

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Anthony of Padua Parish
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3
12:05 p.m. +Frank Garcia

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4
12:05 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5
12:05 +Jim Mies

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
12:05 p.m. +Dethample Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
4:00 p.m. +Josh Robberson
5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Parish Family
11:00 a.m. Vietnamese Mass

Liturgical Roles for Saturday, December 7, at 4:00 p.m.:

Lector: P. Andrews
E. Minister: K. Hunter
Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

Liturgical Roles for Sunday, December 8, at 9:30 a.m.:

Lector: M. Gittrich
E. Minister: S. Walcher

PARISH PRAYER LINE

Jerry Warrell Rosa Reyneros Kathy Hunter
Tony Magdalino Ukraine and its Citizens
Johnny +Jim Garcia Julie Munoz Laurie Peter
Michelle Houchin Lisa Esbrook +Judy Freed
+Shauna McNally Lori Born Kenny Walcher
Phu Nguyen Grace Dana Corina

Good News!

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent (C)

Jeremiah 33:14-16 / 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 /

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Advent is a time of hope but also a time of waiting.

Different than wishing, hope is the belief that, one day, all will be well. Teenagers eagerly wait to be out on their own, believing then all will be well. Students are eager to graduate and get away from papers to write, books to read, and exams to take—then all will be well. Some singles long to find a partner, marry, and settle down, believing—then—all will be well. Always there is the faith that, although life may not now be what we wish, the future will bring a time when all will be well. We are inveterate people of hope.

Yet life is a process that cannot be rushed. Author Annie Dillard once watched a butterfly hatch from a cocoon. A bit impatient, she decided to gently warm the cocoon and so hasten the process. It worked, except by rushing the process the butterfly's wings were undeveloped, too weak to fly. All that we hope and long for in life must happen at its own pace, faithful to the process.

How, then, do we negotiate the waiting? The Gospel's encouragement is to pray, but not for what we want. Rather, we are to pray for the strength to stand with hope before the Son of Man, trusting that God will bring forth the goodness we need. Though it may be different than what we seek, it will be what we need. ●

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OFFERING

November 24, 2024

English: \$ 2,068.00

Vietnamese \$ 3,583.00

Total: \$ 5,651.00

DECEMBER 1, 2024

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We welcome Bishop Kemme to historic St. Anthony Parish where he is celebrating Mass this Sunday, December 1, at 11:00 a.m. He is making a special effort to explain and thank parishioners for their sacrificial offerings and participation in the ongoing *One Family, Fully Alive in Christ Campaign*. After Mass, there will be a reception in the Pastoral Center. Everyone is welcome and highly encouraged to attend.

Due to the shortened work week because of the Thanksgiving holiday, there is no \$\$\$ update for this bulletin. Last week's total was \$174,350 toward the parish goal of \$455,000.

Everyone should have received their packets by now. If you have not yet received one, contact the Parish Office (269-4101) so we can request a replacement from the Diocese.

Continue to say the campaign prayer for our success and for the hard-working campaign volunteers who are giving of their time and talents.

Next Sunday is December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Ordinarily it would be a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. However, since it is on a Sunday, the Feast has been moved to Monday, December 9, but that is not a Holy Day of Obligation. To celebrate the Feast, there will be a 12:00 (sharp) Mass that day (English), and a 6:30 p.m. Mass (Vietnamese) in the evening.

We are in need of more Mass intentions. The stipend is \$10, and can be dropped in the collection basket with your name, the intention name (add + if deceased), and the stipend.

MYSTERY BOX FUNDRAISER

Join us after Masses in the Pastoral Center the weekend of December 14 for our parish fundraiser, "Mystery Boxes." All proceeds will go toward our Capital Campaign. After each Mass that weekend, **Amazon Mystery Boxes** will be available for purchase. Those boxes contain new items from Amazon, and a few will have either a \$100 bill or gift cards valued at \$50 or \$25. The boxes are a great way to pay it forward to others in need during this Christmas season. Each box is \$100 each, with 40 available. On Saturday, complementary chili and cinnamon rolls will be served, and coffee and donuts on Sunday.

The Christmas **Angel Tree** is again in the back of church this year with gift tags for the children whose families are receiving assistance through the Center of Hope. COH is a homelessness prevention agency originally started in St. Anthony Parish by the Adorers of the Blood of Christ sisters at Newman University in 1983. Take a gift tag off the tree and help make it a Merry Christmas for a child whose family is desperately poor and cannot afford to buy presents. Gifts can be returned to the big box in the back of church.

Priests pray an essential role of sanctifying, teaching, and leading. They are servants to all. Very soon, you will be receiving an invitation from Bishop Kemme asking you to consider a gift to the **Christmas Call to Sharing**. Your gift is used to benefit the 41 men currently studying for the priesthood in the Wichita Diocese, and the 20 priests in retirement. Please prayerfully consider a special gift this year to support our priests.

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you. ----St. Augustine