

DECEMBER 15, 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
**IN JOY,
WE WAIT**



Weekend Mass:

Saturday Vigil, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m.

Rosary:

Monday - Friday, after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Holy Day of Obligation:

8:30 a.m., 12 Noon and 6:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Exposition of the

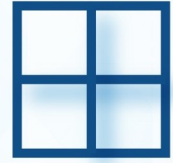
Blessed Sacrament: First Friday of
the month from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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**SAINT
ANTHONY
PARISH**

*"The life of the body
is the soul; the life of
the soul is God." -
St. Anthony of Padua*





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Thursday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

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MISSION

"The people of St. Anthony Catholic Parish are called by Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, to live a life of holiness by doing good works through faith, worship, service and hospitality for the glory of God."



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HAPPY RETIREMENT TO FRAN LEE!

Our parish staff would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU with heartfelt gratitude to our very own, Fran Lee. Most of you may know Fran from behind the counter in the parish office and assisting in the CFF classroom, but she is much more than that. For 18 years, Fran has been a steadfast presence, attending to the needs of St. Anthony parishioners and more, while working diligently with remarkable attention to detail and efficiency. It is not always an easy nor simple post working in and for a parish office. With each day, Fran has served with humility and grace ensuring that things ran smoothly, questions could be answered, information was distributed, and concerns could be heard. Not to mention, keeping an office well organized! She is a long time parishioner, she is our parish yoga instructor, CFF catechist, dear friend and colleague. With the loving support of her family, Fran has given her heart, time, and unique gifts to the parish office of St. Anthony Parish.

Fran, thank you for your unwavering commitment to our faith community. It goes without saying that we will miss your presence in the office immensely. You have made a lasting impact on us. We wish and pray for your joy and peace in this next chapter of life, as you enjoy retirement, spending time with your loved ones, and traveling the world.

We love you, Frannie!



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday,	December 15	8:30 am 10:30 am	Anna Chow † Milagros J. Dula †
Monday,	December 16	8:00 am	Sally Flores †
Tuesday,	December 17	8:00 am	Michael Berrigan †
Wednesday,	December 18	8:00 am	Licerio Valencia †
Thursday,	December 19	8:00 am	Teddy Lee †
Friday,	December 20	8:00 am	Hien Ngo Maria †
Saturday,	December 21	5:00 pm	Manuel Roman †

JOY

Each of the four candles of the Advent wreath represent a different attribute: the first is hope, the second peace, the third joy, and the fourth love. This third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete which is from Latin and means "rejoice," and thus we celebrate JOY, The dictionary definition of joy is, "A feeling of pleasure or happiness that comes from success, good fortune, or a sense of well-being." But when Christians talk of joy, it is not to be confused with a mere feeling of happiness. Feelings come and go and depend on the circumstances of the moment. Christian joy is different. It is not temporary but permanent. It is founded not in circumstances, but on the certainty of God's love, poured on the Cross for YOU. How can you be more joyful?

- Spend less time and energy dwelling on what you have no control over and instead exert yourself working on what God has given you the ability to do.
- Intensify your prayer life. Prayer is not burying your head in the sand or looking away from trouble. Instead, offer your struggles to God. This will ground you on the deep and lasting conviction that Christ Jesus cares for your needs. Ponder and rest in the words from today's second reading in which Paul tells his beloved friends in Philippi:

Rejoice in the Lord always...in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.



REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Linda Allen (mother of parishioners Ken & Liz Allen), who died recently.

PRAYER LIST

To add a person's name to the prayer list, contact Kathy Reynolds at 916-212-9949 or kathy@stasac.org. To keep the list current, names will remain on the list for six weeks.

Wayne Athey
 Celestino Avalos
 Victoria Barranco
 Edgar Betts
 Judy Bezzone
 Gilbert Boreman
 Jeannette Caietti
 Bill Callahan
 Gavin Canseco
 Carolyn Castronovo
 Josh Conrad
 Gundelind Curry
 Skye Drennan
 McKenna Egan
 Marie French
 JJ Hom
 Mary Huther
 Robert Kimball
 Tisha Koppes
 Hermann Lorenz
 Kay Madsack
 Lisa Martinez
 Tony Martinez
 Eileen Marsh
 Gregg Masada
 Leonard Medina
 Joann Murray
 Lewis Nace
 Julian Narciso
 Anna Rita Neuman
 Charlene New
 Yogi Palenko
 Alicia Perez
 Janet Perez
 Scott & Tom Raimundo
 Alfonso Ramirez
 Carlene Ranzieri
 Sheri Ray
 Joan Rhee
 Carlo Salvador
 Susan Sankus
 Doug Skewes
 Larry Seaton
 Jewell Senegal
 Richard Spring
 Susan Ventura
 Bob Von Essen
 Jay Waterbury
 Christopher White
 Rocky Wong



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Our Advent Penance Service will be on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us as we prepare for Christmas.

ADVENT CONCERT

Please join your Pastoral Council on Thursday, December 19, 7:30 p.m. in the St. Anthony Sanctuary for an Advent Concert presented by the VITA Academy's Great Composers Chamber Music Series. This relaxing hour-long experience will be presented by the talented Rising Stars who will perform holiday inspired works by Corelli, Vivaldi, Telemann, and more. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the door to support this VITA Academy community enhancement event and the Sacramento Youth Symphony.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 15

8:30 AM.....Mass
10:30 AM.....Mass w/ Adult Choir
AFTER EACH MASS.....Scouts Bake Sale

Monday 16

8:00 AM.....Daily Mass
8:30 AM.....Rosary
9:15 AM.....Senior Fitness
6:30 PM.....Boy Scout Mtg

Tuesday 17

8:00 AM.....Daily Mass
8:30 AM.....Rosary
8:30 AM.....Yoga
7:00 PM.....OCIA Mtg

Wednesday 18

8:00 AM.....Daily Mass
8:30 AM.....Rosary
9:15 AM.....Senior Fitness
4:00 PM.....Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM.....Advent Penance Service

Thursday 19

8:00 AM.....Daily Mass
8:30 AM.....Rosary
6:30 PM.....Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM.....VITA Academy Advent Concert

Friday 20

8:00 AM.....Daily Mass
8:30 AM.....Rosary
9:15 AM.....Senior Fitness

Saturday 21

5:00PM.....Vigil Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 21-22

Olive Wood Sales After Mass

December 23-January 1

Office Closed

January 3, 2025

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

January 4, 2025

SACYB Skill Assessment



Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)
12:00 Midnight, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
(10:30 is Livestreamed)

Tuesday, December 31 (Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass), 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary)
10:00 a.m.



ST. ANTHONY PARISH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION DECEMBER 28-29, 2024

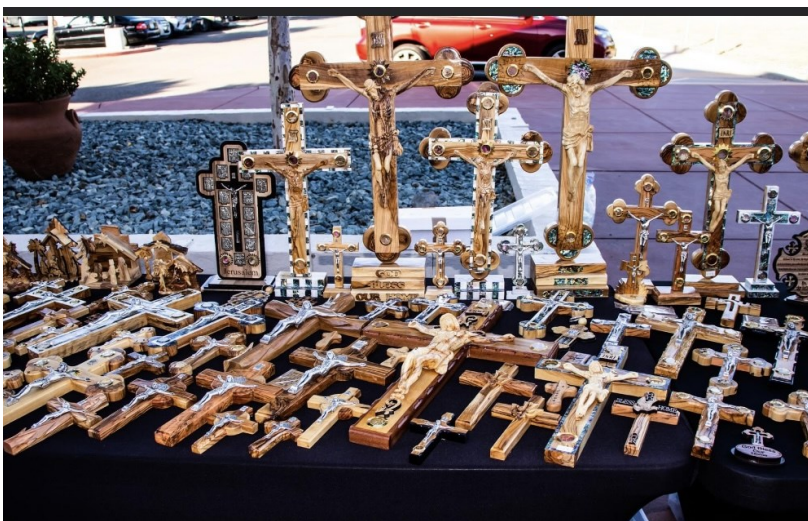
December 28-29 will be the 5th Sunday Collection for St. Anthony Parish St. Vincent de Paul. The group helps those in our neighborhood with an urgent need for help with rent and utilities. Many of the families we help also struggle with food insecurity. We provide grocery store gift cards if there is an immediate need of food. We also provide information about the SSIP Food Closet, a ministry also supported by our parish. It is through your generosity we can help a senior on a small-fixed income, an unemployed worker, or a single mom or dad struggling to meet the needs of their children. Our conference has had a very busy summer helping clients, especially those with children, with rent, SMUD, and PG&E as well as providing food cards and money vouchers to the SVdP Thrift Store. Those that we serve are so grateful for the parish's generosity. Donations can be made at the Saturday and Sunday Masses, mailed to the parish office, or dropped off at the office mail drop. Please be sure to indicate it is for SVdP. You can also make them online through Push Pay. Visit our parish website at www.stasac.org for more information on Push Pay. Your donations are very much appreciated.



OLIVE WOOD SALE AFTER MASS

On December 21 and 22, we will have the Holy Family Art group from Holy Land selling their religious hand-made articles after all the Masses. They represent the Christian Catholic Families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. The Catholics in the Holy Land make money by selling their handmade religious articles to the people that come and visit the Holy Land. But, as you may know, the Holy Land as a country has been closed for more than one year due to the war. As a consequence, an income for the families is extremely hard to come by.

Many of the families have not made any income in the past year and it is becoming impossible for them to provide for their families. They can only survive with our help and support and they need it now more than ever. Every single dollar makes a difference. To assist in their efforts, we have brought their items all the way out here in an attempt to help support these families. We ask that you please find it somewhere in your hearts to stop by and view these precious articles to see how you can help this group support these families and keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land.





Celebrate Advent.



“A Heart Like Jesus”

CFF Advent Service Project

CFF is preparing its heart for Jesus so we can be more like Him.

During Advent, we wait for Jesus who comes to serve.

Therefore, as disciples, we are called to imitate Him.

As we wait in joyful hope, CFF is collecting three items for the homeless this season: TOILET PAPER, TARPS & SOCKS. When we work together, we can aim high and collect as much of these items as we can. With toilet paper, tarps and socks, we can help those in need with personal care, to have a dry and clean place to rest, and help keep feet warm.

The Advent Service Project ends on Sunday, December 22.

Calling All Shepherds & Angels

Fr. Mitch would love to have shepherds and angels present at Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00pm. There are no speaking or acting parts. All that is needed is your wonderful presence to bring the Nativity story to life! Shepherds and Angels are to arrive to the narthex of the church no later than 3:40 p.m., so that families can secure seats and all our friends can get the wiggles and giggles out.

Note: Costumes will NOT be given out on Christmas Eve. Please call or email Christine if you plan to attend as an angel or shepherd. Thank you to all our young sisters and brothers!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children K-6th are invited to join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Participants start at Mass with their families and are escorted over to the CFF building following opening prayers. Participants return to the church during offertory. Children's Liturgy with Father Mitch is on the first Sunday of each month. (No Children's Liturgy Dec. 22 & 29)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR Come sing with us!

Children's Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Children's Choir Caroling at Waterleaf

Wednesday, December 18 @ 4:00 p.m.

Sing at Christmas Eve Mass

Tuesday, December 24 @ 4:00 p.m.

DECEMBER DATES

Dec. 1-22 - CFF Advent Service Project

Dec. 18 - Advent Penance Service 6:00 pm

Dec. 24 - Children's Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

Dec. 22-Jan. 4 - Christmas Break

Classes resume Sunday, January 5



SAYM YOUTH NIGHT

7th thru 12th grade youth are invited to share in fellowship and faith with their youth community.

Join us on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

2024 ADVENT LOCK-IN RETREAT

Friday to Saturday, December 20-21

Junior high and high school youth members are invited to come away on retreat as Jesus did long time ago. Youth members of our community are encouraged to come together and get away from the everyday routine. Let's spend time together and prepare for coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Permission forms are due December 18 or until capacity is reached.



*Thank You
for Joining
Us at Mass*
**LET'S
KEEP IN
TOUCH!**

Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Address

City, State, ZIP

- Yes! I want information on giving.
- Yes! I'm interested in becoming a member.