

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Holy Masses This Week

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:05 p.m. Intentions of Tim and
Heather Hessman

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

12:05 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:05 p.m. +Mary Kathryn Walterscheid

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

12:05 p.m. +Jim Powell

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

4:00 p.m. +Jim Garcia

5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

11:00 a.m. Vietnamese Mass

Liturgical Roles for Saturday, December 21, at 4:00 p.m.:

Lector: C. Claycomb

E. Minister: R. Hartman

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

Liturgical Roles for Sunday, December 22, at 9:30 a.m.:

Lector: Deb Anton

E. Minister: S. Walcher

PARISH PRAYER LINE

Jerry Warrell Kathy Hunter Tony Magdalino
Ukraine and its Citizens Johnny Julie Munoz
Michelle Houchin Lori Born Phu Nguyen
Grace Dana Corina

Good News!

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent (C)

Zephaniah 3:14-18a / Philippians 4:4-7 / Luke 3:10-18

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There's something to be said for kindness. Often when we say to ourselves that something is an act of godliness, it's when someone is kind, especially when it seems to come out of the blue. It's what John the Baptist seemed to be thinking when he said we would be baptized with the Holy Spirit and with the sort of passionate fire that warms and gives off light. Henry James, the British novelist, once said that three things were important in life—the first, be kind; the second, be kind; the third, be kind. Long before Henry James said it, St. Paul wrote to the Christian community in Philippi: "Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near" (Philippians 4:5). God's presence seems to be nearer when someone is kind.

It is curious how in the darkest moments of life, the light of kindness shines more brightly. Natural calamities seem to bring out kindness toward those who suffer. So too, at times of personal tragedies or disasters, when others are grieving the death of someone they love, as well as countless other times when people find themselves lost in the dark. Little wonder then how during this time of year when the days are shortest, and the nighttime dark is longest, that the days of Advent and Christmas seem to be laced with kindness for one another. Then the veil that hides God from our eyes grows thinner, and we catch glimpses of "God with us." ●

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OFFERING

December 8, 2024

English: \$ 2,694.00

Vietnamese \$ 8,536.00

Total: \$11,230.00

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MYSTERY BOX FUNDRAISER

This weekend in the *St. Claire Room*, join us for our parish fundraiser, "Mystery Boxes." All proceeds will go toward our Capital Campaign. After each Mass this 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. Each box is \$100 each, with 40 available. On Saturday, complementary chili and cinnamon rolls will be served, and coffee and donuts on Sunday.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

To date, our parish has raised \$322,980 in pledges! As you may remember, our goal at St. Anthony's is \$455,000. The total percent raised is 70.98%, and the week over week change is \$31,500, so we are getting much closer to our goal. **Thank you** to everyone who has already returned their pledge card.

As part of this Campaign, 20 percent of the funds raised by parishes will be used to address their specific needs. In our parish campaign, funds will specifically fund a new rectory.

Continue to say the campaign prayer for our success.

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**. The first week of gifts overflowed the gift box in the back of church and was witness to the generous spirit of parishioners to help children whose families cannot afford to buy them a Christmas present this year. Gifts can be returned in the red box at the back of church.

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.)

We cannot fully practice our Catholic faith without the life and ministry of priests. Please consider a gift to the **Christmas Call to Sharing**—a gift of gratitude to support retired priests and the education of seminarians. God has blessed us this year with 41 in the seminary. Please be as generous as you possibly can be at this most holy time of the year.

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.

