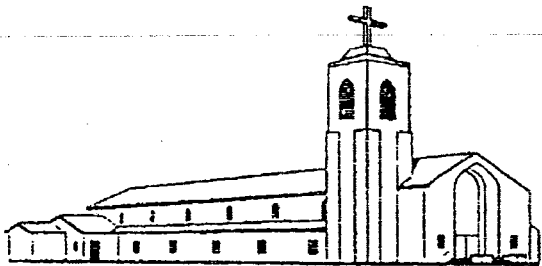


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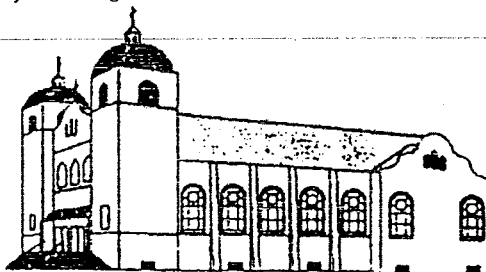
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St. Anthony Church



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
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	Vianey Hernandez	
Office Manager/Bookkeeper	Shirley Rubalcava	358-5743

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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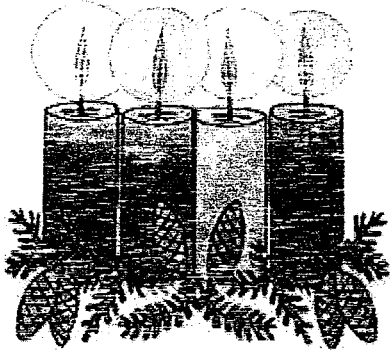
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 1 year in advance for Requirements)

4th Sunday of Advent,

December 24th, 2023

“CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE!”



People all over the world are going to be celebrating Christmas! We should help make Jesus' birthday as special as we can! On the Advent wreath today all four candles will be lit. This represents the light of Jesus coming closer & getting brighter. Jesus is the light of the world. If we want to make Christmas beautiful, then we

should make our own lives shine with the love of Jesus. All the lights you see can represent all the people whose lives are lit up with the love of God. Or maybe they can represent all the good things you can do to love God & bring His love to your family & your friends & neighbors this Christmas.

“¡LA NAVIDAD CASI LLEGA!”

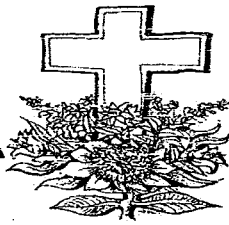
¡Gente de todo el mundo celebrará la Navidad! ¡Debemos ayudar a que el cumpleaños de Jesús sea lo más especial posible! Hoy se encenderán las cuatro velas en la corona de Adviento. Esto representa la luz de Jesús acercándose y volviéndose más brillante. Jesús es la luz del mundo. Si queremos que la Navidad sea hermosa, entonces debemos hacer que nuestras vidas brillen con el amor de Jesús. Todas las luces que ves pueden representar a todas las personas cuyas vidas están iluminadas con el amor de Dios. O tal vez puedan representar todas las cosas buenas que puedes hacer para amar a Dios y llevar Su amor a tu familia, amigos y vecinos esta Navidad.

****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

Altar Society	As Announced	
Bible Study (Estudio bíblico en español)	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/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.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



**THERE WILL BE NO
CONFESSIONS DEC. 27, 2023.
NO HABRA CONFESIONES
27 DE DICIEMBRE, 2023**

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.

Knights of Columbus 4305 Free

Throw Championship

Check out our Basketball Free Throw Championship & claim the honor of **G.O.A.T.** basketball free-thrower!

WHERE: Winton Middle School Gym
(6300 Cypress Ave. Winton, CA)

WHEN: Saturday, January 20, 2024
8:30am-12 noon

WHO: Boys / Girls 9 - 14 years old
Contact Grand Knight: Angel (209)761-0707 or Steve: 209 358-2286 for entry forms. A meal will be provided & Volunteers are welcomed!

✽ WE WISH YOU A ✽

Merry Christmas

On behalf of the Parish staff & Fr. Paul & Fr. Chito we want to wish you all a Merry Christmas. En nombre del personal parroquial y del P. Paul y el P. Chito queremos desearles a todos una Feliz Navidad.

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 HS 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, 11:30-11:40am = 1K Kids Race (5 and 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!



OFFICE will be CLOSED for CHRISTMAS ON MONDAY, DEC. 25, 2023. / OFICINA estará CERRADA por NAVIDAD EL LUNES 25 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.

The Pope's Declaration on blessing same sex couples.

*The Declaration issued by Pope Francis, approves & authorizes blessings for any person or persons requesting a blessing. **It does not approve the blessing of any irregular unions.** The declaration simultaneously, reinforces that the Church's doctrine regarding marriage does not change.

*Pope Francis states that **the blessing should not resemble the sacrament of Catholic marriage in any way and should not take place before, during or after a civil union.**

*The Declaration is a message from Pope Francis, **that the Catholic church needs to continue to be welcoming.**

LO QUE NECESITAS SABER.

Declaración del Papa sobre la bendición de las parejas del mismo sexo.

*La Declaración emitida por el Papa Francisco, aprueba y autoriza bendiciones para cualquier persona o personas que soliciten una bendición. **No aprueba la bendición de ninguna unión irregular.** La declaración, al mismo tiempo, refuerza que la doctrina de la Iglesia sobre el matrimonio no cambia.

*El Papa Francisco afirma que **la bendición no debe parecerse en modo alguno al sacramento del matrimonio católico y no debe tener lugar antes, durante o después de una unión civil.**

*La Declaración es un mensaje del Papa Francisco de que **la Iglesia católica debe seguir siendo acogedora.**

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 charter 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 charter 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.

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 Helier, 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.)**




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.

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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 23rd, 2023

4:00PM †Manuel Bairos

4:00PM †Manuel Mello

5:30PM *Intención Especial para los Feligreses
de San Antonio y Inmaculada
Concepción***

Sunday, December 24th, 2023(Christmas Eve)

7:00AM *Intention for Deacon Kelly Canelo & Family**

7:00AM †Arsenio & Maria Mello*

8:00AM †Stephen Cardoso**

8:00AM †Almas del Purgatorio**

9:45AM †Sofia Godoy

9:45AM †Cristobal & Lucina Guzman

11:30AM *Intention for Jasmyne Gomez*

11:30AM †Daniel James Henning

4:00PM *Intention for Deacon Rene, Shirley
Rubalcava & Family*

4:00PM †Helio Avila •

5:30PM *Intencion para Diacono Jesus Cisneros y
Familia***

Monday, December 25th, 2023 (Christmas Day)

7:00AM---*

8:00AM *Intención para Rafael Jiménez***

9:45AM †Louise & Art Mello

9:45AM †Fr. Bert Mello

11:30AM *Intention for Yolanda Becerra Luna*

Tuesday, December 26th, 2023

6:30AM *Intention for Kensi Miguel*

6:30AM †Jeremy Gouveia

Wednesday, December 27th, 2023

6:30AM †Judith Evans

6:30AM †Jose Vieira

6:30PM †Juan Macias**

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

Thursday, December 28th, 2023

6:30AM *Intention for the Family of Dianne
Correia*

6:30AM †Jose Vieira

5:30PM †Obdulia Valenzuela**

6:30PM †Arturo & Arturo Jr. Cisneros**

Friday, December 29th, 2023

6:30AM †Art & Louise Mello

6:30AM †Carmel & Tony Ferreria

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Saturday: St. John of Kanty
Sunday: Christmas Eve
Monday: The Nativity of the Lord
Tuesday: St. Stephen
Wednesday: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
Thursday: The Holy Innocents
Friday: St. Thomas Becket

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm."
(2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16)

Psalm: "Proclamaré sin cesar la misericordia del Señor." (Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29)

Second Reading: "Made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen."
(Rom 16:25-27)

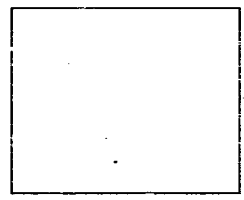
Gospel: "Él será grande y será llamado Hijo del Altísimo; el Señor Dios le dará el trono de David, su padre, y él reinará sobre la casa de Jacob por los siglos y su reinado no tendrá fin." (Lk 1:26-38)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4,6 & 8ab,16bc & 17; Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40



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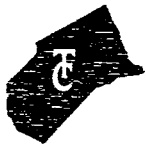
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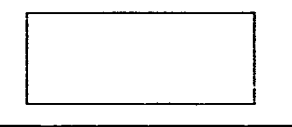
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