

They shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
one nation shall not raise the sword against another.

ISAIAH 2:4

FIRST
SUNDAY OF
Advent
November 27, 2022

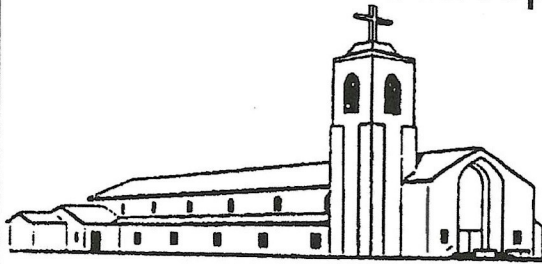
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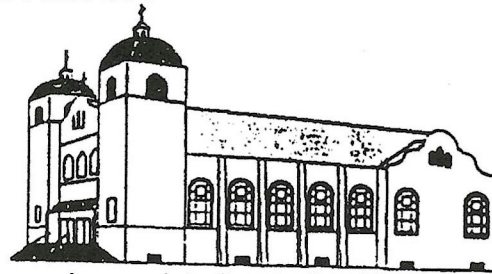
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Sunday Masses

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

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Daily Mass or Communion Service

Miercoles y Jueves misa en español 6:30pm

6:30	AM	English	St. Anthony Church
6:30	PM	Español	St. Anthony Church
Liturgy of the Hours		20 Minutes Before Daily Mass	

Holy Days As Announced

National Holidays As Announced

Reconciliation Thursday 4:00pm—6:00pm

Baptism English: 1st & 4th Saturday 8:00am

Bautismo Español 2do y 3er Sábado 8:00am

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Advent

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

“You also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

PREPARE

Have you ever been caught off guard? The first Sundays of Advent often have an ominous quality to them. Jesus reminds his listeners today about how many people who lived at the same time as Noah were caught off guard when the deluge came. Of course, we can end up being complete nervous wrecks if we spend each day in paranoia, looking for signs of impending doom. A healthy readiness is called for, one that keeps us alert so we can find signs of God’s reign—soon to be made manifest in Jesus—around us. In the coming days of holiday sensate bombardment and hours that fill up with busyness, this readiness can also serve to keep us focused on the coming gift of the Messiah, God’s Anointed. Now is the time to take stock, to evaluate life, to make changes where necessary, preparing for God’s holy reign to come.

ON EDGE

There are numerous photographs of people who sleep on mountainside ledges, who carelessly dangle their feet into the space of geological chasms, and of course there’s the iconic photograph of workers eating their lunch on a beam of the under-construction Chrysler building in New York. Some people seem attracted to these precarious, stomach-churning locations; many of us are not. More of us have had the experience of beginning a new stage in life, with the excitement and occasional stomach-churning newness of a moment that can put us a bit on edge. Advent—its first couple of Sundays in particular—has a similar role in the passage of time that we call the liturgical year. It’s unlikely that the First Sunday of Advent makes many stomachs churn, but perhaps more would if we truly took it seriously that we are to make ourselves ready for the coming of the reign of God at any moment.

WALK IN THE LIGHT

When we encounter the daily news, it can seem as though Isaiah’s prophecy of swords turned into plowshares is running in reverse, making despair seem wiser than hopefulness. This is where Advent as the brink of God’s reign comes into play. Advent can be a time for each of us to de-weaponize, even in the smallest of ways, the world around us. Advent’s days offer a chance to look for opportunities to make the world a bit more hopeful for others. As we head through Advent, the elevated focus we have when we are standing at those new moments, those new stages of life, can help us tune out the despair, so we might open our ears and hearts to Jesus. This way, we can turn our backs on gloom, and accept Isaiah’s invitation to walk in the light of the Lord: Jesus Christ, the Word-made-Flesh!

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 2:1–5

Psalms 122:1–2, 3–4, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9

Romans 13:11–14

Matthew 24:37–44

First Sunday of Advent November 27th, 2022

“You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the son of Man will come.”
Matthew 24:44



PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT

We are called to reflect the light of God’s love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. “All nations shall stream toward it,” toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God’s light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ’s light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today’s Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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*** IN ORDER TO ATTEND A BAPTISM CLASS, YOU MUST REGISTER IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

***BAPTISM CLASS 7:00 PM – ***ST. ANTHONY’S CHURCH**

(CLASS IS HELD EVERY FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH IN ENGLISH)

BAPTISMS: 1st & 4th Saturdays 8:00 am -

IT IS A REQUIREMENT FOR BOTH PARENTS & GOD PARENTS TO ATTEND A CLASS

PLEASE DO NOT BRING CHILDREN TO CLASS.



****NOTA: Bautismos Debe Registrarse En La Oficina De La Parroquia.**

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CLASES DE BAPTISMO 7:00 PM - IGLESIA DE SAN ANTONIO -

(LAS CLASES SON CADA PRIMER Y TERCER LUNES DEL MES)

BAUTISMOS: 2do y 3er sábado del mes 8:00 am -

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On-line Marriage Prep Class Website:
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TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue forever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.

—Anonymous



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

Saturday, November 26th, 2022

4:00PM †Ignacio Cardenas
4:00PM †Antonio & Georgina Gouveia
5:30PM Intenciones para los feligreses de San Antonio/Inmaculada Concepción**
5:30PM ---

Sunday, November 27th, 2022

7:00AM †Joe Pimentel*
7:00AM †Hermenegildo Martinez*
~~8:00AM †Ignacio Cardenas**~~
8:00AM †Federico y Ernestina Diaz**
9:45AM † Richard & Charlotte Avellar
9:45AM †Felix Trujillo
11:30AM †Larry Moreno
11:30AM

Monday, November 28th, 2022 (Communion Service)

6:30AM
6:30AM

Tuesday, November 29th, 2022

6:30AM †Maria Villagran
6:30AM †Florencio Agundis

Wednesday, November 30th, 2022

6:30AM †Andrzej Stafiej
6:30AM †Felicitas Martinez
6:30PM
6:30PM

Thursday, December 1st, 2022

6:30AM †Manuel Lovao
6:30AM †Joe & Anastasia Flores
6:30PM
6:30PM

Friday, December 2nd, 2022

6:30AM †Francisco & Carmen Rivera
6:30AM †Marlene Bairos

Parish Office Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 9am - 12pm (noon)
Closed Friday

Horario de la Oficina Parroquial:
lun. - jueves. 9 am - 12 pm (mediodía)
Cerrado el viernes

Confessions:

Thursday 4pm - 6pm

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
Wednesday: St. Andrew
Thursday: World AIDS Awareness Day
Friday: ~~First Friday~~
Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; 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: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

CHRISTMASEVE MASS SCHEDULE, Saturday Dec. 24th

4:00pm - St. Anthony - English

6:30pm - St. Anthony - Español



CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

7:00am - Immaculate Conception - English

8:00am - St. Anthony - Español

9:45am & 11:30am - St. Anthony - English



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2023

Offering Envelopes

The 2023 offertory envelopes are available at the Parish Office during business hours Mon. - Thurs. 9am to 12noon. We will distribute them on the weekend of Dec. 3rd & 4th and again on Dec. 17th & 18th before & after all Masses. Please take the time to pick up your envelopes. If you are no longer interested in receiving offertory envelopes. Please call the parish office and let us know. *Thank you, Parish Staff*

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Season of Advent

What are we really waiting for during Advent? The longstanding tradition of the Church is that the Advent season really marks not one but three comings of Christ: his coming into history two thousand years ago, his coming in glory at the end of time, and his coming into our hearts here and now. Advent starts with a focus on the future coming of Christ so that we might see the big picture. If Christmas is to make any sense at all, we have to ask the question, "What are you doing to get ready for the (final) coming of Christ?" This perspective opens us up to the sense of anticipation experienced by the Jewish people on the eve of the first coming of Christ. This Advent, we will hear John the Baptist tell them (and us) how best to prepare. He urges repentance and an examination and reform of our way of life.

Then on the Fourth Sunday, we are drawn in to the history of Jesus' arrival as the child of Joseph and Mary. Our work of spiritual preparation brings us to the point of the whole season. What good is it that Christ comes into my heart if I don't then carry that presence out into the world, just as Mary did?

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Prayer for Rain

Lord God, open the heavens and let Your Mercy rain down upon our fields and mountains. Let us especially pray for those most impacted by water shortages and for the wisdom and charity to be good stewards of this precious gift. Amen

LET US REMEMBER

TO OFFER A PRAYER FOR THE

SICK Maryellen Jimenez, Domingo Arana, Edward Umada Sr., Pat Brown, Wanda Constable, Theresa

Gonzalez, Ernie Martinez, Jessie Munoz, *To Have a Name*

Removed or Added to Prayer List Call Parish

Office 358-5743.



CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Advent Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus. O God, you are great indeed. Look upon us and reveal your glory, promised to Abraham and sent to us through David and his lineage. Send us the warmth of your love, the light of your Word, the vision of your wisdom, and the comfort of your people. Open our hearts in welcome and grant us your salvation. Fill our minds with watchful hope and let us see your kindness. Give us new life, the promise and joy of salvation. May the glory of your Son dwell in our land forever.

We pray: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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Advent Confession Times:
Tiempos de confesión de
Adviento:

Tuesday/martes Dec. 20th
10am-11am 5pm-6pm

Wednesday/miércoles Dec. 21st
10am-11am 5pm-6pm

Thursday/jueves Dec. 22nd
10am-11am 5pm-6pm



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2023 Mass Intention Book Now Open



* A suggested offering per Mass is \$10

* Only 5 Mass intentions per household per year per same family name (3 during the week & 2 weekend Masses allowed. You would need to come into the parish office to request Mass Intentions. Please have the dates and Mass time you would like ready. No more than 2 names are allowed per Mass Intention (has to be same last name).

A MASS INTENTION MUST BE REQUESTED TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE FOR THE DATE YOU ARE WANTING. THANK YOU

MEETINGS

Group

Altar Society	As Announced	
Bible Study (Estudio biblico en espanol)	Every Wednesday/Miercoles 7pm	Small Hall
Catholic Daughters of the Americas	2nd Tuesday Monthly 6 pm	Small Hall
Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial		
Movimento Familiar Cristiano	Every 1st Friday/Viernes Monthly 7pm	Small Hall
Guadalupe Society	Last Thursday/Jueves of the Month 7pm	Small Hall
Knights of Columbus	1st Monday 6:00 PM & 1st Tuesday 6:00 PM Monthly	Parish Hall
Grupo de Oracion Dulce Maria	Saturday/Sabado 7:30pm	Church
RCIA	Sundays 11am-1pm	Music Room
RICA(Español)	Every Thursday/Jueves Weekly 7 pm	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)	2nd ,4th & 5th Tuesday/Martes Monthly 7 pm	Parish Hall
Anchor Youth Group	Fridays 7pm	Parish Hall

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.stanthonyatwater.org also.

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Name: _____


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