

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Holy Masses This Week

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 [Christmas Eve]

4:30 p.m. +Jim Mies
8:00 p.m. VN Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 [Christmas]

9:30 a.m. +Mary Katherine Walterscheid
11:00 a.m. VN Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

12:05 p.m. +Natalia Reyneros

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

12:05 p.m. +Mary Werth

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

4:00 p.m. +Josh Robberson
5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Parish Family
11:00 a.m. Vietnamese Mass

Liturgical Roles for Saturday, December 28, at 4:00 p.m.:

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

Liturgical Roles for Sunday, December 29, at 9:30 a.m.:

Lector: M. Gittrich
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 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

Micah 5:1-4a / Hebrews 10:5-10 / Luke 1:39-45

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Most of the time we find ourselves backing our way into the will of God, or maybe even feeling our way into it. There are times when the will of God is quite clear: Should I lie or tell the truth? Should I steal or not? Most often, however, the will of God is not so clear. Too often it becomes a question of how to negotiate an aspect of life that's been handed to us, often a reality we cannot escape. It may be an unwanted divorce, or a son or daughter in a questionable relationship, or an illness that dismantles one's life plans. On the one hand, it is not as if God hands out scripts that we are expected to live by. On the other hand, God is part of all that unfolds. Somewhere in the midst of that is the will of God, which is another way of saying somehow you and I need to negotiate what we never chose, but is now served up by life. Or is it served up by God? Or by our own doing? Or all of that? That's what I mean when I say we feel our way into the will of God.

It is what Jesus sorted out in the desert when he was tempted, "I come to do your will, O God." It is Elizabeth's story of an unexpected pregnancy in her old age. It is Mary saying "Yes" to an uncharted path. Living God's will seems mostly to be a sorting process. ●

Liturgical Roles for Wednesday, December 25, at 9:30 a.m.

Lector: D. Anton
E. Minister: D. Walterscheid

OFFERING

December 15, 2024

English: \$ 5,234.00
Vietnamese \$ 8,802.00
Total: \$ 14,036.00

DECEMBER 22, 2024

A Holy and Blessed Christmas

"On this day illumined by the Gospel hope which springs from the humble stable of Bethlehem, I invoke the Christmas gift of joy and peace upon all: upon children and the elderly, upon young people and families, the poor and the marginalized. May Jesus, who was born for us, console all those afflicted by illness and suffering; may He sustain those who devote themselves to serving our brothers and sisters who are most in need. Happy Christmas to all!"

---Pope Francis

And a blessed Christmas to everyone at St. Anthony Parish! May your Christmas be warm with love, blessed with joy, and bright with promise.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

To date, our parish has raised \$401,180 in pledges! As you may remember, our goal at St. Anthony's is \$455,000. The total percent raised is 88.17% of final goal, with a participation rate of 33.33%, so we are getting much closer to our goal. **Thank you** to everyone who has already returned their pledge card.

There will be no update next week due to Christmas.

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**. As happened in the first week, the second week of gifts overflowed the gift box, and by the end of last weekend, all of the Tree's gift tags were gone. Wow!

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2024

Pre-Christmas Confessions

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.)

One of the greatest blessings in the Diocese of Wichita is that a young man is free to enter seminary without worrying about the cost of his private education. Please consider a gift this year for the **Christmas Call to Sharing** to support our 41 seminarians and 20 retired priests.

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.

The Four Stages of Life

1. You believe in Santa Claus
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus
3. You are Santa Claus
4. You look like Santa Claus

