



St. Anthony of Padua  
Catholic Church  
Temperance, Michigan

Second Sunday of Advent (*New, Trad.*)  
"THE ANTONIAN" † December 10, 2023  
*St. Anthony of Padua, Our Patron and Intercessor,  
Pray for Us!*



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**Weekend Mass Schedule - Lumen Christi Parishes**

**Saturday** (Sunday Vigil): 4:30pm: OL Mt. Carmel

**Sunday:** 7:30am St Joseph; 9:00am St. Anthony-Eng.; 10:00am OLMC;  
10:30am St. Joseph; 12:00pm St. Anthony

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

Monday: 9:00am - OLMC  
 Tuesday: 9:00am - St. Anthony - Eng.  
 Wednesday 9:00am - St. Joseph  
 Thursday: 7:00pm - St. Anthony  
 Friday: 8:30am - St. Joseph (during school year)  
 First Friday: 7:00pm - St. Anthony; First Saturday: 9:00am - St. Anthony

**Sacrament of Penance**

**Thursday: 5:30 - 6:30pm - St. Anthony**  
**Saturday: No Confessions @ St. Anthony; 10:30-11:30am - St. Joseph; 2:30-3:30pm - OLMC**



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*Please refer to page 3 for St. Anthony's Sacramental Policies and Procedures*

**- ATTENTION -  
Liturgical Schedule  
Mass Times**

**Saturday Vigil Mass:**  
OL Mt. Carmel at 4:30pm.

**NO Saturday Vigil Mass  
at St. Anthony or St. Joseph**

**Sunday: St. Anthony:** 9:00am; 12:00pm (L)

**OLMC:** 10:00am;  
**St. Joseph:** 7:30am; 10:30am

**Monday:** OL Mt. Carmel - 9:00am

**Tuesday: St. Anthony - 9:00am**

**Wednesday:** St. Joseph - 9:00am

**Thursday:** St. Anthony - 7:00pm (*Latin*)

**Friday:** St. Joseph - 8:30am (school year only)

**First Friday: St. Anthony - 7:00pm** (*Latin*)

**First Saturday: St. Anthony - 9:00am** (*Latin*)

**Confessions**

**Thursday:** St. Anthony - 5:30-6:30pm

**Saturday:** St. Joseph - 10:30 - 11:30am

OLMC - 2:30-3:30pm

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Tuesday, December 12

Holy Mass will be offered at St. Anthony at 9:00am in English; the Mass intention will be for the *Lumen Christi Family of Parishes.*



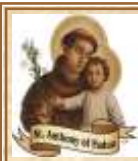
Holy Mass will also be offered at St. Joseph Church in Erie at 6:00pm, followed by a presentation by Homero Ortiz.

All are welcome!

*"A great sign appeared in the sky; a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth."*

Revelation 12:1-2

**ADVENT -- Waiting for *the Light to Come***



*St. Anthony of Padua,  
Our Patron  
and Intercessor,  
Pray for Us!*

**Pray  
without Ceasing!**

† MASS SCHEDULE †

**Monday, December 11, 2023**

**No Mass**

St. Damasus I (384), P. (New, Trad.)  
Our Lady, Queen of the Angels (1212), Paris (Hist.)

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

(English)

**9:00am \*Lumen Christi Family**  
(St. Anthony, St. Joseph, & Our Lady of Mt. Carmel)  
**\*Jeff Martin** by Marty & Mary Regan

Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531), Empress of the Americas (New; Trad./some places)

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

**No Mass** Mass Intentions moved to Tuesday

St. Lucy (304), V., M., Pt. of the blind, Italy, & Syracuse (New, Trad.)  
St. Odilia (720), V., Pt. of Alsace, invoked against blindness (Hist.)

**Thursday, December 14, 2023**

**7:00pm †Dan Holup** by Ruth Lemble

**\*Lucas & Maxwell Toma**

by Marta Toma

St. John of the Cross (1591), Pr., D. (New)  
Sts. Nicasius, B., & Eutropia, his sister (5th C.) (Hist.)  
St. Venantius Fortunatus (605), B. (Hist.)

**Friday, December 15, 2023**

**No Mass**

St. Christiana (Nino) (4th C.), V., Ap. Of Georgia (Asia) (Hist.)

**Saturday, December 16, 2023**

St. Eusebius of Vercelli (371), B., M. (Trad.)  
St. Adelaide (999), Queen of Italy, Pt. of large families (Hist.)  
Sts. Ananias, Azarius, & Michael (7th C., B.C.), Comps. of Daniel (Hist.)  
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**No Sunday Vigil Mass**

Intention moved to 9:00am Sunday

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

**3rd Sunday of Advent** (New, Trad.)

**9:00am †William Thorn** by Debbie Pasko (English)

**†Benita Hartman**

by Theresa Gryca

**12:00pm \*The People of St. Anthony**

St. Olympias (410), W. (Hist.)  
St. Lazarus (1st C.), whom Our Lord raised from the dead, brother of Sts. Martha & Mary Magdalen (Hist.)



**Traveling Vocation Chalice**

**December 10** Amber Gyde

**December 17** \*Host Family Needed

**December 24** Homero Ortiz

**December 31** Yavonne Thoma



**Readings for the Week**

**Today, Sunday, December 10:**

For English Mass:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

For Latin Mass

**Epistle:** Romans 15:4-13

**Gospel:** Matthews 11:2-10



**Monday, December 11:**

Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

**Tuesday, December 12:**

Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

**Wednesday, December 13:**

Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 14:**

Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

**Friday, December 15:**

Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 16:**

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9, 10-13

**Sunday, December 17:**

For English Mass:

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

For Latin Mass

**Epistle:** Philippians 4:4-7

**Gospel:** John 1:19-28

**PRAYER FOR THE RETURN OF NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS**

Good Shepherd, You never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded.

I ask you to bring the people I hold in my heart back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of Your holy Church.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints, and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may You pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home.

For You, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered Yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen.

**This Week's Calendar**



Monday, December 11, 2023

No Mass

5:00pm - Religious Ed Confessions

5:30 - 9:00pm - HFS Play Practice

- Padua Hall

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

9:00am - Holy Mass (English)

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

No Mass

6:30-7:30pm PH Devotions

Thursday, December 14, 2023

No Morning Mass

5:30 - 6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm - Holy Mass

Friday, December 15, 2023

No Mass

Saturday, December 16, 2023

No Evening Mass

4:00pm - 9:00pm - HFS Christmas Play

- Kenna Hall

Sunday, December 17, 2023

9:00am - Holy Mass (English)

12:00pm - Holy Mass

4:00pm - 10:00pm - HFS Christmas Play

- Kenna Hall

† **The scheduled day for Blessing items will be Tuesdays.**

Please be sure to leave your **name and phone number** on the items; we will call you once the items are blessed.

**The Offertory Story**

for December 3, 2023

# Env. assigned: 315;	# Env. used: 50
Envelope total	\$ 3,902.00
Loose:	\$ 1,602.00
On-line giving	\$ --
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,504.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget amt.....</b>	<b>\$ 5,300.00</b>
+Over/-Under Budget	\$ + 204.00
<b>Year To Date +-</b>	<b>\$ - 1,960.45</b>

**Other:**

Candles	73.50
Catholic Charities	20.00
Chapel Cards	43.00
Christmas Flowers	195.00
Donation	50.00
Hall Rental	250.00
Holy Day	70.00
Masses	210.00
Oplatki	3.00
Rummage Sale	2,100.00
<b>Total for Other:</b>	<b>\$ 3,014.50</b>



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

## **Notes of Moderation**

*My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

In the upper room, the night before He suffered, our Blessed Lord extended an invitation to His disciples: *“Take this all of you and eat of it...”*. In my last article I discussed some of the spiritual fruit of the reception of Holy Communion. I finished the article with the caveat: *“if our reception is worthy”*.

The Church’s official Catechism elaborates on this: [“To respond to this invitation we must prepare ourselves for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: ‘Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself \(1 Cor. 11: 27-29\)’. Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion \(C.C.C. 1385\).”](#)

We are living in a culture in which ‘inclusion’ has become a hyper-virtue. This cultural aspect along with the Church’s emphasis upon participation in the liturgy has led to an unforeseen difficulty. For the greater part of the medieval period, the reverence and awe of Christ’s presence in the Blessed Sacrament led the faithful to avoid reception of Holy Communion. The common thought that had developed was that one needed to reach a certain level of sanctity before one could approach to receive the flesh of Christ. Oddly enough to modern sensibilities, the ‘fear of the Lord’ brought these pious souls to attend the Sacrifice of the Mass in droves, but only a few dared to receive Holy Communion. Theresa of Avila records in her own journal her joy at having received from her spiritual director permission to receive the Sacrament twice a month. It was actually this concern that led the Church to establish the “Easter Duty” in Canon Law which required all Catholic to go to Confession and receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season. The law was intended to bring the faithful to receive the Sacrament at least once a year.

Recognizing this problematic dynamic, the Church began to encourage more frequent reception of Holy Communion among the faithful in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The apex of this encouragement was found when St. Pius X lowered the age of 1<sup>st</sup> communion to the age of reason (roughly 7 years of age). After all, if a young child could approach the flesh of God without fear, surely the butcher, the baker, and the milkmaid could prepare themselves to approach the Sacrament on a regular basis. In the short span of 1 or 2 generations, it became the general expectation that attendance at Mass would include receiving Holy Communion. This development was seen as a wonderful growth in the spiritual health of the faithful. However, it also brought some novel concerns.

The confusion caused by the liturgical and ascetic modifications of the 1970’s fostered a new concern. Suddenly, everybody was coming to Holy Communion and at the same time the confessional lines dwindled. Some novel theories of moral theology were being circulated suggesting that ‘grave or mortal sins’ were difficult if not nearly impossible to commit. Reception of Holy Communion, the greatest of the spiritual privileges of the faithful, began to be seen as an entitlement. As if any soul had ‘a right’ to approach the Blessed Sacrament at will. Slogans were being thrown around such as: *“Jesus didn’t refuse to feed anyone in the crowds! All are welcome to feast at the Lord’s table!”* Among the faithful, a mentality was being formed that if they didn’t go to Holy Communion then their attendance at the Holy Mass was deficient and of little to no value. As I once heard it expressed: *“If I can’t receive Holy Communion then I’m not coming to Mass.”* Clearly, we have lost some aspect of the pious reverence and the ‘fear of the Lord’ from past generations.

Now, I’m not attempting to discourage Holy Communion. By no means am I suggesting that we separate ourselves from the most Blessed Sacrament. I am, however, calling us to reflect upon the Church’s teaching and the Biblical teaching that guides to prepare our hearts and examine our conscience before we approach the most Blessed and Sacred of intimacies with the Lord of all creation. My next article will provide some guidelines and reflections in this matter.

God love you,

Fr. Slaton

# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### The World Is Pregnant

There is a character, Rose of Sharon, in John Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath* who is pregnant with her first child. As her impoverished family migrates from their native Oklahoma to California, Rose of Sharon's all-consuming preoccupation is her unborn child. Everything she eats, every drink she lets pass her lips, every action she takes — none of it is done without thought for the child that is still so small as to make his mother's expectancy barely discernible to the naked eye.

"For Rose of Sharon was pregnant," wrote Steinbeck. "And the world was pregnant to her."

It is the same for us Christians in the Advent season. We can feel a change coming, and the hope of this change consumes us. It shapes our actions and our plans, we feel it in our hearts and in our souls and in our limbs. From the food we eat to the clothing we wear to the words we use, the unseen Child lives and breathes and works in every small part of this blessed season.

Even the commercial clamor that is the secular "Christmas holiday" cannot fully distract us from the holy sense of anticipation we have. We are baptized, and so it is inside of us, this voice that cries out in the desert. When we hear it, we cannot help but listen.

The Virgin is pregnant, and the world is pregnant to us.

*"We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells."* — 2 Peter 3:13

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 10, 2023

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.



It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— Father John Muir

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**St. Anthony Catholic Church**  
**Advent ♦ Christmas ♦ New Year's – 2023/24**

**Weekend Mass Schedule:**

**No Sunday Vigil Mass**

**Sunday - 9:00am (English); 12:00pm (Latin)**

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

**Tuesday, 9:00am Mass (English)**

**Thursday 7:00pm (Latin)**

**Immaculate Conception of Mary – Holy Day of Obligation**

**Friday, December 8**

**9:00am Mass (English); 7:00pm (Latin)**

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation - Individual Confessions**

**Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:30pm**

**Tuesday, December 19:**

**11:00am - 12:00pm & 7:00pm - 8:00pm**

*Two Priests will be available for Confessions*

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**Christmas Masses**

**Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24**

**4:00pm (English)**



**Christmas Day: Monday, December 25**

**12:00 Midnight (Latin); 9:00am (English)**

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**Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)**

**Monday, January 1, 2024**

*(Not Obligated this year)*

**Mass:**

**Monday, January 1 – 10:00am (English)**

**Advent Daily Prayer:**

*Heavenly Father, as You sent Jesus into the world to make You known and loved,  
inspire us to continue Your mission  
in our daily living and choice of vocation. Amen.*



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA



REVEREND FATHER ROBERT SLATON, MODERATOR

At this time, due to a shortage of priests, the *Lumen Christi Family of Parishes* (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Anthony, & St. Joseph) now has only one priest – Fr. Slaton. And so, under the direction of Bishop Battersby we are now limited to only six (6) weekend Masses between the three parishes. Together with the Lumen Christi staffs, Fr. Slaton has developed the following schedule for Mass and Confessions.

*Please continue to keep Fr. Slaton in your prayers.*

## Mass Times

Day	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	OLMC
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00am Mass ( <i>English</i> ); 12:00pm Mass	7:30am Mass 10:30am Mass	10:00am Mass
<b>Monday</b>	No Mass	--	9:00am Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am Mass ( <i>English</i> )	--	--
<b>Wednesday</b>	No Mass	9:00am Mass	--
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00pm Mass	--	--
<b>Friday</b>	No Mass	8:30am Mass	--
<b>First Friday</b>	7:00pm Mass	8:30am Mass	--
<b>First Saturday</b>	9:00am Mass	--	--
<b>Saturday</b>	No Sunday Vigil Mass	No Sunday Vigil Mass	4:30pm Sunday Vigil Mass

## Confessions

Day/Time	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	OLMC
<b>Thursday</b>	5:30-6:30pm	--	--
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>No Saturday Confessions</b>	10:30 – 11:30am	2:30-3:30pm

# Catholic Services Appeal - 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit embark upon the CSA (Catholic Services Appeal) Drive. The CSA is a required collection taken up for the general operational expenses of the Archdiocese of Detroit. It helps to subsidize Catholic institutions that may not necessarily be connected to or funded by a particular parish. Among these special services are Campus Ministry, Telecommunications, Hospital and Prison Chaplaincies, Central Service Offices, which provide direct assistance to individual parishes, the Marriage Tribunal, and the like. Since the CSA provides for 62% of the operating budget of the Archdiocese, we are assessed or taxed a specific amount we are asked to meet. Our assessment is based upon many factors, including parish registration, Sunday collections, and financial status of the area within our parish boundaries. The detail of how our assessment is calculated, as well as how the money is used may be found on the insert included with today's bulletin.

The amount assessed to St. Anthony Parish this year is **\$38,555**. In order to reach our goal, the recommended pledge amount will be **\$250** from each family.

For your convenience, pledge forms can be found at the bottom of this page. Please complete the form and designate the amount of your pledge and the payment plan you prefer and return to the Parish Office. Pledges may also be made by calling the Parish Office 734-854-1143; sending your pledge via email ([stanthony@bex.net](mailto:stanthony@bex.net)) or by stopping by the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Your pledge can be made in several ways: paid in full and returned with your pledge form; a down payment returned with your pledge form, with the balance divided into quarterly payments, or divided evenly among 9 monthly payments. Credit card and automatic withdrawal payments and electronic funds transfers (EFT) will also be accepted. If you wish to contribute this way, please go to: [give.aodcsa.org](http://give.aodcsa.org). Please select "St. Anthony, Temperance" on the online form where indicated. Donors may also call (888) 331-8695 to make an online or EFT request.

**Please note: If you sign up to make payments on your pledge, the payment schedule will not begin until July 2023.**

Please remember that we are required to make an accounting of all CSA cards for our Parish, so even if you are unable to pledge, we ask that you indicate that to the Parish Office as well.

I am grateful for your continued stewardship and prayers.

God Love you!

Father Robert J. Slaton  
St. Anthony Parish

## CSA - 2023

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of total Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid today \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance due \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Please bill me quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ or monthly (9 monthly payments) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I will pay by credit card (or) by automatic withdrawal payments per the information above.

**Please make checks Payable to: St. Anthony - CSA**