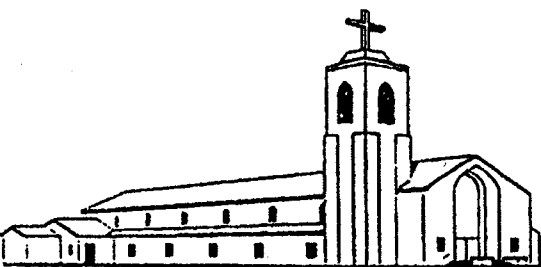


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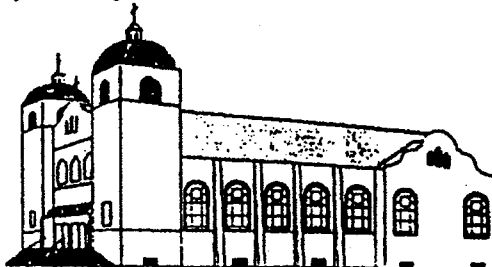
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St. Anthony Church



Immaculate Conception Church

Sunday Masses

4:00 PM (Sat Vigil)	English	St. Anthony Church
5:30 PM (Sat Vigil)	Español	St. Anthony Church
7:00 AM	English	Immaculate Conception Church
8:00 AM	Español	St. Anthony Church
9:45 AM	English	St. Anthony Church
11:30 AM	English	St. Anthony Church

Daily Mass or Communion Service

Miércoles y Jueves Misa en Español

6:30 AM	English	St. Anthony Church
6:30 PM	Español	St. Anthony Church

Liturgy of the Hours 20 Minutes Before Daily Mass

Solemn Days	As Announced
Feast Days	As Announced
Reconciliation	Thursday 4pm-6pm
Baptism	English: 1st & 4th Saturday 8:00am
Matrimony	Español 2do y 3er Sábado 8:00am
Marriages	6 Months Advance Notice Required/

Quinceañeras 1 year Advance Notice Required (Please call the Parish Office
1 year in advance for Requirements)

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Safe Environment Coordinator	Claudia Hernandez	358-5743
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RCIA - Español	Fernando & Claudia E. Hernandez	564 -1294
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1st Sunday of Lent, February 18th, 2024

A Positive Homiletic Message from Deacon Jesus Cisneros

This Year we can look at the second reading, from the First Letter of saint Peter. This small piece of this letter gives us a strong understanding of what Lent can be in our lives. First, if we want to

live Lent strongly, we are invited to believe once again that Jesus is truly sent by God the Father to free us from sin & to lead us to God. Jesus dies so that we can live. We are also invited to follow the example: giving our lives so that others can live. We are invited to believe that Jesus is truly the Son of God, God's unique Son, & that He invites us to be adopted sons & daughters. We become sons & daughters through baptism into Christ. We can understand Baptism through the image of Noah & the ark. When floods come & destroy the earth, a few people are saved, passing through the waters in the ark, given to them by Noah because of God's intervention. In the Hebrew Scriptures, God intervenes in lives in order to save people. God doesn't always intervene, but God always wants to save. God hopes- these are humans, imagine trying to describe how much God loves us- that we humans will choose to do the right by our own choices. The Scriptures report that over & over we do not choose righteousness nor justice nor mercy and compassion. So, God keeps intervening, trying to draw us to the Divine Life. Finally, God seems to describe that we are not going to choose for that which is true & good, & so God sends His only Son. After Jesus suffers & dies for us, he is raised by the Father as a promise of our own eternal life. We can become one with Christ through Baptism. Lots of people today see Baptism as a simple ceremony more like a christening. The word "christening" is wonderful! It means bringing someone to Christ & they're putting on Christ. In our Catholic tradition, we believe that Baptism is a sacrament that incorporates a person into Christ. Lots of Christian Churches do not believe in infant Baptism because of the insistence that only a free choice of a person can incorporate them in Christ. So even though some of those other Christian traditions may practice Baptism, they do not understand it in the Catholic & orthodox way. We believe that even a baby is profoundly changed by Baptism. Just as Noah & his family in the ark were saved without really realizing what was happening, so can others be incorporated into Christ. There is always the choice of how to live one's life afterward & we know from the stories of Noah that not everyone makes the right choices, even after having been saved! We can hear strongly that Baptism "is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience". That clear conscience can only exist within us when we choose to lead good & righteous lives by the grace of God. So, as we begin this Lent, let us remember our own Baptism, whether that too place in infancy or later on, & strive to live profoundly this divine life that is given to us in Baptism. May we use our freedom of choice to choose for God in every aspect of our lives. May this time of Lent strengthen us in virtue through God's presence & help us fight against all within us that is not yet faithful to God. Most of us, let us trust in God & in His compassion & mercy

LET US REMEMBER TO OFFER A PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Domingo Arana, Pat Brown, Wanda Constable, Theresa Gonzalez, Tony Santigato, Mike Gilbert, Lucy Saldana, Anna Rogers, Yolanda Hamilton, Diana Heller, Terry Leyle, Mary Lourenco, Joseph Kumetat, Adrian Kumetat, Zina Kumetat, Natalie Borba, Mary Johnson, Micaela Mendoza, Alexa Garcia, Sally- Ann Thomas, Chaz Decouteau, Theresa Martin, Barbara- Jean B. Duncan- Noel.

(To Have a Name Removed or Added to The Prayer List Call the Parish Office.)



MEETINGS

Group

Altar Society	As Announced	
Bible Study (Estudio biblico en espanol)	Viernes 7pm	CCD Building: Salon de Musica
Catholic Daughters of the Americas	2nd Tuesday Monthly 6 pm	CCD Building: St. Theresa of Lisieux
Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial	Miercoles 7pm	CCD Building: St. Theresa of Lisieux
Movimento Familiar Cristiano	2do Jueves del Mes 7pm	CCD Building: Salon San Juan Diego
Guadalupe Society	Last Thursday of the Month / Ultimo Jueves del Mes 7pm	CCD Building: Salon San Juan Diego
Knights of Columbus	1st Monday & 1st Tuesday 6:00 PM Monthly	Parish Hall
Grupo de Oracion Dulce Maria	Friday/Viernes 7:00pm	St. Anthony Church
RCIA	Sundays 11am-1pm	CCD Building: Music Room
RICA(Español)	Every Thursday/Jueves 7pm	Parish Hall
YLI	2nd Monday Monthly 6:30pm	Italo Lodge
YMI	4th Wednesday Monthly 7:00 pm	Parish Hall
Hijos del Trueno (Ministerio de Hombres) (Mens Spanish Prayer Group)	Every Tuesday/Martes 7 pm 5th Tuesday/ Martes Monthly 7PM	CCD Building: Music Room St. Anthony Church
Anchor Youth Group	Fridays 7pm	Parish Hall
St. Anthony 4-H Club	3rd Wednesday Monthly 7pm	Parish Hall
Talita Cumi	2do Sabado del Mes- Español & 4th Saturday of the Month-English	Parish Hall
On-line Marriage Prep Class Website:	Catholicmarriageprepclass.com	
PLATICAS PRE MATRIMONIAL	Heriberto y Monica Rodriguez Para Información llame al: 559-393-5923	
CONFESSIONS/ CONFESIONES	Thursdays/ Jueves 4PM- 6PM	St. Anthony Church

REGISTRATION: New to the Parish? Moving? Been with us a while but haven't yet registered? That's OK. Just fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or bring it by the office. Thanks! You are encouraged to register online at www.stanthonywatwater.org also.

Change of Address ☐

New Parishioner ☐

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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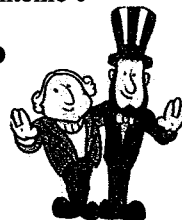
Would you like to receive offertory envelopes? ☐ Yes ☐ No

ATTENTION!

Mandatory training for Eucharistic Minister & Homebound (meaning even if you are taking communion to someone at their home)

All existing Mass Volunteers who are Eucharistic Ministers & Homebound at St. Anthony & Immaculate Conception Churches are required to attend the upcoming Mandatory Eucharistic Ministers & Homebound Training. We will be covering Safe Environment requirements, Proper diocesan / Parish protocol & procedures when serving. Anyone interested in becoming a new Eucharistic Minister or Homebound should attend this training. Any existing Eucharistic Minister or Homebound who cannot attend, please contact Deacon Rene, as this training is Mandatory. You may call the Parish Office or send an email to:
church.office@stanthonyatwater.org

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ATTENTION!
READER/LECTOR COMMISSIONING
SUN., Feb. 18, 2024



All Existing Mass Volunteers Who Read/ Lector at St. Anthony's & Immaculate Conception Churches are required to attend!
Fr. Paul will be commissioning all Immaculate Conception Readers during 7AM Sunday Mass, February 18th, 2024.
All St. Anthony Readers will be commissioned during 9:45AM Sunday Mass February 18th, 2024

Certification for Safe Environment Training

Every volunteer that is in regular contact with children, youth & vulnerable adults must complete the recertification prior continuing with their volunteering service. For anyone who is currently active & is not compliant with the renewal training, they must be put on hold until the requirement is fulfilled, & the certificate is received at the Parish office. **THESE POLICIES ARE MANDATORY.** For Assistance contact Safe Environment coordinator Claudia (209)358-5743.

Certificación para Capacitación en Ambiente Seguro:

Todo voluntario que esté en contacto regular con niños, jóvenes y adultos vulnerables debe completar la recertificación antes de continuar con su servicio de voluntariado. Cualquier persona que esté actualmente activa y no cumpla con la capacitación de renovación, debe quedar en espera hasta que se cumpla el requisito y se reciba el certificado en la oficina parroquial. **ESTAS POLÍTICAS SON OBLIGATORIAS.** Para obtener ayuda, comuníquese con coordinadora de Ambiente Seguro, Claudia (209)358-5743

**Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves...
What is it that stands between us and God?
Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation.**

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CATHERINE DOHERTY

****BAPTISMS: MUST REGISTER IN THE PARISH OFFICE****

CURRENTLY REGISTERING in the month of **FEBRUARY**, to sign up for a **CLASS** in **MARCH**, & **BAPTISM** will be in **APRIL**. *IN ORDER TO ATTEND A BAPTISM CLASS, YOU MUST REGISTER IN THE PARISH OFFICE. IT IS A REQUIREMENT FOR BOTH PARENTS & GODPARENTS TO ATTEND A CLASS. PLEASE DO NOT BRING CHILDREN TO CLASS.

****BAUTISMOS: DEBE REGISTRARSE EN LA OFICINA DE LA PARROQUIA****

ACTUALMENTE ESTAMOS REGISTRANDO en el mes de **FEBRERO**, para asistir a una **CLASE** en **MARZO**, y el **BAUTISMO** será **EN ABRIL**. *PARA ASISTIR A UNA CLASE DE BAUTISMO DEBE REGISTRARSE EN LA OFICINA DE LA PARROQUIA. ES REQUERIDO QUE PADRES Y PADRINOS ASISTAN A LA CLASE. POR FAVOR DE NO TRAER NIÑOS A LA CLASE.



Fridays The Stations of the Cross will be prayed:
Los viernes se rezará el Vía Crucis:
(Feb. 16- March 22)

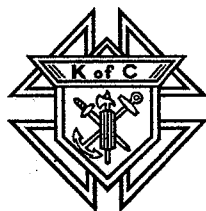
*5PM: English at Immaculate Conception
*6:30PM: Español en St. Anthony



The Knights of Columbus will be having a Fish Fry in the **PARISH HALL**.

WHEN: MARCH 1ST,
TIME: 3:00PM-7:00PM
DONATION: \$15

The fundraisers support various charities/programs throughout the year like the Diocese Seminarian, MJM Maternity home in Atwater, and help purchase sonogram machines in our local communities just to name a few. The fish dinner consists of fish, fries or baked potatoes, coleslaw and a roll. Tickets can be purchased from any K of C Member.



Los Caballeros de Colón tendrán su venta de pescado frito en el **SALÓN PARROQUIAL**.
CUANDO: 1 DE MARZO,
HORA: 3:00 P. M.-7:00 P. M.
DONACIÓN: \$15

Los eventos para recaudar fondos apoyan varias organizaciones benéficas y programas durante todo el año, como el Seminarista de la Diócesis, la casa de maternidad MJM en Atwater, y ayudan a comprar máquinas de ecografía en nuestras comunidades locales, solo por nombrar algunos. La cena consiste de pescado, patatas fritas o patata al horno, ensalada de col y un panecillo. Los boletos se pueden comprar a través de cualquier miembro de los Caballeros.



St. Anthony School Fundraiser A Knights' Gala

~ Dinner & Auction ~ Dinner, Raffles, Silent & Live Auction: March 9, 2024

*\$70 Donation per ticket
~ Cash Raffle ~ -1st Prize \$1,000,
-2nd Prize \$500, -3rd Prize \$250

*\$10 Donation per ticket. Please help support St. Anthony School by purchasing dinner tickets, raffle tickets, donating an item for auction, or providing a sponsorship. **TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR AFTER DESIGNATED MASSES.** Please **CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE** with any questions (209) 358-3341. Thank you for your support!



Talita Cumi

February 24, 2024

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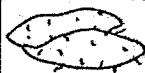
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US MARINES: LCpl - Ethan J. Ochoa

US NAVY: MA3- PO3 Victoria G. Ramirez; Petty officer Third Class, William Smith; Petty Officer Second Class, Christopher Smith, MIDN Jarrett J. Sansoni

PLEASE KEEP THEM IN PRAYER.

If you would like to add someone to the Military prayer list please contact the parish office.





**** Español, * Mass at Immaculate Conception**

Saturday, February 17th, 2024

4:00PM †Arnulfo Flores

4:00PM Intention for Mel Rosario

5:30PM †María Isidro**

5:30PM †Daniel Sandoval**

Sunday, February 18th, 2024

7:00AM †Juana Lopez Barajas*

8:00AM †Lourdes & Lorenza Torres Cabrera**

8:00AM †Franco & Aurea Diaz**

9:45AM Intention of Christopher Wenk

11:30AM Special Intention for the Parishioners of
St. Anthony & Immaculate

Conception Church

Monday, February 19th, 2024

6:30AM ---

Tuesday, February 20th, 2024

6:30AM †Arnulfo Flores

Wednesday, February 21st, 2024

6:30AM Special Intention of Lucy Gasaway

6:30PM †Elias Magdaleno**

6:30PM Intención Especial de Luis Leon **

Thursday, February 22nd, 2024

6:30AM †Deceased Members of Zepeda Family

6:30PM †Miguel Angel Jimenez**

6:30PM †Eliza Enriquez**

Friday, February 23rd, 2024

6:30AM Intention of John Paul Rubalcava

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday:	Presidents Day
Wednesday:	St. Peter Damian
Thursday:	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Friday:	St. Polycarp

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth." (Gn 9:8-15)

Psalm: "Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos." (Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9.)

Second Reading: "Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit." (1 Cor 10:31—11:1)

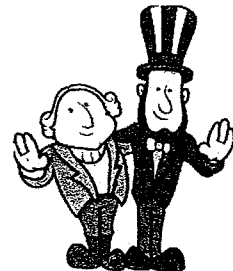
Gospel: "'Vivió allí entre animales salvajes, y los ángeles le servían'." (Mk 1:12-15)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; PS 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; PS 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

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