



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH
TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN

Third Sunday of Advent;
Gaudete Sunday

"THE ANTONIAN" † DECEMBER 17, 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

Please Note: The Fourth Sunday of Advent is next Sunday, December 24; please note that, for that day only, we will be offering *only* one Mass at St. Anthony: our normal 12:00pm Mass. Christmas Masses begin with our 4:00pm evening Mass. The full schedule of Mass & Confession Times for the Lumen Christi Family Parishes for December 24, for Sunday morning as well as Christmas, is included on today's insert; please refer to it for any updates.

The "O" Antiphons

The O Antiphons are seven verses in the Liturgy of the Hours that contain powerful pleas for the coming of the Lord. They are chanted or recited during Vespers on the last seven days of Advent.

They are:

- December 17: O Sapientia
(O Wisdom)
- December 18: O Adonai
(O Sacred Lord)
- December 19: O Radix Jesse
(O Flower of Jesse's Stem)
- December 20: O Clavis David
(O Key of David)
- December 21: O Oriens
(O Radiant Dawn)
- December 22: O Rex Gentium
(O King of All Nations)
- December 23: O Emmanuel
(God with Us)

Take the first letter of each Latin title starting backward at December 23, and you will form the Latin Words, "Ero Cras" which means: "Tomorrow I will come"

O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

Prepare the Way of the Lord!

Individual Confessions

Tuesday, December 21
11:00am - 12:00pm and
7:00 - 8:00pm

Church Decorating for Christmas

Friday, December 23, 9:00am

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve:

4:00pm Mass (English)

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day


12:00am Midnight;

9:00am (English)

All Parish Offices will be closed from
December 26 until January 2.

† MASS SCHEDULE †
<p>Monday, December 18, 2023 No Mass St. Gatian (3rd C.), B. of Tours (Hist.) Expectation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (c. 1 B.C.) (Hist.)</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 19, 2023 9:00am †David Berent by Tara Thompson (English) *Brian James by Barbara James Bl. Urban V (1370), P. (Hist.)</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 20, 2023 No Mass Mass Intentions moved to Tuesday Ember Wednesday St. Dominic of Silos (1073), Ab., Pt. of Captives (Hist.) Sts. Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob, Old Testament Patriarchs (Hist.)</p>
<p>Thursday, December 21, 2023 7:00pm †Bernice Stykemain (1st Anniversary of Death) by Roz Briskey *Seth & Amanda Thompson by John & Colleen Clark †Jack, Pat, & Peter Carey by Dan Carey St. Peter Canisius (1597), Pr., D. (New) St. Thomas (1st C.), Ap., M., Ap. Of India, baptized the Magi (Trad.)</p>
<p>Friday, December 22, 2023 No Mass Ember Friday St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1917), V., R., F. of Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Pt. of immigrants (Trad./some places) Sts. Chaeremon & Ischyriion (3rd C.) Ms. (Hist.)</p>
<p>Saturday, December 23, 2023 Ember Saturday St. John of Kanty (John Cantius)(1473), Pr., Pt. of Poland (New) St. Yvo of Chartres (1115), B. (Hist.) St. Servulus (590), beggar (Hist.)</p>
<p>No Sunday Vigil Mass Intention moved to 12:00pm Sunday</p>
<p>Sunday, December 24, 2023 4th Sunday of Advent (New, Trad.) ***No 9:00am Mass 12:00pm †Living and Deceased Members of the George and Carrie Komorowski Family by Komorowski Family Reunion *Ben Reinke by Barbara James *The People of St. Anthony</p>
<p>Vigil of Christmas (Trad.) 4:00pm †Craig Baer by Greg & Karen Baer (English) Sts. Adam & Eve (First Age of the World) (Hist.)</p>
<p>***As of this printing, no Mass was scheduled for 9:00am Sunday morning, December 24. Please check today's insert for any updates.</p>

Readings for the Week
<p>Today, 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</p>
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<p>Monday, December 18: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 19: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Luke 1:5-25</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 20: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38</p>
<p>Thursday, December 21: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18; Luke 1:39-45</p>
<p>Friday, December 22: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56</p>
<p>Saturday, December 23: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66</p>
<p>Sunday, December 24: For English Mass: 2 Samuel 7:2-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38 For Latin Mass Epistle: Titus 3:4-7 Gospel: Luke 2:15-20</p>



The Advent Giving Tree is now in the Narthex. This year we are working with Veterans and their families, as well as a few local families that can use our help. Ornaments will be on the tree indicating what kind of gift/card is being requested. Please stop by the Narthex, take an ornament, and return any donations, unwrapped, and with the tag attached, to later than **Wednesday, December 20** in order to be sorted and delivered before Christmas. Thank you!

Christmas Day Mass Intentions
December 25, 2023
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
 Holy Day of Obligation (New, Trad.)
 12:00am *The People of St. Anthony (Midnight)
 10:00am †Clarence (Bud) Henry (English) by Marie-Lynn T. Henry

This Week's Calendar
<p>Monday, December 18, 2023 No Mass 5:00 - 6:15pm - Religious Ed</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 19, 2023 9:00am - Holy Mass (English)</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 20, 2023 No Mass 6:30-7:30pm PH Devotions</p>
<p>Thursday, December 21, 2023 No Morning Mass 5:30 - 6:00pm Confessions 7:00pm - Holy Mass</p>
<p>Friday, December 22, 2023 No Mass</p>
<p>Saturday, December 23, 2023 No Evening Mass KH Rental - Trejo</p>
<p>Sunday, December 24, 2023 12:00pm - Holy Mass 4:00pm - Christmas Vigil Mass</p>
<p>Monday, December 25, 2023 12:00Midnight - Holy Mass 10:00am - Holy Mass</p>

o Come, o Come Emmanuel!

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PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Sherril from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!







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 19th and early 20th centuries. The apex of this encouragement was found when St. Pius X lowered the age of 1st 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.

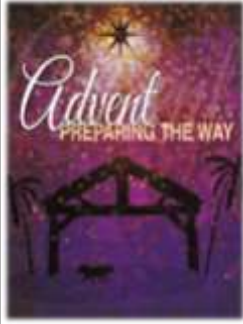
The confusion caused by the liturgical and ascetic modifications of the 1970’s fostered a new concern. Suddenly, everybody was coming to Holy Communion and at the same time the confessional lines dwindled. Some novel theories of moral theology were being circulated suggesting that ‘grave or mortal sins’ 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

Testimony

When my grandmother heard the news that my cousin had fallen from a second-story window, she immediately went and washed her hair.

Grandma had been sitting alone in her house, listening to the morning radio when the announcer shared a news bulletin stating that the previous night, a little boy with the same name as her grandson, living in the same community and of the same age, had fallen onto the pavement from a window on the second floor of his house. He had been rushed to the hospital but miraculously survived his injuries. She thought she was hallucinating and wanted to look pretty when the “men in white coats” came to take her away. Thus, the hair-washing.

As it happens, the whole story was true — it was her grandson, but this was before the age of mobile phones and had happened so late at night that his parents had been unable to notify any family members before the whole thing showed up on the news.

It wasn't until my grandmother received a phone call from another relative corroborating the story that she realized it hadn't been a figment of her imagination. What a waste of styled hair, no hospital committal for her that day.

There are certain truths that we cannot accept unless they are supported by the testimony of others. We find them to be unbelievable without the reassurance of another person whispering, “It's okay. I see it, too.”

This is the value of testimony, and the purpose of John the Baptist and every saint who ever died with the name of Jesus Christ on their lips. And this is the sacred duty of all the baptized, to give testimony with our words and our actions. How will you testify today?

“He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.” — John 1:8

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 17, 2023

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?



The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: “There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him.” The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— Father John Muir

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*Our CD rack in the Narthex has been replenished.
Be sure to take a look at the new titles....pricing can be found on the rack.*

Lumen Christi Christmas Mass Schedule

Updated 12-14-2023

*(Any differences between this page and the main bulletin today, reflect last minute changes.
Please defer to this page for the most updated and correct information.)*

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Individual Confessions

Monday, December 18: OL Mt. Carmel - 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 19: St. Anthony - 11:00am - 12:00pm & 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Wednesday, December 20: St. Joseph - 6:00pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 23/24

OL Mt. Carmel: Saturday Evening Mass - 4:30pm; Sunday Morning - 10:00am

St. Joseph: Saturday Evening Mass - 4:30pm; Sunday - 9:00am

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

****Please note:** St. Anthony **will** be offering the **9:00am Mass** for the 4th Sunday of Advent)

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24

St. Anthony - 4:00pm (English); **OL Mt. Carmel** - 4:00pm & 6:00pm;

St. Joseph - 4:00pm & 10:30pm



Christmas Day: Monday, December 25

St. Anthony: 12:00 Midnight (Latin); 9:00am (English)

OL Mt. Carmel: 10:00am

St. Joseph: 10:00am

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

Monday, January 1, 2024

(Not Obligated this year)

Mass Times:

OL Mt. Carmel: 9:00am

St. Anthony: 10:00am (English)

St. Joseph: 6:00pm

St. Anthony Weekly Mass & Confession Schedule:

No Sunday Vigil Mass; Sunday - 9:00am (English); 12:00pm (Latin)

Tuesday, 9:00am Mass (English) Thursday 7:00pm (Latin)

Confessions: Thursday, 5:30-6:30pm



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

Confessions

Day/Time	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	OLMC
Thursday	5:30-6:30pm	--	--
Saturday	No Saturday Confessions	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) 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. 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 _____

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

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

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