad: el Espíritu. Solo el puede llegar a la raíz de nuestro problema. Silencio, pecado, Espíritu. Por medio del silencio, reconocemos el pecado y nos abrimos al Espíritu. Amen



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** -- Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** -- The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** -- I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** -- The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

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## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** -- Sube a la altura, Jerusalén; contempla a tus hijos gozosos porque Dios se acordó de ellos (Baruc 5:1-9).

**Salmo** -- Grandes cosas has hecho por nosotros, Señor (Salmo 126 [125]).

**Segunda Lectura** -- Que su amor siga creciendo más y más y se traduzca en un mayor conocimiento y discernimiento (Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Evangelio** -- Juan proclama un bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados (Lucas 3:1-6).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angels announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En 1726, Juan de la Cruz (1542-1591) fue canonizado por el Papa Benito XIII. Nació en la región de Castilla en España, este doctor de la Iglesia junto con Teresa de Ávila fue reformador de la Orden Carmelita. Muchas órdenes religiosas del siglo XV sufrieron grandes decadencias. Por eso mientras los protestantes se separaban de la Iglesia, los religiosos descalzos, recoletos y observantes buscaban reformar órdenes religiosas, como la Orden de la Bienaventurada Virgen María del Monte Carmelo, uniéndose siempre más a la Iglesia romana.

Para los reformadores católicos quedarse en la Iglesia no fue fácil, ¡sin embargo se quedaron! Aunque sus reformas fueron apoyadas por los Papas, muchos de ellos como Juan de la Cruz tuvieron que aguantar muchas oposiciones y persecuciones para lograr sus reformas. Estas reformas ardían con el deseo de amar bien a Cristo Jesús y a su cuerpo que es la Iglesia. En sus poesías, Juan de la Cruz muestra la fuerza de esta llama de amor vivo a pesar de la oscuridad de la noche que no lo deja encontrar al amante (Dios).

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