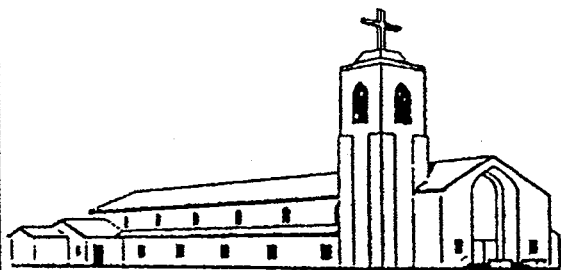


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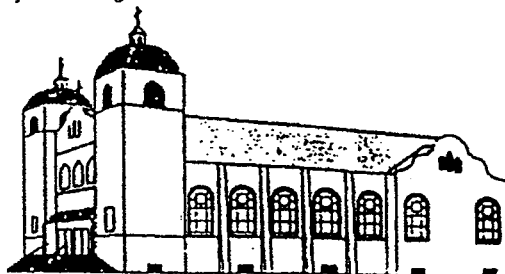
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Sunday Masses

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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Office Manager	Lori Ceja
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Phone	358-3341
Pre-School Director	Erika Valenzuela

Parish Secretary - Part- Time	Rosa Gomez	358-5743
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

Safe Environment Coordinator Claudia Hernandez 358-5743

Religious Education:

CCD	Liliana Agundis	676-2076
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RCIA - Español	Fernando & Claudia Hernandez	564-1294
Confirmation Coordinator:	Deacon Rene Rubalcava	756-4729
Anchor - Youth Group		

Bulletin Ads 358-5743

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

The First Sunday of Lent

February 26th, 2023

“One does not live on bread
Alone, but on every word
that comes forth from
the mouth of God.”
(Matthew 4:4)



WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father's hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

****BAPTISMS-Must Register in the Parish Office****

* We are no longer registering for Baptism until after Easter. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

****NOTA:** Ya no nos registramos para el bautismo hasta después de Pascua. Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial para más información.

On-line Marriage Prep Class Website:
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CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer during Lent

Holy God, now is the acceptable time to return to you.
As we walk the path of these forty days,
may we turn away from sin
and embrace a life of goodness and truth.
Strengthen us on our Lenten journey
and keep us focused on the cross and resurrection
of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer.
He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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MEETINGS

Group

Altar Society	As Announced	
Bible Study (Estudio biblico en español)	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/Viemes 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	Friday/Viemes 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
St. Anthony 4-H Club	3rd Wednesday Monthly 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: _____

Address: _____

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Phone Number: (____) _____

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Lent

One of the liturgical reforms mandated at the Second Vatican Council was that the focus of the season of Lent should be restored as a time of preparation for—or renewal of—baptism. The bishops at the Council were aware of the fact that the origins of Lent as a distinctive liturgical season lay in the early centuries when the Church celebrated the sacraments of Christian initiation only once a year, at the Easter Vigil. In order to prepare those who were to receive those sacraments, a special period of preparation (eventually lasting forty days) gradually developed.

By the time of the Second Vatican Council, the initiatory character of Lent had long been forgotten, and it had become simply a time of penance focused on individual spiritual renewal. The introduction of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the revision of the Lectionary after the Council have changed all of that. Now the Sunday scripture readings during Lent are very carefully selected with an eye to the journey of those preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil. Once again, the entire community is asked to undergo penance in solidarity with the candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Thus, in order to appreciate fully the meaning of the readings during this season, the “filter” through which they must be heard is always the knowledge that we are helping to prepare our sisters and brothers in the catechumenate for their initiation at the Easter Vigil.

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Please consider donating livestock, or bidding at the sale at TLAY.

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.

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QUANTITIES LIMITED. PRE-ORDER EARLY! The Italian Catholic Federation Merced Branch will sell Biscotti Cookies on Friday, March 31, at the back door of The Italo American Lodge, 18th and U Streets, Merced, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$8 per dozen. Varieties available are: Biscotti with Almonds, Biscotti with Anise and Almonds, Biscotti with Brandy and Almonds, Biscotti with Almonds and Chocolate Chips, Biscotti with Almonds and Cranberries, and Biscotti without Nuts. **Pre-orders are required by WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23. QUANTITIES LIMITED. ORDER EARLY!** Contact Chris Martin at 209 658-6436 (by phone or text) or sewchris52@gmail.com (by e-mail) to pre-order or for more information. *Proceeds to support scholarships and local charities.*

LET US REMEMBER TO OFFER A PRAYER FOR

THE SICK Maryellen Jimenez, Domingo Arana, Pat Brown, Wanda Constable, Theresa Gonzalez, Ernie Martinez, Jessie Munoz, Narciso Navarrete Sr., Tony Santigato *To Have a Name Removed or Added to Prayer List Call*


LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.
—St. Teresa of Ávila

GOOD TIMING

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.
—Anonymous

Atención Adultos Mayores de 18 años La Parroquia de San Antonio les hace la invitación para las clases de Rito De Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos ¿QUIÉN NECESITA RICA? RICA está diseñado para adultos mayores de 18 años que son:

- No bautizados;
 - Bautizados, pero no catequizados (típicamente no han recibido confirmación o Eucaristía); y
 - Aquellos que buscan la comunión plena con la Iglesia Católica (típicamente bautizados y practicantes cristianos de otras denominaciones que desean ingresar a la Iglesia).
- Las clases de Primer Año serán los Jueves a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de la parroquia. Para más información se pueden contactar con Claudia y Fernando Hernandez  al (209) 564-1294.

Catechists Needed! Our Parish relies on our volunteers to help support and deliver the program. Prayerfully consider becoming a part of our Faith Formation Team! CCD Classes begin in September. Opportunities for Monday's or Tuesday's classes from 4:00-5:45pm

¡Se Necesitan Catequistas! Nuestra Parroquia depende de nuestros voluntarios para apoyar e impartir el programa. ¡Considere en oración ser parte de nuestro Equipo de Formación de Fe! Clases de CCD comienzan en Septiembre. Oportunidades para las clases de Lunes o Martes de 4:00-5:45pm

For more information ~ Para más información

Contact the Religious Education Office at [Comuníquese con la Oficina de Educación Religiosa a]: (209) 676-2076

ccd@stanthonyatwater.org

Or fill out form

[O llene el formulario]:

https://forms.gle/C78QmYs8u3dPeqAx9



Altar Society Ministry of St. Anthony and Immaculate Conception Church would like to Welcome New Members! The Altar Society is a group of adult laypersons in the parish who offer their dedicated service to our churches. We exist to enhance worship by devoting time and talent for the glory of God. Through our efforts we assist our pastor by maintaining the altar, ceremonial objects, the interior, seasonal beautification of our churches and the maintaining our gift shop. Please call stop by our membership table after Mass for more information. Thank you and God Bless.

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

CONFESSIONS/STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE DURING LENT(FRIDAY'S) HONORIO DE CONFESION Y VIA CRUCIS DURANTE LA CUARESMA (VIERNES)

Immaculate Conception/Imaculada

Conception: Stations of the Cross/Via Crucis (English/Ingles) – 5:00pm

St. Anthony/San Antonio

Stations of the Cross /Via Crucis (Spanish/Español) – 6:00pm

**Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are obligatory days of Fasting and abstinence. In addition, to all Fridays during Lent, abstinence is observed.*

**El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días de ayuno y abstinencia obligatorio. Además, todos los viernes durante la cuaresma se observa la abstinencia*

Attention Confirmation Parents/Student

You May pick up your Certificates Sunday Feb. 26th in front of the church between 9:00 am & 11:30am.

Atención Confirmación
Padres/Estudiantes

Puede recoger sus certificados el domingo 26 de febrero frente a la iglesia entre las 9:30 am y las 11:30 am.

Parish Office Hours:

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Horario de la Oficina Parroquial:

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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, Feb. 25th, 2023

4:00PM †Shirley Bispo

4:00PM †Manuel Yuaquin Silva

5:30PM †Maria Flores y David Veloz**

5:30PM †Umberto Barragan**

Sunday, Feb. 26th, 2023

7:00AM †Deceased Members of the Oliver Family*

7:00AM †Deceased Members of the Canelo Family*

8:00AM Intenciones para Teresa y Familia**

8:00AM †Modesto y Lourdes Del Toro**

9:45AM †Rosa Silveira Silva

9:45AM Spec. Intention for all the pilgrims

traveling to the Holy Land

11:30AM †Celestino & Cesar Fuentes

11:30AM

Monday, Feb. 27th 2023(Communion Service)

6:30AM Intentions for Jesus Toves

6:30AM †Virginia Jaramillo

Tuesday, Feb. 28th, 2023

6:30AM †Dionisio Bustos

6:30AM Intentions for Jesus Toves

Wednesday, March 1st, 2023

6:30AM †MJ & Lena Pimentel

6:30AM †Ricardo y Javi Del Toro

6:30PM †Miembros fallecidos de la familia

Vázquez**

6:30PM †Todas las Almas en el Purgatorio**

Thursday, March 2nd, 2023

6:30AM †Martins Fernando Silva

6:30AM Intentions for Jesus Toves

6:30PM †Miembros fallecidos de la familia Walle**

6:30PM †Maria Isidoro**

Friday, March 3rd, 2023

6:30AM †All Souls in Purgatory

6:30AM Intentions for Jesus Toves

CONFESSIONS:

Thursday 4pm – 6pm



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Gregory of Narek;

Julian Calendar Lent begins

Friday: St. Katharine Drexel;

Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Have mercy on us sinners, O Lord (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



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