

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Anthony of Padua Parish
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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

[Feast of the Immaculate Conception]

12:00 p.m. +Mary Kathryn Walterscheid

6:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

12:05 p.m. +Jim Garcia

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

12:05 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

12:05 p.m. +Maria Garcia & +Juan Reyneros

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

12:05 p.m. +Living & Deceased Members of St.
Anthony Fraternity of Secular Franciscans

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

4:00 p.m. +Jim Garcia

5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Parish Family

11:00 a.m. Vietnamese Mass

Liturgical Roles for Saturday, December 14, at 4:00 p.m.:

Lector: C. Claycomb

E. Minister: K. Hunter

Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

Liturgical Roles for Sunday, December 15, at 9:30 a.m.:

Lector: S. Walcher

E. Minister: D. Walterscheid

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 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Baruch 5:1-9 / Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 / Luke 3:1-6

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Coming home can take place in many varied ways. Sometimes it's at the end of a long day when we come home to where we can be ourselves without any pretensions. Sometimes it's going back to the neighborhood we grew up in, to the old haunts that remind us of the dreams we had and how they now seem tucked in every niche. Sometimes coming home is what happens after many wanderings, after we've sown our oats and harvested little and now have nowhere else to go. That too is a coming home, back to where it all began, back to where we dare to hope that life might begin again.

All of this is how the Hebrew people found themselves coming home to Jerusalem after eighty years of exile, coming back to start anew with the hope that their God would once again be proud of them, back to where they could be as God intended them to be. All of that is what we do when we decide we will try to be the sort of person we'd always hoped to become. It's when we attempt a second effort at making a marriage work, or a job productive, or maybe simply putting the pieces of our lives back in some sort of order. It's all about coming back home to God's dream for us, a kind of second Advent, when God comes into our lives and is born once again. ●

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OFFERING

December 1, 2024

English: \$ 4,736.00

Vietnamese \$ 6,413.00

Total: \$11,149.00

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Our campaign thermometers are on the rise! Be sure to keep an eye on our progress as we continue to push those red lines higher and higher. We have currently raised \$291,480. As you may remember, our goal at St. Anthony's is \$455,000. Thank you to everyone who has participated and to those who are praying about how they can make a difference.

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

Since this year the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on a Sunday, the Feast has been moved to Monday, December 9, and remains 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2024

Pre-Christmas Confessions

Friday, December 20:

- * Confessions from 11 a.m. to 12:00 noon (in Church)
- * Confessions from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (in Pastoral Center)

Saturday, December 21

- * Confessions from 3:00-3:50 p.m. (in Church)
- * Confessions 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (in Church)

Monday, December 23

- * Confessions from 11:00 a.m.- 12 noon (in Pastoral Center)
- Confessions from 5:30 -6:30 p.m. (in Pastoral Center)

Christmas Eve Vigil, Tuesday, Dec. 24:

- 4:30 pm English Mass (in church)
- 7:00 pm VN Mass (in Pastoral Ctr.)

Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25

- 9:30 a.m. English Mass (in church)
- 11:00 a.m. VN Mass (in Pastoral Ctr.)

NEW YEAR MASS:

New Year's Day, Weds, Jan. 1, 2025
10:00 am – 11:00 am
(Combined Mass in church.)

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. Gifts can be returned in the red box at the back of church.

The December parishioner birthday party will be held on Sunday, December 8, again in St. Elizabeth Hall, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Our Vietnamese community is selling raffle tickets for their TET (New Year) celebration in January. A \$5 donation buys one ticket, which can be purchased at the Parish Office.