

# SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Welcome / Bienvenidos

December 29, 2019

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

### SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day.

Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

**Gospel** — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

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29 de diciembre de 2019

*La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José*

### SALVACIÓN EN LA VIDA DIARIA

Este domingo es la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia que cae en el primer domingo después del Día de Navidad. La fiesta de hoy celebra cómo la humanidad de Jesús (incluso toda su familia) ha dado significado salvífico a los quehaceres diarios de nuestra propia vida familiar.

Las lecturas ofrecen instrucción y aliento sobre cómo compartir—dentro de nuestras familias, en la familia de la parroquia y en la más amplia familia humana— el amor que Dios comparte con nosotros en Jesús. Selecciones de Eclesiástico, del salmo 128 (127), y colosenses nos alientan a ser reflejo del amor divino y así encontrar la santidad en todas nuestras relaciones humanas. La lectura del Evangelio según Mateo ofrece un ejemplo vivo de amor en las medidas que José tomó para proteger a su joven familia del peligro y para que creciera dentro de la gran familia de fe de su época.

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### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Los que honran a sus padres recibirán bendiciones y pagarán sus pecados (Eclesiástico 3:2-6, 12-14).

**Salmo** — Dichoso el que teme al Señor, y sigue sus caminos (Salmo 128 [127]).

**Segunda lectura** — Vivan una vida de amor sincero, sean agradecidos, hagan todo en el nombre del Señor Jesús; vivan en armonía (Colosenses 3:12-21).

**Evangelio** — José tomó a María y al niño de noche y se fueron a Egipto para escapar la persecución de Herodes (Mateo 2:13-15, 19-23).

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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.

## Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, December 28  
 5PM Henry F. Ehler†  
 Ronald Vail (Health)

Sunday, December 29  
 8AM Benjamin Barman†  
 10AM Betty Pato†  
 Fr. Rafael Hinojosa (†Birthday†)  
 12PM Raul, Florinda y Familia Campos†  
 2PM Miguel Angel Plascencia†  
 5PM Evaristo, Juanita, Lucia Orozco†

Monday, December 30  
 8:30AM Humberto Perez†  
 Francisco Umana (Health)

Tuesday, December 31  
 8:30AM Henry Ehler†

Wednesday, January 1 *Holy Day of Obligation*  
*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*  
 10AM Cesar, Vicente, Rufina Robinos†  
 12PM Maria Toribio y Fortino Montoya†

Thursday, January 2  
 8:30AM Miguel Rodriguez (Special Intention)

Friday, January 3  
 8:30AM Gloria del Lazo†  
 Familia de Maria Rodriguez (Special Intention)

Saturday, January 4  
 8:30AM Henry F. Ehler†  
 5PM For the People

Sunday, January 5  
 8AM Felix Jr., Felix Sr. y Regina Villamor†  
 10AM Henry Ehler†  
 Fr. Rafael Hinojosa (†Birthday†)  
 12PM Maria Guadalupe, Manuel y Carlos Ramirez†  
 2PM Frances Sancen-Long†  
 5PM Jose Garcia†

### CONFESSION / CONFESION

Saturday / Sábado 3:30PM—4:30PM or by appointment

### MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

Monday-Friday 8:30AM (Bilingual)  
 Saturday / Sábado 5:00PM (English)  
 Sunday / Domingo 8:00AM, 10:00AM (English)  
 12:00PM, 2:00PM, 5:00PM (Español)  
 Holy Day of Obligation 8:30AM, 7:00PM  
 First Saturday 8:30AM

### DEVOTIONS

Mother of God, Virgin Mary  
 1st Saturday of the Month 8:00AM Rosary  
 8:30AM Mass

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday of the Month 8:00PM—11:00PM

### HOLY CROSS CEMETERY AND FUNERAL CENTER 2200 East 18th Street, Antioch, (925) 757-0658

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

### Safe Environment

All employees and volunteers who work with children must be live scan printed and cleared prior to beginning service. There are no exceptions. Any new employee or volunteer MUST complete Safe Environment training within one week of beginning work.

### Clergy Sexual Abuse

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

### Sunday Collection

December 15, 2019

Plate: \$6,478.91

Parish Utilities: \$2,682.00

Thank you for your generous support.

Gracias por su generoso apoyo.

### Second Collection Schedule

December 29 Grounds Maintenance

January 5 Diocesan Assessment

### Help Beautify the Sanctuary with Flowers

Donate flowers to decorate our Sanctuary. Call the church office at (925) 625-2048 for more information.

### Parish Office New Year's Holiday Hours

The Parish Office will close at 2PM on New Year's Eve and will close on Wednesday, 1 January 2020 for the New Year's Day Holiday. The office will reopen on Thursday, 2 January 2020 at 9AM.

### Submissions to the Sunday Bulletin

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

### Church Bulletin Board Postings

The bulletin board in the church vestibule for important information concerning our faith and civic community.

## *The Feast of the Holy Family*

It seems appropriate that we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph during the Christmas season, just after families have gathered for Christmas, frequently with stress over gift-giving, travel drama, and the intricacies of meal preparation for people with their various dietary needs and preferences. Today's readings ask us to put family and life in their sacred and holy perspective. When we take care of aging parents we care for Christ, who is with all and in all. When we approach one another with compassion, kindness, gentleness, and patience, we communicate Christ's love. Even when the Lord leads in ways we cannot quite appreciate or understand, we must follow God's will, knowing that in doing so, we cooperate with God's grace in our midst. Every family is called to be a holy family.

### **YOUR HOLY FAMILY**

Families come in all shapes and sizes. When asked to describe your family, you might begin by telling people about a parent, sibling, or extended family members. You might even describe what you have learned from a genealogical study. You are unlikely, however, no matter how wonderful your family may be, to describe your family as "holy." And yet, this is our primary call. Each of us as people of God, and each of our families, is called to be holy. We are called to live as God's people in the world, to communicate God's love and presence through the way that we live together and in relationship with others. Every family, no matter what their circumstances, is called to be a holy family. Even Mary, Joseph, and Jesus faced challenges and trials. And yet they rose to the occasion, listened to and followed God's will, and were assured of the love of the Lord through it all.

### **LISTEN TO YOUR ANGEL**

Have you ever found yourself at a crossroads? One direction may be momentarily advantageous or easy, another more challenging but right or good. It is not always easy to know which direction to choose. Discerning our path of life necessarily involves prayer, the guidance of others whom we trust, and the promptings of the Holy Spirit within us. The example of the Holy Family is that they followed the will of God, trusting in God's abiding presence even when they knew that doing so involved risk and uncertainty. Mary trusted the voice of the angel, although the message was beyond comprehension; Joseph listened to the voice of the Lord in dreams and proceeded, assured of God's guiding spirit in the midst of troubling circumstances. This is what our families must do as well. Being Christian people in today's world is not always easy, even when we know it is right. This is the meaning of holiness. This is what it means to be a holy family.

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## **Schedule of Events Horario de Eventos**

Saturday, December 28

Sunday, December 29

10AM Legion de Maria /M

Monday, December 30

Tuesday, December 31 *New Year's Eve*

Wednesday, January 1 *Holy Day of Obligation*

Thursday, January 2

7PM RCIA, RCIC, RICA

Friday, January 3

7PM Spanish Youth /M

Saturday, January 4

Sunday, January 5

8AM Guadalupe Breakfast /M

10AM Legion de Maria /M

/M=Modular

### **2019 Bishop's Appeal at 87.5% of Goal**

Thank you to those who have contributed. Please help St. Anthony reach our goal of 100%. Contribute today. Use the envelopes in the vestibule or online @ <https://www.oakdiocese.org/giving/bishops-appeal/bishop-appeal-donation-page>

### **Email and Text Scam Involving Priests**

Please be aware of ongoing phishing scams involving emails and texts purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff. Sending emails or texts asking for cash or gifts cards is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Oakland seeks financial assistance for our work. If you receive an email or text from a trusted church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do not respond to the email or text. The FBI website address to file an online Internet crime complaint is <https://www.ic3.gov>.

### **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](http://www.virtusonline.org) For questions please call Florrie Brice at (925) 354-0107.

### **St. Vincent de Paul St. Anthony Conference**

If you need assistance, would like to volunteer or donate, contact the St. Vincent de Paul St. Anthony Conference at 925-325-7424. The St. Anthony Conference of St. Vincent de Paul provides person-to-person service of time, talent, and resources by providing various forms of assistance which may include food, clothes, furniture, housing assistance, and referrals to other professional agencies through home or church-based visits.

## A Year End Letter from Fr. Rafael

Dear parishioners here at St Anthony's Community, as we reach another year finale, let us first rejoice in God's delight through the many blessings he bestowed upon us and in his goodness doing us good. I want to Thank you for your faithful and generous support to the life of this growing community. We have seen some dear ones move away and others have been called into the presence of the Lord but also new friends have join us and if you are one of them, we welcome you, as we often see new faces coming to celebrate the beauty and life in the Sacraments here at St Anthony; and in humble faith we too celebrate in the joys and sorrows that makes us live and grow strong .

To all of you who have tirelessly worked in the many ministries and events here in our parish—thank you for seeking not your own interests, but those of Jesus Christ, as you have labored so faithfully in making the Kingdom of God a more tangible reality among us. I pray, may He renew your strength and fill you with joy and peace as you continue to hope and serve in him.

I always thank God for all of you in my prayers, and in many ways you continue to be a gift to me as you show your appreciation too, with gift cards, a homemade soup, a meal shared at your home, a thank you, birthday or Christmas cards. Please allow me to repeat as I said last year, even though, all of those things are great and I thank you all the more for them, but what really makes me be grateful to the Lord and truly reminds me of your appreciation for my priesthood and His church is whenever I see you growing in your relationship to Christ.

A parish community as well as a family, is like a garden of continual growth. We are called to plow, sow, water, and reap in a cycle that does not end until Christ returns. I believed there is no “we have arrived” or even “we are comfortable”; but a constant journey towards the Lord; therefore as we began a New Year, I have high hopes for the future of our Parish as we continue growing in which we all together should pursue our common mission of holiness and one in Christ.

May the peace of God be with us in all that we do here in our parish and in your family life. May the grace of our Lord Jesus, God's anointed, Emmanuel be with you all.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Rafael Hinojosa*

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## Please Pray For/Oremos Por

Deacon Joe Tovar  
Andrea Spindler  
Antonio Velasquez  
Barbara Tallabas  
Bebit Belotendos  
Ben Patrick Andres  
Bersabe Anaya  
Bev Rossi  
Blanca Del Real  
Carlos Ortega  
Cassandra McGee  
Charleen Johnson  
Danny Luna, Jr.  
Danny Luna, Sr.  
Darryl Grant



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Rosa Balaoing  
Stacy Crompton  
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Steven Vargas  
Teri Hernandez  
Tony Rodriguez  
Vincent Diaz

Our Men and Women of the military services.

*If you wish to add or remove 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.

### January 1: Holy Day of Obligation

On New Year's Day, Wednesday, 1 January 2020 we observe the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows: 10AM and 12PM, note there is no 8:30AM Mass.

### FORMED.org — An Online Faith Website

St. Anthony is a subscriber of FORMED.org  
Access with our Parish Code: HNDWBY

## *Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia*

### **LA FIESTA DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA**

Hay familias de todos tipos y tamaños. Cuando se pide que describas a tu familia, quizá empieces hablando acerca de uno de tus papás, un hermano u otros familiares. Más aun, podrías describir lo que has conocido de tus antepasados. Podría ser poco probable, sin importar lo maravilloso que tu familia pueda ser, que describas a tu familia como “sagrada”. Sin embargo, eso es a lo que estamos llamados en primer lugar. Cada uno de nosotros como personas de Dios, y cada una de nuestras familias, está llamada a ser santa. Estamos llamados a llevar una vida como el pueblo de Dios en el mundo, para comunicar el amor de Dios y su presencia por medio de la forma en que vivimos juntos y en relación con los demás. Cada familia, sin importar sus circunstancias, está llamada a ser una familia sagrada. Incluso María, José y Jesús enfrentaron desafíos y dificultades. Aun así, se levantaron de esas circunstancias, escucharon, hicieron la voluntad de Dios y se pusieron en sus manos asegurándose del amor del Dios en todo esto.

### **ESCUCHA A TU ÁNGEL**

¿Alguna vez te ha tocado estar en un cruce de caminos? Una dirección al principio podría ofrecer más ventajas, la otra podría tener más desafíos, aunque buenas y correctas. No siempre es fácil saber cuál camino elegir. Discernir nuestro camino en la vida necesariamente requiere de oración, la guía de otros en quienes confiamos y los movimientos del Espíritu Santo dentro de nosotros. El ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia es que siguió la voluntad de Dios poniéndose en sus manos, confiando en la presencia permanente de Dios, incluso sabiendo que al hacerlo se ponían en la incertidumbre y en riesgo. María confió en la voz del ángel, aunque el mensaje estaba más allá de la comprensión; José escuchó la voz del Señor en sueños y procedió, confiado de la guía del espíritu de Dios en medio de circunstancias preocupantes. Esto es lo que nuestras familias también deben hacer. Ser personas cristianas en el mundo de hoy no siempre es fácil, incluso cuando sabemos lo que es correcto. Este es el significado de la santidad. Esto es lo que significa ser una familia sagrada.

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### **Segunda Colecta**

29 de Diciembre      Mantenimiento de terrenos  
5 de Enero          Impuestos A La Diocesis

### ***Apoye a nuestros patrocinadores***

Cuyos anuncios hacen posible este boletín.

## **Padre Rafael Carta Final del Año 2019**

Queridos feligreses de la Comunidad de San Antonio, nos vamos acercando al final de otro año, pero regocijémonos primero antes que nada en el deleite de Dios a través de las muchas bendiciones que nos ha otorgado y en su bondad que nos hace bien. Quiero agradecerles por su fiel y generoso apoyo a la vida de esta comunidad que sigue creciendo. Hemos visto a algunos seres queridos alejarse y otros han sido llamados a la presencia del Señor, pero también nuevos amigos se han unido a nosotros y si usted es uno de ellos, le damos la bienvenida, ya que a menudo vemos caras nuevas para celebrar la belleza y la vida en los Sacramentos aquí en San Antonio; y con humilde fe, nosotros también celebramos las alegrías y las penas que nos hacen vivir y crecer en fortaleza.

A todos ustedes que han trabajado incansablemente en los muchos ministerios y eventos aquí en nuestra parroquia, gracias, gracias por buscar no sus propios intereses, sino los de Jesucristo, ya que han trabajado tan fielmente para hacer del Reino de Dios una realidad más tangible y cercana entre nosotros. Le pido a Dios, que Él renueve sus fuerzas y los llene de alegría y paz mientras continúan esperando y sirviendo en Él.

De manera constante le doy gracias a Dios por todos ustedes en mis oraciones, que de muchas maneras continúan siendo un regalo para mí, aun mas cuando me demuestran su aprecio con tarjetas de regalo, con una sopa hecha en casa, compartiendo la comida en su hogar, un agradecimiento, un cumpleaños o tarjetas de navidad. Permítanme repetir lo que dije el año pasado, aunque todas esas cosas son geniales y se las agradezco bastante, lo que realmente me hace estar agradecido al Señor y realmente me recuerda su aprecio por mi sacerdocio y Su iglesia es cada vez que los veo crecer en su relación con Cristo.

Una comunidad parroquial, así como una familia, es como un jardín que crece continuamente; estamos llamados a arar, sembrar, regar y cosechar en un ciclo que no termina hasta que Cristo regrese. Creo que no hay un “hemos llegado” o incluso un “estamos cómodos”, sino en la fe es un viaje constante hacia el Señor; por lo tanto, al comenzar un Año Nuevo, a medida que continuamos creciendo tengo grandes esperanzas para el futuro de nuestra Parroquia en el cual todos juntos debemos perseguir nuestra misión común de santidad y de ser uno en Cristo.

Que la paz de Dios esté con nosotros en todo lo que hacemos aquí en nuestra parroquia y en su vida familiar. Que la gracia de nuestro Señor Jesús, el ungido de Dios, Emanuel esté con todos ustedes.

Su servidor en Cristo,

*Padre Rafael Hinojosa*

