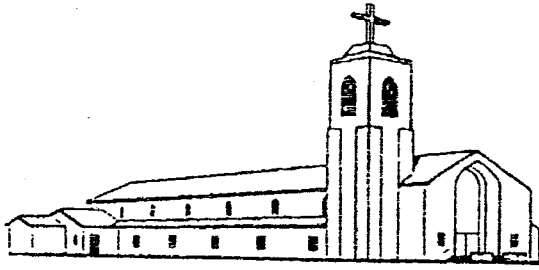


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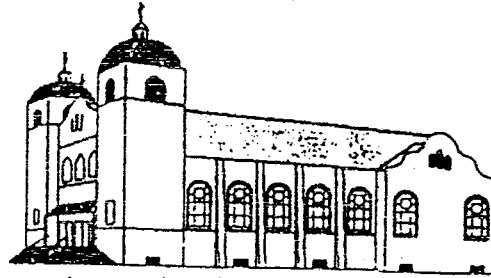
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Sunday Masses

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

Daily Mass or Communion Service

Miercoles y Jueves Misa en Espanol

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 4pm-6pm

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

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

Marriages 6 Months Advance Notice Required/

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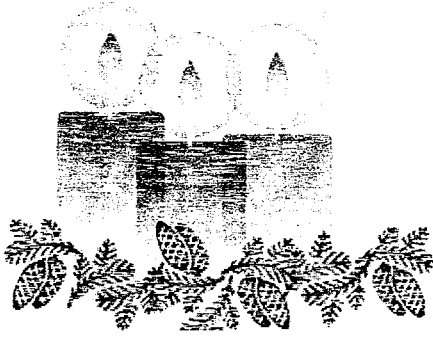
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3rd Sunday of Advent,

December 17th, 2023

“Who Will Lead You to GOD?”

Today’s Gospel reading tells us about Saint John the Baptist, who prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. At first people thought that he might be the savior they were all waiting for, but he was very clear when he told them that he

wasn’t. There was one coming after him, who would be the truly great One.

Sometimes we hear about great or important people. We can know which people are really great by thinking great about whether they lead us closer to God, like Saint John the Baptist did, or further away from Him.

“¿Quién te guiará a DIOS?”

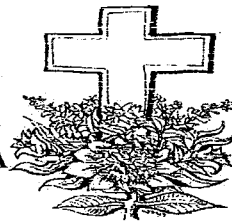
La lectura del Evangelio de hoy nos habla de San Juan Bautista, quien preparó al pueblo para la venida de Jesús. Al principio la gente pensó que podría ser el salvador que todos estaban esperando, pero él fue muy claro cuando les dijo que no lo era. Había uno que venía detrás de él, que sería el verdaderamente grande. A veces escuchamos sobre personas grandes o importantes. Podemos saber qué personas son realmente grandes pensando en grande si nos acercan a Dios, como lo hizo San Juan Bautista, o nos alejan de Él.

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

CURRENTLY REGISTERING in the month of DECEMBER, to sign up for a CLASS in JANUARY, & BAPTISM will be in FEBRUARY. *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 DICIEMBRE, para asistir a una CLASE en ENERO, y el BAUTISMO será EN FEBRERO. *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.



MEETINGS

Group

Aitar Society	As Announced	
Bible Study (Estudio biblico en espanol)	Miercoles 7pm	CCD Building: Salon Sacred Heart
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/Marries 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.stanthonyatwater.org also.

Change of Address New Parishioner

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Would you like to receive offertory envelopes? Yes No

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule
(Horario de Nochebuena)

*Sunday, Dec. 24th:

7AM at Immaculate Conception
(Eng)

8AM en St. Anthony (Español)

9:45AM & 11:30AM at St.

Anthony (Eng)

4PM at St. Anthony (Eng)

5:30PM en St. Anthony (Español)

Christmas Day Mass Schedule
(Horario de Navidad)

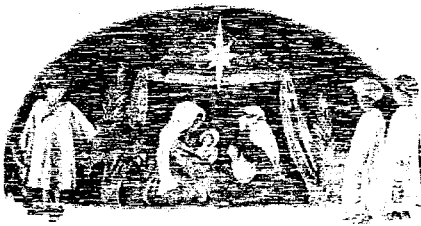
*Monday, Dec. 25th:

7AM at Immaculate Conception
(Eng)

8AM en St. Anthony (Español)

9:45AM & 11:30AM at St.

Anthony (Eng)



Advent Confession
Schedule/ Horario de
Confesión de Adviento:

**Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday Lunes, martes,

miércoles /: 10AM- 11AM

& 5PM- 6PM

**Thursday/

Jueves: 10AM

11AM (There will not be any Afternoon

Confessions/ No habrá

confesiones en la tarde del



School
Christmas
Play

Everyone is invited to our Christmas play "If Angels Were Mortal" Monday, Dec. 18 at 1:30pm & Tuesday, Dec. 19th at 7pm.

Se les hace una cordial invitación a todos los ministerios a participar en las posadas. Darán inicio del 16. al 23 de diciembre, 2023 en la Parroquia de San Antonio. Sábado 16 de diciembre a las 6:30PM, Domingo 17 de diciembre a las 4PM, lunes a viernes 6:30PM. **SÁBADO 23 SERÁ LA POSADA MAYOR**, donde participaran todos los ministerios. Se llevará a cabo en **EL SALÓN DE LA PARROQUIA A LAS 6:30 PM**. Para más información: María G. Maldonado (209) 777-4722

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION RUN

St. Anthony's School & Catholic Church would like to invite you, your friends, your family, & all of the community to the first annual New Year's Resolution Run. This fun-filled family event will be held on Saturday, January 6th, 2024 at Buhach Colony HHS in the city of Atwater. Our goal is to raise enough funds to help all sports at St. Anthony's School to purchase new uniforms, and sports equipment, & prepare student-athletes for the next level of their sport. Here is the race day schedule:

10:00-11:00am = Packet Pick Up & Race Day Registration, 11:00am-11:30am =

under), 11:40-11:50am = 1K Kids Race

(6-10 yr. old's), 12 noon = Start of the 5K Run/Walk and 10K

Run, 1:00pm = LIVE Results available on your smartphone!

FREE Raffle for great prizes at the conclusion of the 5K/10K.

Your bib is your ticket (must be present)! Remember to stick

around for the post-race raffle. Your bib is your ticket to win one of the many gift baskets & raffle

prizes! **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.** We hope you will join us at the New Year's

Resolution Run sponsored by St. Anthony's School & Catholic Church. You can register at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Atwater/StAnthonysResolutionRun>

WE WILL SEE YOU ON JANUARY 6, 2024!



The Knights of Columbus will be having a Christmas toy drive. A collection box will be located in the vestibule for unwrapped toys. For checks, please make payable to: **Knights of Columbus Council #4305**. Donations will start on Nov. 26th though Dec. 17th. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you



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, Laura Whitaker, Micaela Mendoza. **(To Have a Name Removed or Added to The Prayer List Call the Parish Office.)**



12th Annual West Coast Walk for Life In San Francisco, Saturday, January 20, 2024.

Reserve your place on one of the two charter buses sponsored by United for Life of Merced County. This event is the most powerful, prayerful & peaceful pro-life event you will ever attend. Abortion laws have changed but babies in the womb & their mothers are still not respected & safe! This event is so powerful! Hear the testimonies of those whose hearts have been broken yet healed, & you will join with thousands of others being encouraged, inspired, & motivated to continue to pray & defend the child in the womb. A sign-up table for reserving a seat on the charter bus will be in front of the church after some of the Masses. For more information, email: uflmerced@yahoo.com or contact Steve (209) 358-2286. Suggested donations are: Adults \$20, Students \$10, Immediate family \$50.

12.^a Caminata Anual por la Vida en la Costa Oeste En San Francisco, sábado 20 de enero de 2024.

Reserve su lugar en uno de los dos autobuses chárter patrocinados por Unidos por la Vida del condado de Merced. Este evento es el evento provida más poderoso, de oración y pacífico al que jamás asistirá. Las leyes sobre el aborto han cambiado, pero los bebés en el útero y sus madres todavía no son respetados ni seguros. ¡Este evento es tan poderoso! Escuche los testimonios de aquellos cuyos corazones han sido rotos pero sanados, y se unirá a miles de personas que se sienten alentadas, inspiradas y motivadas a continuar orando y defendiendo al niño en el útero. Una mesa de inscripción para reservar un asiento en el autobús chárter estará frente a la iglesia después de algunas de las misas. Para obtener más información, envíe un correo electrónico a: uflmerced@yahoo.com o comuníquese con Steve (209) 358-2286. Las donaciones sugeridas son: Adultos \$20, Estudiantes \$10, Familia inmediata \$50.

Misa de Gallo (Simbang Gabia)

A Catholic tradition which originated in the Philippines & gives the faithful an opportunity for spiritual preparation for Christmas. The Misa de Gallo Masses are being celebrated in our parish from December 16th – 24th at 6:30 AM

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRIES/ CHURCH GROUPS:

Facility Request Forms need to be filled out for the Year 2024. Please stop by the office to fill out a form & be put on the schedule.

ATENCIÓN A TODOS LOS MINISTERIOS/GRUPOS DE IGLESIAS:


Los formularios de solicitud para usar instalaciones de la iglesia deben completarse para el año 2024. Pase por la oficina para completar un formulario y ser incluido en el calendario.

St. Anthony & Immaculate Conception Altar Society

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Envelopes are available at the church entrances. Please drop the envelopes in the offering basket or at the church store. We thank you in advance for any donation amount. Thank you to all parishioners for their support. Please come by & browse our new arrivals for the Advent & Christmas season.

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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, December 16th, 2023

4:00PM †Rosemary Silva

4:00PM †Joseph DeGregori

5:30PM †Franco & Aurea Diaz**

5:30PM †Daniel Sandoval**

Sunday, December 17th, 2023

7:00AM *Special Intention for the Parishioners of
Immaculate Conception & St.
Anthony Church**

8:00AM †Jose Guadalupe Ornelas**

8:00AM †Martha & Rafael Amezcua**

9:45AM †Adela & Pablo Montes

9:45AM †Felix Trujillo

11:30AM †Daniel & Mary Romero

11:30AM *Intention for RCLIA & Youth*

*Confirmation Candidates &
Catechumens*

Monday, December 18th, 2023 (Comm Service)

6:30AM *Special Intention for Pat Cahill*

Tuesday, December 19th, 2023

6:30AM †Matias & Bonifacia Hernandez

6:30AM †Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 20th, 2023

6:30AM *Intention for the Parishioners of St.*

*Anthony & Immaculate Conception
Church*

6:30AM †Raimundo & Maria Alves

6:30PM †Lourdes & Lorena Torres Cabrera**

6:30PM †Francisco Beltran Jimenez**

Thursday, December 21st, 2023

6:30AM *Intention for the Conversion of Sinners*

6:30AM †Guilhermina & Manuel Martin

6:30PM †Almas del Purgatorio**

6:30PM *Intención para Yaritza Aritza***

Friday, December 22nd, 2023

6:30AM †Daniel Fernandes

6:30AM †Deceased Members of Dimsey &
Camara Family

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius

Saturday: St. John of Kanty

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Así como la-tierra echa sus brotes y el jardín hace germinar lo sembrado en él, así el Señor hará brotar la justicia y la alabanza ante todas las naciones." (Is 61:1-2A, 10-11)

Psalm: "My soul rejoices in my God." (Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54)

Second Reading: "No impidan la acción del Espíritu Santo, ni desprecien el don de profecía; pero sométanlo todo a prueba y quédense con lo bueno." (1 Thes 5:16-24)

Gospel: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

(Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

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 Samuel 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

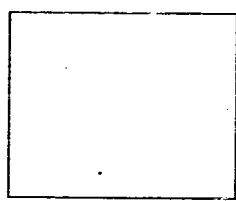
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Please remember to give your prayers as gifts to the less fortunate in our community, every day this whole month of December.

Blessings, Our Lady of Peñafrancia Prayer Team.



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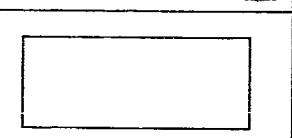

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