

4th Sunday of Advent



Blessed is the fruit of your womb.

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St. Antoninus Church

December 22, 2024

Sunday Mass: 8AM in Rectory; 10 AM in Church

(Sunday Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 9-10AM)

Confession Available: Sundays 9-9:45AM (in church) Also available after daily noon Mass.

1st Friday 2-5PM, 1st Sat. 2-3PM

Daily Mass: Tues. thru Sat. noon (Guadalupe Chapel)

RCIA: Sundays after the 10AM Mass in the Rectory.

Bible Study: Tuesdays 8PM in the Rectory (Zoom & in person)

Real Love Ministries Prayer Group: Last Saturday of month, 5-7 PM

First Friday Devotions: Sacred Heart Mass Noon, Alliance of 2 Hearts 2-5PM Rectory Chapel

First Saturday: 2PM Adoration & Immaculate Heart Devotions. 3PM Chaplet & Healing Mass

Divine Adoration Prayer Group: Saturdays at 3-6PM except 1st Sat. in person & live-streamed.

Daily Rosary: 7PM (Zoom) 6:30 PM Fridays during Lent.

Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays 7:45PM Rectory Chapel (Zoom & in person)

Adoration: Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel Tues. through Sat. 9AM-8PM. Contact for code.

Bereavement Ministry: Contact Evelyn Matos at 201-213-2421 for any needed assistance.

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Mass Intentions & Readings

Note: Mass Stipends are \$10



Sunday: 12/22/2024 Parishioners & Friends of St. A's
 Monday: 12/23/2024 St. John of Kanty
 Tuesday 12/24/2024
 Wednesday 12/25/2024 NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 Thursday 12/26/2024 St. Stephen
 Friday 12/27/2024 St. John the Apostle Fr. Charles Martin 1Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1-8
 Saturday 12/28/2024 The Holy Innocents Fr. Charles Martin 1Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18

Pray for the souls of: Anthony Ankinwuntan, Felicidad Ruaya

Pray for healing for: Alice Murray, John Paul Meagher, Rosemary Joseph, Marie-Jo Anatus, Georgina & Norbert Aminzia, Botolere Vertil, Horace Victor, Fr. Louis, Teresa Disla, Rebecca Faith Lupetkin, Mary Ann & George McGehrin, Richard Ikwuegbu, Rupert & Christabel Joseph, Veronica Enechukwu, Carmen Weiner, JoAnn & John Aliotta, Charlene Okafor, Darwin Rigel, Femi & Steven Kuye, Lina Dienhoue, Chimenzie Igwe, Patricia Nnanabu, Caden Frazier, Eric Augustus, Sonie Paillere, Cameron Julien, John Carney, Christine McSpedon, Jack Scullen, Craig Anderson, Mariette Baspin, Patrick Ikemi, Gabriel Ndinechi, Jean Claude & Marie Jean Bart, Cecil Joseph, Myra Zapata, Andrina Sorhaindo

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: Today Dec. 22nd after the 10AM Mass.

YOUTH LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR for teens 14-19 will be Mar. 15-16 but the shepherding, a very important preparation for the actual weekend, will start Jan. 24. A shepherd will be assigned to each teen to guide & support them through the whole process. It is FREE, not an overnight & every teen needs to experience a close encounter with God as He is choosing them now & will call them to usher in the new Pentecost that will follow after the needed purification to prepare our souls to receive it. Get a flier & sign them up on line at bldnewark.com Instructions are on the flier.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 8PM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 10AM

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK PARTY Friday Dec. 27 at 7PM



NEW YEAR'S EVE 8pm Confessions, Adoration Chaplet, Rosary. Mass at 10PM. Potluck after Mass.

Tithe: Dec. 15, 2024 \$1714.00

Building Fund \$2479 .00

Harvest: \$.00

SUNDAY: Mass at 8AM in rectory. 9AM Adoration & Mass:10AM in church. For live stream go to <https://www.youtube.com/> Enter Saint Antoninus on search.

DAILY MASS: Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.: Noon in the Guadalupe Chapel. 1st Fri: noon in the rectory.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Tuesday 8PM. In person & Zoom. In rectory. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82383869993?>
 Pwd: =UWxIQUiLRn11cE9mZk4yZTZFQWxoZz09 Meeting ID: 82383869993 Pass Code: Rosary
 One tap mobile:+13126266799,,8283869993#US

ROSARY: Daily 7PM Zoom same link as above.

PRAYER MEETING 7:45PM in person in Rectory & Zoom. Same link as above.

DIVINE ADORATION MEETING: Wed. Prayer 6PM OLG Chapel. Thursday Healing Prayer 7:30PM, Sat. 3-6PM in person & live streamed. Go to <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/divineadoration> to download the app. ID: divineadoration. Or dial in at 978-990-5403 Access code: 169025#

REAL LOVE MINISTRIES: Last Saturday 5-7PM, meets in different venues & ZOOM
<https://zoom.us/j/2919282319> Meeting ID: 291 928 2319 One tap mobile:+16468769923,,2919282319# To download flier for month's speaker, go to <https://realloveministries.org/>

MEN'S MINISTRY: Every Saturday 8AM Praise & Worship, 9AM Breakfast & Fellowship in the rectory.
Come & bring men with you. Time is short!

BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVED.....

...& because she believed, she brought the second Person of the Blessed Trinity into the world. The power of belief, the power of faith triumphs over all & intimates the power of the Father Who existed all alone until He decided to create the world. *He thought of it, willed it, spoke the word & so made it. It came into being instantaneously. At a moment of His own choosing, God manifested His Word & through Him, He made the whole universe. Then God made Him visible to the created world, then He sent His own mind into the world as its Lord. This mind that entered the world was made known as the Son of God.* (St. Hippolytus)

And He is adamant about the order of things as He passed them on to His disciples commissioning them & their descendants to go out & preach the Good News baptizing all in the name of the Holy Trinity. Woe to those who don't do it.

Those who know the Lord, yet refuse to proclaim His greatness & sanctify His name to the limit of their power, will be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven. (Venerable Bede) So much silence from the chosen descendants in the world today yet He makes known His anger which in His mercy He restrains....for now.

For the sake of My name, I restrain my anger, for the sake of My renown I hold it back from you lest I should destroy you. See, I have refined you like silver, tested you in the furnace of affliction. For My sake, for My sake, I do this; why should I suffer profanation? My glory I will NOT give to another. (Is. 48:11)

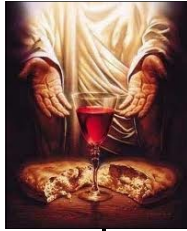
And then the Son of Man came & took on our humanity so He could reconcile it with its Creator. *He came to overthrow the devil in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind. He brought us new life with Christ so that in Him we might be a NEW CREATION. Let us throw off our old nature & as we have come to birth in Christ. Remember your own dignity now that you SHARE in God's OWN NATURE. By the sacrament of Baptism, you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit.* (St. Leo the Great) We have been invited to share in His divinity!

HE CAME & SHE SAW....

I looked at Him & saw Him as a tiny little baby of rare & enrapturing beauty. From all of His humanity came the most refulgent rays of light but extended so much as to be able to wound each heart of creature, almost to give them the first greeting of His coming on earth—the first knock, to knock at the hearts to have them open & ask for shelter in them. The knock was sweet but penetrating. So on that night all felt something unusual in their hearts but very few were those who opened their hearts to give Him a little accommodation. And the tender infant, in feeling Himself unrequited in His greeting & that no one was opening at His repeated knocking began His crying with His lips livid & shivering with cold. He sobbed, wailed & sighed & threw Himself into the maternal arms of His mother to give her the first embrace, the first kiss. And since His little arms could not reach to em-



brace her completely, the light which came out of His little hands surrounded all of her in such a way that Mother & Son remained invested with the same light. Oh! how the Queen Mama requited her Son with her embrace & kiss in such a way that they remained clasped to each other as to seem fused. With her love she compensated for the first rejection which Jesus received from the hearts of creatures & the charming little Baby placed His first act of being born, His graces, His first sorrow, in the heart of His Mama so that what was seen in the Son could be seen in His Mama. (Jesus to Luisa Piccarreta, Book of Heaven, Dec. 25, 1926)



ST. ANTONINUS CHURCH CALENDAR

DECEMBER, 2024

JESUS IS LORD TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday of Advent 8AM Mass 9AM Adoration 10AM Mass	2 7PM Rosary	3 Noon Mass 8PM Scripture Study 7PM Rosary	4 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 7:45 Prayer Meeting	5 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary	6 1st Friday Noon Mass in rectory 2PM Devotions to Sacred Heart 7PM Rosary	7 8AM Men's Min. Noon Mass 2PM 1st Sat. Devotion 3PM Healing Mass
8 2nd Sunday of Advent 8AM Mass 9AM Adoration 10AM Mass 7PM Rosary	9 Solemnity of Imm. Conception Holy Day of Obligation Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 8PM Mass	10 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 8PM Scripture Study	11 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 7:45PM Prayer Meeting	12 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 Noon Mass 7:30 PM Spanish Healing Mass 7PM Rosary	14 8AM Men's Min. 10 AM talk on IOC in convent. Noon Mass Div. Adoration 3-6PM
15 3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday 8AM Mass 9AM Adoration 10 AM Mass 2PM Friary Christmas Play 7PM Rosary	16 7PM Rosary	17 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 8PM Scripture Study	18 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 7:45 Prayer Meeting	19 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary	20 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary	21 8AM Men's Min. Noon Mass Spanish LSS 7PM Rosary
22 4th Sunday of Advent 8AM Mass 9AM Adoration 10AM Mass Spanish LSS 7PM Rosary	23 7PM Rosary	24 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary Christmas Eve 8PM Mass	25 Christmas Day 10AM Mass 	26 Noon Mass 7 PM Rosary	27 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary	28 8AM Men's Min. Noon Mass 7PM Rosary
29 Feast of the Holy Family 8AM Mass 9AM Adoration 10AM Mass 7PM Rosary	30 7PM Rosary	31 Noon Mass New Years Eve 8PM Adoration & Confessions 10PM Mass Midnight Food & Fellowship	1 New Years Day Solemnity Mother of God Holy Day of obligation 9am Adoration 10 AM Mass 7PM Rosary	2	3	4

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any & all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious & lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage any one with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others & provide support to victim of sexual abuse. Although we will report all allegations of abuse immediately to the appropriate County Prosecutor, we encourage anyone with an allegation also to reach out to the Prosecutor. Individuals who report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child & Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256. The phone number for the County Prosecutors within the Archdiocese is (973) 753-1121.