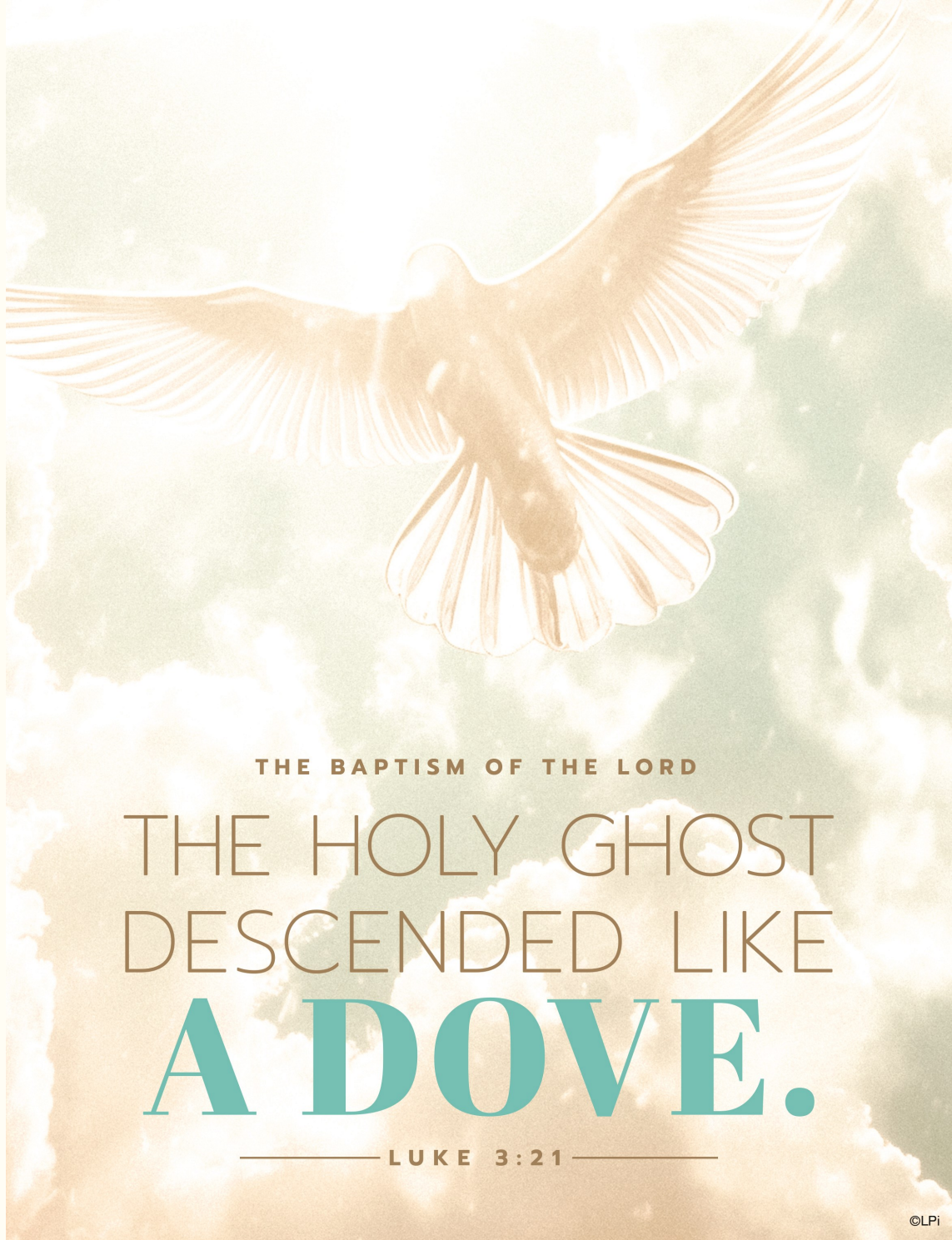




ST. ANTHONY

Catholic Church

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JANUARY 12, 2024



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE HOLY GHOST
DESCENDED LIKE
A DOVE.

— LUKE 3:21 —

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Our Mission / Nuestra Misión

Our community follows Jesus by praying, loving and serving God.
Nuestra comunidad conoce y sigue a Jesús rezando, amando, y sirviendo a Dios.
St. Anthony, pray for us. / San Antonio, ruega por nosotros.

SACRAMENTS

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	Eng
Sunday	8:00 am	Eng
	10:00 am	Eng
	12:00 pm	Esp.
	2:00 pm	Esp.
	5:00 pm	Esp.

Daily Mass Times

Daily	8:30 am	Bilingual
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Esp.
Friday	6:30 pm	Bilingual

Confession/Confesión

Saturday 3:30pm to 4:30pm,
Thursday 6:30 pm
or by appointment.

All other Sacraments

Please call the office for more information.

CLERGY

Fr. Rafael Hinojosa,
Parochial Administrator

Fr. Juan Carlos Ponce,
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Alberto Cruz

Deacon Emeritus Joe Tovar

Deacon Emeritus Alan Layden

PARISH OFFICE

Jajahira Gallardo, *Parish Secretary*
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Monday, Wednesday, Friday
(Lunes, Miércoles, Viernes)

9AM to 12PM and 1PM to 6PM

BULLETIN

Submissions to the Sunday Bulletin

Deadline by noon on Monday, six (6) days prior to the desired Sunday of publication. Send files to parish@stanthonyoakley.com.

WEBSITE

All church ministries are invited to share their upcoming events or news to our website. Send your info to parish@stanthonyoakley.com

Oline Giving Using VANCO Donaciones Por Linea Usando VANCO

THANK YOU!
MUCHAS GRACIAS!



Sunday's Collection—Totals for January 5, 2025

	PLATE	ONLINE
1st Collection	\$10,985.00	\$1,515.65
2nd Collection	\$1,193.00	\$312.05

Thank you for your generous support / Gracias por su generoso apoyo.

Second Collection Schedule

January— 12	Diocesan Seminarian— Seminaristas Diocesanos
January— 19	Grounds Maintenance- Mantenimiento de Terrenos

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) St. Anthony Conference

If you need assistance, or like to volunteer or donate, contact the St. Vincent de Paul St. Anthony Conference at 925-325-7424. We provide various forms of assistance which may include food, clothes, furniture, housing assistance, and referrals to other professional agencies. **(Food Pantry) Open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday from 8:30AM to 10:00AM.** / *Si necesita ayuda, o desea ser voluntario o donar, comuníquese con la Conferencia de San Vicente de Paul San Antonio al 925-325-7424. Brindamos diversas formas de asistencia que pueden incluir alimentos, ropa, muebles, asistencia para vivienda y referencias a otras agencias profesionales. (Despensa de alimentos) Abierto el segundo y cuarto sábado de 8:30 am. a 10:00 am.*



FAITH FORMATION COORDINATORS

Call the Parish Office, (925) 625-2048
for more program information or
to register.

Baptism, Parish Secretary
CCD, Jajahira Gallardo
EDGE, Emma Arcayena
Youth Confirmation,
Esperanza Casillas

Christian Initiation: For Adults (English)

Michael Maeda

For Adults (Español),

Dea. Alberto y Claudia Cruz

For Children,

Alejandro y Veronica Mercado

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

Gospel:

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

Gospel Meditation

The Baptism of the Lord

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words '**You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased**' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with *me*? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING)—CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS *By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

Beneath the Surface

When I was seventeen, I wasn't sure that I wanted to be confirmed. It was a rough period in my life, and I was having some intense questions and doubts. It upset my mother, understandably. She knew that, at such a pivotal and difficult moment, I needed the grace of the sacrament more than ever. So, she called our priest and asked him to talk to me.

After that meeting, I made the decision to be confirmed.

To be honest, I can't remember anything he said to me. All I remember is that he sat with me. He listened to me. He let me talk and talk and talk (and cry). And when he said whatever he said, whatever it is that I cannot remember, it was obvious that he had listened to me.

Reading today's Gospel, it makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. Of course it seemed natural that he would be "the one." The one they were all waiting for.

But instead, the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow — and in doing so, he sanctified it. He made it a means of redemption.

Jesus is our Savior, yes. When we dig ourselves a hole of sin and confusion and we can't climb out, he is the one who brings us back to the surface. But he doesn't pull us out; he lifts us. He jumps down into the pit. He looks around. He offers his hand, gives us a leg up, and by his strength and not our own, we are brought back into the light.

Community Prayer, Oración en Comunidad

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, January 11

5:00 PM Leonard, James & Ed Thomas †

Sunday, January 12

8:00 AM Ramon Joves †

10:00 AM Aurelio Chavez †

12:00 PM Ramon y Eliquis Napales †

2:00 PM Jorge V. Calderon †

Guadalupanas de Sn. Antonio

5:00 PM Vicente y Cinovia Hernandez †

Monday, January 13

8:30 AM Rhea Quezada †

Tuesday, January 14

8:30 AM Elmira & Luis Cuarezma †

Ovdulia Orta (B-day)

Wednesday, January 15

8:30 AM Ramon Esperza †

Carlos Alzul (B-day)

6:30 PM Maria , Raymundo y Auxilio Qezada †

Thursday, January 16

8:30 AM Regino Cornejo †

Carlos Ruiz (B-day)

Friday, January 17

8:30 AM Ana Nguyen †

Teresa Cornejo (wellbeing)



Please Pray For
Por favor Oremos Por

Jaime & Juana Gomez
Angelo Jace Marayag
Sigfredo Alcaraz Jr.
Jurith Martinez
Johanna Jauregui

Jansen Magat
Rigoberto Hinojosa
Benito Parames
Alice Morales
Carlos Valdez Ayon

Our Men and Women of the military services.

St. Anthony's Prayer List

If you wish to add a loved one who is in need of our prayers, please call the Parish office at 625-2048, Names will be posted for a month.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"The people were filled with expectation," writes Luke. And so we find ourselves, two thousand years later, filled with expectation, with longing. Who can give us what we seek? Only the one upon whom the dove descended. Follow him.

Observances for the week of January 12, 2025

- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord
- Monday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:**
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:**
- Friday:** St. Anthony, Abbot
- Saturday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday through Friday: 9:30am to 6:30pm,
Friday: 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Scheduling Coordinator:
Linda Hipólito (925) 493-0976

EXPOSICIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO

Lunes a Viernes: 9:30 am a 6:30pm ,
Viernes: 7:00 pm a 11:00 pm
Coordinadora del Horario:
Linda Hipólito 925-493-0976

Oración Semanal, Adoración & Meditación

LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura:

Entonces se revelará la gloria del Señor, y todos los hombres la verán a una, porque la boca del Señor ha hablado. (40:5)

Salmo:

Bendice, alma mía, al Señor. (Sal 104)

Segunda lectura:

Nos salvó mediante el baño de regeneración y renovación por el Espíritu Santo. (Tit 3:5)

Evangelio:

Después de que todo el pueblo había sido bautizado y Jesús también había sido bautizado y estaba orando, el cielo se abrió y el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre él en forma corporal, como una paloma. (Lc 3:22)

Meditación del Evangelio

El Bautismo del Señor

En mi segundo año de estudios de teología, me confesé con un sacerdote que visitaba el seminario para un retiro de tres días. No me sentía muy motivado. Estaba haciendo lo que tenía que hacer. Confesé mis pecados y esperé su respuesta. El sacerdote dijo: "Como penitencia, me gustaría que fueras a la capilla y repitieras las palabras 'Tú eres mi Hijo amado, en ti me complazco' (Lucas 3:22) hasta que significaran algo para ti". Penitencia fácil, pensé.

Pero, para mi sorpresa, me costó mucho decir esas palabras. Sentí una fuerte resistencia interior que las bloqueaba. ¿Cómo podía Dios estar complacido conmigo? No podía estarlo, pensé. Se desató una batalla dentro de mí. Dos horas después, la resistencia se desvaneció y me encontré capaz de decir y reclamar como mías esas maravillosas palabras. Salí de la capilla con una nueva, profunda y pacífica convicción de que yo era, en verdad, el hijo amado de Dios.

Esas palabras son un regalo precioso del cielo para todos nosotros. El bautismo de Jesús, que celebramos esta semana, nos las ofrece. ¿Estamos dispuestos a recibir de nuevo estas palabras? Muchas cosas pueden bloquear esta profundización de nuestra identidad bautismal: fracasos, pecados, desilusiones, traumas, problemas, etc. Sin embargo, el amor de Dios siempre es mayor. Esta semana te desafío a que repitas estas palabras en oración sobre ti mismo —o tal vez sobre alguien a quien te cuesta amar— hasta que esas palabras encuentren un hogar en tu corazón.

— Padre John Muir

CATOLICA - (PRACTICANTE) RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Bajo la Superficie

Cuando tenía diecisiete años, no estaba segura de querer ser confirmada. Fue un período difícil en mi vida, y tenía algunas preguntas y dudas intensas. A mi madre le molestaba, comprensiblemente. Ella sabía que, en un momento tan crucial y difícil, necesitaba la gracia del sacramento más que nunca. Así que llamó a nuestro sacerdote y le pidió que hablara conmigo.

Después de esa reunión, tomé la decisión de ser confirmada.

Para ser honesta, no puedo recordar nada de lo que me dijo. Lo único que recuerdo es que se sentó a mi lado. Me escuchó. Me dejó hablar y hablar y hablar (y llorar). Y cuando dijo lo que dijo, lo que sea que no puedo recordar, era obvio que me había escuchado.

Al leer el Evangelio de hoy, tiene mucho sentido que todos pensarán que Juan el Bautista era el Mesías. Él era el que vertía el agua. Por supuesto, parecía natural que él fuera "el indicado." El que todos estaban esperando.

Pero en cambio, el Mesías fue el hombre que vino a ser bautizado. Él fue el que descendió a las aguas, sumergiéndose en nuestra experiencia de muerte, dolor y tristeza, y al hacerlo, las santificó. Las convirtió en un medio de redención.

Jesús es nuestro Salvador, sí. Cuando nos cavamos un hoyo de pecado y confusión y no podemos salir, él es el que nos trae de vuelta a la superficie. Pero él no nos saca de allí; Él nos levanta. Él salta al pozo. Mira a su alrededor. Él ofrece su mano, nos da una ventaja, y por su fuerza y no por la nuestra, somos devueltos a la luz.

Parish Announcements, Anuncios Parroquiales

WALK for *Life* WEST COAST 2025



Saturday, January 25, 2025

Location: Start at St. Anthony for Mass and head to San Francisco- Civic Center Plaza



**It's an all day event
(approx. 7:30 am to 5 pm)**

Transportation provided by St. Anthony via Charter Bus



Rally

Rally starts from Civic Center Plaza walking down Market Street (2 miles). Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza.

Cost

No cost to all who register with St. Anthony Church

Space is limited - First come first serve



*"How can there be too many children?
That is like saying the are too many flowers."*
St. Teresa of Calcuta



Registration

Register via QR Code



CAMINATA por la *Vida* WEST COAST 2025



Sábado, Enero 25, 2025

Ubicación: Comienza en la Iglesia de San Antonio con la Misa y se dirige a San Francisco - Civic Center Plaza



**Es un evento de
todo el día
(aprox. 7:30 am a 5 pm)**

Transporte proporcionado por la Iglesia de San Antonio a través de Charter Bus



Rally

Rally comienza desde la Civic Center Plaza caminando hasta Market Street (2 millas). La caminata termina en la Plaza de Embarcadero.

Costo

Sin costo para aquellos que se registren con la Iglesia de San Antonio

Espacio Limitado - Como vayan llegando se les asignará su lugar



*"¿Cómo puede haber demasiados niños?
Eso es como decir que hay demasiadas flores".*
Santa Teresa de Calcuta



Registración

Regístrese por medio de este código



KID'S CORNER

MISSION

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel

JOHN
MESSIAH
BAPTIZING

WATER
POWERFUL
SANDALS

HOLY SPIRIT
FIRE
JESUS

A J T U A R B Y W E N
H O L Y S P I R I T O
E H A I T O S U F A M
J N E G Y W A T E R E
I Y B E H E U P L M S
H S I N U R M O A Y S
J U P A W F I R E C I
E M O Z T U Y M S U A
S A N D A L S E O T H
U D Y T O E A N G E D
S O B A P T I Z I N G



GOSPEL

Your Dad says, "Wash your hands, please. It is almost time to eat." After you wash your hands really well, your Dad smiles. He says, "That's my boy. You did a good job!" In today's Gospel, it was time for Jesus to be baptized. After his baptism, Jesus talked to God his Father in prayer. Jesus did everything his Father asked. God was happy with his Son and said, "I'm pleased with you."

PRAYER

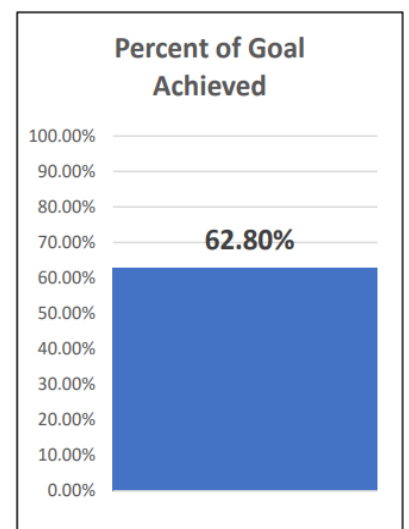
God, I want to make you and my parents happy.



2024 Bishop's Appeal	
St. Anthony, Oakley	
Goal	\$21,100

Total Committed	Total Number of Gifts Received	Total Number of Donors
\$13,816.56	57	42

Total Receipts	Average Total Gifts by Donor	Average Gift Amount Received
\$13,251.56	\$328.97	\$242.40



“Which nursery song would Jesus have heard the most?”

“Mary had a little lamb!”



Has your mother ever sung you a lullaby to help you get to sleep? It's not hard to imagine then that the Blessed Mother would have sung lullabies to Baby Jesus to help Him sleep, too!

GLP!



La Escuela Bíblica de San Jerónimo Apóstoles de la Palabra les hace la invitación a todos a ser parte de esta escuela.

Todos los jueves a las 7 pm en Padua Salón 5.

Venga y conozca mas de Dios por medio de Su Palabra!!

Para mas Información puede contactarse con: Yulma Diaz al (925) 470-9367



Daily Rosary/ Rosario Diario
Only through live FB / Solo en vivo por FB 6:30 pm.

M., W. —English,
Martes, Jueves, y Sábado—Esp.
Viernes/Friday—Bilingüe/Bilingüe.
Sunday/Domingo—Before Mass/
Antes de Misa.

Join the Columbiettes

An organization of Catholic women, who are affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. They support different charities and participate in the community while working collectively with our Brother Knights to promote Faith and unity.
Call Patty Loosli at (925) 348-6064

Únete a las Columbiettes

Una organización de mujeres católicas, que son afiliado a los Caballeros de Colón. Ellos Apoyan a diferentes organizaciones benéficas y participant en la comunidad mientras trabajan colectivamente con nuestros Hermanos Caballeros para promover la Fe y la unidad.
Llame a Patty Loosli al (925) 348-6064

Holy Family Ministry

Join us every 2nd and 4th Thursday of Every Month.

Location: via Zoom!

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm.

For more information or to join our mailing list please email

yss13@yahoo.com or call **310-926-6842**

Visit the St. Anthony website Holy Family Ministry Page for more information on monthly events.



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NUEVOS
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