

SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday (Lunes, Miércoles, Viernes) 9AM to 12PM and 1PM to 6PM

Welcome / Bienvenidos

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

GOD'S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving everyone the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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6 de diciembre de 2020

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

LA TARDANZA DE DIOS

En tiempos de grandes dificultades los burlones se mofan diciendo: "¿Dónde está Dios? ¿Por qué no viene tu Dios a salvarte ahora?"

Y nosotros, gente de fe, respondemos casi igual como lo hizo Pedro en la segunda lectura de hoy: la

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc. "tardanza" de la segunda venida del Señor no es ningún tipo de castigo ni un fallo en la promesa divina, sino un signo de amor de la paciencia de Dios. Dios está dando a todo el mundo la oportunidad de buscar el arrepentimiento.

Dios no hace la vida más difícil. Más bien, una vez más disminuye la carga para los

judíos exiliados que regresan a su país después del cautiverio en Babilonia. Fue Dios quien personalmente los guió, preparándoles una "calzada recta" para ellos a través del desierto.

Nos unimos a nuestros antepasados en la fe, que esperaban poder ver al Escogido de Dios delante de ellos y que finalmente se dieron cuenta de que el Señor también caminaba a su lado.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Prepara el camino del Señor; proclama la buena nueva (Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11).

Salmo — Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos tu salvación (Salmo 85 [84]).

Segunda lectura — El Señor no tarda en guardar su promesa donde está la justicia de Dios (2 Pedro 3:8-14).

Evangelio — Juan Bautista apareció proclamando un bautismo de arrepentimiento (Marcos 1:1-8).

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St. Anthony

St. Anthony Parish Mission
*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.

CONFESSION / CONFESION

Saturday: 3:30PM to 4:30PM or by appointment

MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

Daily: 8:30AM Bilingual in the Plaza

Sunday: 10AM English in the Plaza

12PM Español en la Plaza

DEVOTIONS

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday: 8PM to 10PM in the Plaza

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY AND FUNERAL CENTER

2200 East 18th Street, Antioch, (925) 757-0658

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCFS) at Holy Cross Cemetery and Funeral Center. Their staff will contact the parish office to assist you with your arrangements.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9AM to 12PM and 1PM to 6PM. Please ring the doorbell for service. Only two persons in the office at one time. Wear face mask. Practice social distancing. Call (925) 625-2048 with questions.

Virtus Safe Environment Training

Is your certificate up to date? Many of us at St. Anthony took the training in 2017. We are required to renew our certification every three years. This is a MUST to continue in your ministerial work here. Start now at www.virtusonline.org Call Florrie Brice at (925) 354-0107 or the parish office with questions.

Clergy Sexual Abuse

Any reports of abuse should be directed to Steve Wilcox, Chancellor, at swilcox@oakdiocese.org or (510) 267-8334.

Email and Text Scam Involving Priests

If you receive an email or text from a priest or other church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person. Do not respond to the email or text.

Second Collection Schedule

December 6 Diocesan Assessment

December 13 Utilities

*Every valley shall be filled in,
 every mountain and hill shall be made low.*

— Isaiah 40:4

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, December 5

5PM Jesus y Trinidad Bizcarra†

Sunday, December 6

8AM Mariana Serpa† & Family

10AM Carmen & David Navero†

12PM Raul y Florinda† y Familia Campos
 Pablo y Gloria Acosta (46th Wedding
 Anniversary)

2PM Hortencia Ortiz Cerda†

Consuelo Maciel (Thanksgiving)

5PM Humberto Perez†

Leopoldo y Socorro (Salud)

Monday, December 7

8:30AM Gabriel y Enrique Garcia† y Familia
 Familia Acosta (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, December 8

8:30AM Josefa & John Mendoca†

Bertha Caballero (Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, December 9

8:30AM Eduardo Medina†

Martin Iglesias (Thanksgiving)

Thursday, December 10

8:30AM Eduardo Medina†

Pedro Luis Reinozo (8th Birthday)

Friday, December 11

8:30AM Eduardo Medina†

Saturday, December 12

5PM

Sunday, December 13

8AM Henry Ehler†

10AM Jesse Fuentes†

12PM Marcelina y Jose Luis Morales†

2PM Eduardo Medina†

5PM Berzabe Anaya†

Simbang Gabi Starts Tuesday Dec 15th

The Filipino Community of St. Anthony will be celebrating their traditional Christmas Novena: "Simbang Gabi". Nine days of Masses starting Dec 15th through Dec 23rd at 7PM. These Masses will be only "livestreamed" on St. Anthony's Facebook page and YouTube channel. If you wish to be a Mass Sponsor or have Mass Intentions please contact Emma Arcayena (925) 325-5249 or Florrie Brice (925) 354-0107.

2020 Bishop's Appeal

There is still time to make your pledge or gift as the Appeal continues through the end of the year. Bishop Michael C. Barber continues the theme of *Rebuild My Church* for the 2020 Bishop's Appeal. To give now visit www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page

Submissions to the Sunday Bulletin

Deadline by noon on Monday, six (6) days prior to the desired Sunday of publication. Send files to stanthonybulletineditor@gmail.com or call Michael Maeda, (925) 451-6883.

Second Sunday of Advent

In 2020, we heard plenty of voices speaking out and sharing their opinions, but many of those words were not comforting or hope-filled. Sometimes, it was hard to know which expert or “instant expert” to listen to, and it is still difficult to hope as we struggle to regain our balance as a nation and as a Church. The Word of God offers us peace this day. All our readings remind us of a faithful God who always keeps the promises made. Isaiah prophesied about the end of Jerusalem’s time away from God, and the Psalm speaks of “seeing God’s kindness and hearing what God proclaims.” Second Peter explains that God’s timing may not be the same as ours, but good things await those who are alert. In the Gospel, John the Baptist reiterates and completes the prophecy of Isaiah by laying the groundwork and preparing the way for those who await the coming of the Messiah.

THE BEGINNING

With COVID-19, much time is spent wondering “where did it start?” or “who passed it on to whom?” Though science can tell us much there are many unanswered questions. Today’s Gospel is about as concrete as sacred scripture gets. We know this is the beginning of the Gospel of Mark, which was the first Gospel to be written down in about 70 AD. Unlike Luke and John, Mark does not begin with an infancy narrative of Jesus. He starts by proclaiming the prophecy of Isaiah. This section was written six hundred years before Christ, in another time of great upheaval, as the Israelites were displaced from their homeland during the Babylonian Exile. The first words of Isaiah 40 are “Comfort, comfort, my people.” John the Baptist starts by explaining he is the go-between, sent to “Prepare the way.”

DON’T SHOOT THE MESSENGER

While proclaiming the coming Christ is a thing of joy, John’s words are also harsh, reminding us to repent and prepare. People were threatened by them two thousand years ago, and some still are today. People can hear them and be turned off by “fire and brimstone,” and none of us like to be told what to do. But think about it. This year, we have all engaged in social distancing and endured hardships to protect our families and others.

Similarly, when you have company coming, you do house cleaning, meal prep, and lots of things to make the place ready for the arrival of your guests—necessary preparation. So we as individuals must make ourselves ready for the coming Christ to reside in us. This may mean repenting for sins, seeking the sacrament of penance, or taking time with a spiritual director. Perhaps it means carving out more times and places for Christ to be born in our hearts or taking on another spiritual practice. Maybe it means simply doing what the psalm asked and using our eyes and ears and mind and heart to seek Christ.

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Schedule of Events Horario de Eventos

All Parish events have been suspended, canceled or postponed by Bishop Barber as we are ordered to “Shelter in Place” to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19. This Order will continue to be in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer by Order of the Contra Costa County Public Health Officer.

St. Anthony Church Hours

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is on Friday from 8PM to 10PM in the Church. Confessions are on Saturday from 3:30PM to 4:30PM or by appointment. Wear face masks and observe social distancing.

St. Anthony Church will be open:

Monday through Friday 9AM to 5PM

Saturday 3PM to 5PM Sunday 2PM to 5PM

All Masses Moved Back into the Plaza

As of 18 November, Mass in English will be at 10AM. Mass in Spanish will be at 12PM. 10AM and 12PM Mass will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. Mass will be in the Plaza under the tent. Register upon arrival. Communion will be at the end of Mass. For those who participated on livestream, Communion will be from 1:30PM to 2PM in the Plaza. Observe social distancing and face mask guidelines.

Giving Made Simple

During this time when our public Mass is suspended, please continue to offer your support to St. Anthony with your monetary gifts. These gifts allow us to pay our bills. Please continue giving to the Sunday collection basket by using GIVE+; the online way of giving. Visit the St. Anthony website and click on the pull down “About” and click “Online Giving”. Sign up for your account today and continue giving. Or you may drop your Sunday envelope(s) in the U.S. Mailbox in the front by the Church entrance. You decide how to give, but please continue to give.

Safe Environment – Diocese of Oakland

Diablo Live Scan (fingerprinting) will be in Padua Hall on Saturday, December 12, 2020 from 9:30AM to 10:30AM. Bring CA ID for identification. There is no cost to volunteers. All volunteers with direct, ongoing contact with children or vulnerable adults must be live scanned (fingerprinted) and cleared through the Department of Justice. All new employees and volunteers must train on Virtus prior to beginning work. Everyone must retrain in Safe Environment every 3 years according to their own due date. For more information call Florrie Brice at (925) 354-0107 or the Parish Office at (925) 625-2048.

From the Most Reverend Bishop Michael Barber

On November 18, 2020, Bishop Barber issued the following statement about revised protocols for attending liturgies and reception of Holy Communion:

OAKLAND – Catholic parishes in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, which constitute the Diocese of Oakland, have revised their protocols for Catholics to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion, effective immediately.

“Our first consideration since this crisis began has always been the spiritual and physical health of our faithful. We rely on medical professionals and government requirements to inform our decisions,” Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, wrote when issuing the guidelines. The guidelines apply to Masses, weddings, funerals, baptisms, confirmation, quinceañeras and other sacraments and rituals.

No indoor services with a congregation are allowed. Parishes are encouraged to keep churches open for individual, private prayer, outside of scheduled services.

The diocese recommends that parishes livestream Masses (more information here) to their parishioners. Other acceptable options are to hold services outdoors, with individuals following county health requirements by being masked and standing or sitting at least six feet apart; or outdoor services with parishioners remaining in their cars. Details for all three options have been provided to parish pastors and staff.

“The safest option, by far, is to livestream Masses, and encourage the faithful to make a ‘spiritual communion’ from home,” Bishop Barber advised parish leadership.

Bishop Barber has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice, and the distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended indefinitely.

In a letter to the faithful released Nov. 18, and published in The Catholic Voice, the diocesan newspaper, Bishop Barber encouraged Catholics to rediscover the concept of “domestic church.” “Your home is a holy place. Worship the Lord there,” he wrote.

Administrators for diocesan schools are reviewing the counties’ guidelines; decisions regarding whether instruction will be in-person or online will be made by the individual schools. “We have always emphasized a measured and balanced approach, taking the county recommendations as our lead, and working closely with the faculty, staff and parent community in our decision making,” explained Kathleen Radecke, superintendent of schools. “We have always prioritized the health and safety of our faculty, staff and students and that remains our focus.

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Olga Ramos
Rocco Vicente Reyes
Rolando Abad
Ron Dion
Stella Benitez
Teri Hernandez
Tony Rodriguez
Virginia Pickell

Our Men and Women of the military services.
Names are removed periodically. If you wish to add a loved one, please call the office at 625-2048.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish office of any parishioner who is ill or infirm to request a visit, to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick or Communion at home, hospital or assisted living facility.

Live Stream Mass

Sunday Live Stream Mass will be at 8AM (English) and 10AM (Español). Come to the Plaza between Padua Hall and the Church to receive Holy Communion after the Live Stream Spanish Mass or 11:30AM to 12PM. Observe social distancing and face mask guidelines.

Columbiettes and The Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project offers hope and assistance to any woman experiencing a crisis pregnancy. The Project is accepting donations: monetary donations, diapers, baby wipes, gently used baby clothes (NB to 2T) and fabric to make blankets. Donations may be dropped off now until Dec 15th at St. Anthony Parish Office or at 570 Norcross Lane, Oakley.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Food Pantry

Open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday from 8:30AM to 10:30AM in the Hall. If you need food outside of these dates call (925) 325-7424.

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Segundo Domingo de Adviento

EL PRINCIPIO

Debido al COVID-19, se dedica demasiado tiempo a preguntarse “¿dónde comenzó?” o “¿quién se lo contagió a quién?” Aunque la ciencia tiene mucho que decirnos hay muchas preguntas que no se han respondido. El Evangelio de hoy es tan concreto como lo son las Escrituras. Sabemos que este es el principio del Evangelio de Marcos, del que se cree fue el primero que fue escrito por ahí del año 70 DC. A diferencia de Lucas y Mateo, Marcos no empieza con una narrativa de la infancia de Jesús. Él comienza proclamando la profecía de Isaías. Esa parte de Isaías fue escrita seiscientos años antes de Cristo, en otro tiempo de gran cambio, cuando los israelitas fueron desplazados del territorio que habitaban y llevados al exilio en Babilonia. Las primeras palabras en Isaías 40 son: “Consuelen, consuelen a mi pueblo”. Juan el Bautista comienza explicando que él es el intermediario, enviado a “preparar el camino”.

NO DISPARES AL MENSAJERO

Si bien proclamar la venida del Cristo es una cosa de alegría, las palabras de Juan también son duras, nos recuerdan que nos arrepintamos y nos preparemos. Hace dos mil años, para algunas personas esas palabras fueron una amenaza y también lo siguen siendo para otras hoy en día. Las personas pueden escucharlas y ser apagadas por “el fuego y el azufre”, y a ninguno de nosotros nos gusta que nos digan qué hacer. Pero piensen en ello. Este año, todos nos hemos involucrado en el distanciamiento social y hemos soportado dificultades para proteger a nuestras familias y a otros.

Del mismo modo, cuando tienes compañía, limpias tu casa, preparas una comida y haces muchas otras cosas para preparar tu casa para la llegada de tus invitados, la preparación es necesaria. Así que como individuos debemos prepararnos para la llegada de Cristo a vivir en nosotros. Esto puede significar arrepentirse de los pecados, acudir al Sacramento de la Reconciliación o dedicar un tiempo con un director espiritual. Tal vez signifique desear más momentos y lugares para que Cristo nazca en nuestros corazones o buscar otra devoción espiritual. Quizá significa sencillamente hacer lo que el salmo nos pide y usar nuestros ojos, oídos, mente y corazón para buscar a Cristo.

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CELEBRACION

3-11
Diciembre

Novena
6:30 pm
Vía Facebook Live.

Triduo
Misa Bilingüe^{LS}
7:00 pm
En la Plaza

9-11
Diciembre

Mañanitas
5:30 am-Plaza

Misa Bilingüe^{LS}
12:00 pm -Plaza

Misa en Español
5:30 pm- Plaza

12 sábado
Diciembre

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La Oficina Parroquial Reabre Sus Puertas

A partir de ya, la Oficina Parroquial está abierta de 9 a.m. a 12 p.m. y 1 p.m. a 6 p.m., de lunes, miércoles y viernes. Por favor, toque el timbre al llegar. Solo dos personas a la vez dentro de la oficina. Use su mascarilla. Practique el distanciamiento social. Llame al (925) 625-2048 para más preguntas.

Dar se ha hecho mas Simple

Durante este tiempo cuando nuestra Misa pública se han suspendido debido al coronavirus COVID-19, continúe ofreciendo su apoyo a San Antonio con sus donaciones monetarias. Sus aportaciones nos permiten pagar nuestras deudas. Por favor continúe dando su colecta dominical usando Give+; la nueva forma de dar en línea; donde dando se hace simple. Descargue la aplicación gratuita Give+ de la App Store o visite el sitio web de San Antonio en www.stanthonyoakley.com y haga clic en el menú “About Us” y después en “Online Giving”. Abra su cuenta hoy y siga aportando. También puede depositar sus sobres de la colecta dominical en el buzón de correo localizado en la parte de enfrente de la iglesia cerca de la puerta principal.

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