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ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

309 Gower Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29611

Parish Office: 864-233-7717

*Welcoming all people to
worship God in the genius of
African American Catholic Spirituality*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024



www.stanthonysgvl.org

PARISH INFO

WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S!

We welcome all new members and visitors to our parish. Please email Kyle Hall at kyle.hall@charlestdiocese.org if you would like to register. Please visit www.stanthonysgvl.org for more information.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5 PM
Sunday: 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 PM (Noon)

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS

11 AM & 6 PM

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday - Friday: 11 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 12 PM (Noon) - 1:00 PM
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM
Or by Appointment

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Please see an Usher before Mass

PARISH OFFICE

Physical Location: 204 Douthit St.
Monday thru Thursday 9 AM - 4 PM
Friday 9 AM - 12 PM
Phone: (864) 233-7717
Website: www.stanthonysgvl.org

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: (864) 271-0167
Website: www.stanthonygschoolgvl.org

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Diocesan Office: (843) 261-0430

DO YOU NEED HELP?

Financial Assistance: (864) 233-7717 ext. 0
Catholic Charities: (864) 331-2626
Food Pantry: (864) 233-7717

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



The men and women that serve in the armed forces do so with a form of sacrificial love for our country and the world. Lifting them up in prayer to the Lord must be our humble, and yet great support for them.

Lord, may your love encircle our military as they work across the world to install justice and peace for all. And be their hope through the difficulties and stresses they face each day.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK



SATURDAY, 11/30

- 5 pm

SUNDAY, 12/1

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM

TUESDAY, 12/3

- 11 AM

WEDNESDAY 12/4

- 11 AM

THURSDAY, 12/5

- 11 AM

FRIDAY, 12/6

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 12/7

- 5 PM

SUNDAY, 12/8

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM

It is a wonderful Catholic tradition to request a Mass Intention for loved ones; living or deceased. In fact, asking for Mass intention for the deceased is not only Catholic tradition, it is biblical (2 Maccabees 12: 38-46).

Mass intention is also a wonderful gift for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc.

Please call the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention.

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR:

Individuals

Alice Rigler	Gregory Kuhn	Mary Ann Turner
Ann Fournier	Hazel Hill	Melvin Armstrong
Ann Moore	Jen Duhe	Michael Davis
Ann Nechodom	Jonathan Turner	Olivia Brown
Annette Martin	Joseph Neito	Rhonda Brown
Anthony Davis	Joyce Croce	Richard Cortese
Bill Higgins	Juliet Roy	Richard Palmer
Carl Sunderlin	Julius Pinson Jr.	Sabrina Walker
Charlene Palmer	Laura Drummond	Sammy Huguet
Chester Williams	Laurie Rappl	Sandra McNaughton
Clarice Hanly	Lillie Davis	Sharon Bryant
David Burnett	Lori Cortese	Sharon Patton
Dee Dee Dzikowicz	Lori McGinley	Sherri Hoffman
Donna Neeley	Malik McCauley	Stephan Pleasant
Donna Nickels	Margaret Morris	Steve Miller
Dorothy Baker	Marie Therese Isdiore	Stuart MacNaughton
Drew Butterfield	Marilyn Daly	Tara Cleary
Elaine Greggs	Martha Cotel	Thelma Williams
Ellaniose Johnson	Mary Cormican	Tom James
Eric Kuhn	Mary Curran	Troy Koon
Erica Hardy	Matthew Bryson	Tyler Daly Korybski
Billy Mayes	Maureen Lukovic	Wilbert Morgan
Ronnie Glenn	Megan Counihan	Willie Davis
		Ruth Henderson

Families

Barb & Vern Prinzing	Scott Cely Family
Dana Lacher	Michael & Ruth Walters
Duhe Family	Tessa & George Skoniecki
Catherine & Michael Branca	Deacon Richard Murtaugh
Doug, Debbie, & Barbara DeLeu	Deacon Steve & Susan Olson
Karen Randall & Family	Deacon Winston Wright

Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Clenty Fair Nicole Campbell Little

HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

If you are sick at home or in the hospital, have a member of your family notify the parish if you are not able to notify us yourself. We care about you and want to help you when you need help from your church family.

If there is someone you would like to be added on the prayer list OR removed, please contact the Parish Office: 864-233-7717 ext 2.

Thank you!

PASTORAL REFLECTION & WEEKLY OFFERTORY RECAP

FROM THE DESK OF OUR ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Emerson Rodriguez Delgado

My dear friends, have you ever thought about reading a book by starting with its final chapter? Odd, right? Yet, here we are, at the beginning of the Church year, diving straight into the end of the world. Perhaps this unconventional beginning invites us to reimagine our perspective on faith, life, and hope.

Pope Benedict XVI offers us an intriguing insight: Faith isn't just about reaching a destination; it's about the journey itself. When planning a road trip, we usually set our GPS to know the destination. Would you ever start driving without knowing where you're headed? Probably not! The destination influences everything—the route, the stops, the luggage, even the snacks. But what if the true meaning of life lies not in where we are going, but in who accompanies us on the journey?

This shifts our focus from the endpoint to our companionship with Christ, who guides our path, much like the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Like pilgrims on the road to Emmaus, our path is defined by transformative encounters. Christ walks beside us, often unrecognized yet persistently present. Aren't we traveling this Emmaus road?

Walter Brueggemann reveals a profound truth: Hope is an act of rebellion. When life overwhelms us, hope becomes our most potent and radical force. It's active resistance against chaos and despair. This hope in Christ transforms death into life, sin into grace, and the cross into forgiveness.

Moreover, we aren't just waiting for something to happen; we are waiting to meet someone—Christ. He is not an abstract idea, but a living, risen presence who desires to transform both us and the world. Teilhard de Chardin believed that the entire universe is evolving towards an "Omega Point," God's endpoint where all will be united in Christ. Each moment of our lives is a step towards this union in Christ.

When Jesus admonished us, "Stay awake," he wasn't encouraging sleeplessness. He was inviting us to be fully present, to live each moment intentionally, aware of God's incarnated presence in everyone we meet. As Teilhard de Chardin observed it, "We are spiritual beings having a human experience." If we truly lived each moment as a spiritual encounter, how would our lives change?

Peruvian theologian Gustavo Gutierrez challenges us to see Christ in our daily interactions—in the stranger's kindness, a friend's concern, a spouse's care, or the silent presence of a fellow parishioner. These moments become windows into God's sacred reality, where His presence manifests in the ordinary. These are transformative encounters—liminal moments where God's epiphany is everywhere.

When we speak of "end times", we're not invoking fear but celebrating liberation and creation's perfection. Teilhard de Chardin envisioned humanity evolving toward higher consciousness, united in Christ's love. His metaphor of "discovering fire for the second time" suggests humanity's spiritual awakening to Christ's transformative love.

This vision calls us to embrace a journey of transformation, filled with radical hope and the promise of extraordinary possibility in Christ. Can we recognize the sacred in the everyday and participate in creation's journey toward its fulfillment in God's all encompassing love?

Let us unleash the power of radical hope in the ever-present Christ, the Omega Point of all creation, as everything is united in Him and through Him. By embracing this vision, we open ourselves to a transformative journey, one filled with hope, love, and the promise of something extraordinary on the horizon. Are we ready to begin this journey anew? Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus.

BULLETIN CONTENT SUBMISSION

Anyone parish group/organization wishing to submit items for publishing in the weekly bulletin should send the content to Kyle Hall (kyle.hall@charlestdiocese.org) by **end of day Tuesday** for the coming weekend's bulletin. Submissions may have to be edited due to space constraints.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The First Friday's of each month from 12pm-5pm

Please consider taking time with Jesus this week.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY PARTICIPATION

Collections for November 23-24 Masses

Envelopes/Cash	\$9,557.71
Online Giving	\$12,763.77
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$22,321.48</u>
2nd Collection: Guatemalan Misson	\$1,890.56

Giving Online makes it easier and more convenient to contribute to St. Anthony's Church. Scan the QR code to the right by opening your camera app to start giving online.

Stewardship is not only about the needs of the Church, rather it is about our desire to give back to God in thanksgiving, by sharing with others the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us.

**The true spirit of Stewardship is
"Equal Sacrifice and not Equal Giving."**



SACRAMENTS & MINISTRY INFO

ACTIVE PARISHIONER

The criteria for an Active Parishioner are:

- Weekly participation in worship through attendance at Sunday Mass and on Holy Days of Obligation.
- Volunteer at St. Anthony's on regular basis (**Time**)
- Active involvement in a parish ministry/organization (**Talent**)
- Weekly or monthly use of parish envelopes or online giving (**Treasure**)

PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTS

Those seeking to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Matrimony **must be registered members** for at least six months prior to reception of these

Sacraments. You must be a registered member of the parish to ask for Godparent or Sponsor's form of eligibility.

Infant Baptism Class for Parents

Parents must be registered and active member of St. Anthony's. Class is offered on the third Thursday of every month. Pre- registration is required. Please call the office to pre-register. Baptisms are not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

First Holy Communion

Preparation begins in the first grade and continues into second grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week in August.

Confirmation

Preparation begins in the eighth grade and continues into ninth grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week of August. Adults who have not been confirmed and would like to receive the Sacrament are asked to contact the parish office.

Marriage

You must be registered and active member at least six months prior to preparation of the Sacrament. Couples should call the parish office and speak to the priest/ Deacon for pre-nuptial inquiries. Then the couple will begin formal marriage preparations at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This is a process through which non-baptized adults known as catechumens or baptized adults who wish to convert from other faith traditions enter in communion with the Catholic Church. Classes begins in September. If you wish to become a Catholic, please call the parish office.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Parish Pastoral Council

Tony Smith, Chairperson.....803-727-5072

Parish Finance Council

Sandy Thompson, Chairperson.....252-622-1945

Chery O'Malley, Secretary.....864-360-4667

Eucharistic Ministers/Scripture Readers

Paul Herr.....864-907-9356

Kyle Herr.....864-907-9355

Altar Servers

Marie Paula Jaramillo.....864-365-9877

Women's Council

Carol Moeller.....864-380-4155

Men's Club

Ralston Moore.....864-386-4852

David Quast.....864-906-2632

Food Pantry

Carol Moeller.....864-380-4155

30's & 40's Group

JJ Reinheart.....607-382-9620

Renee Puckett Smith.....678-409-0408

Elijah Cup Vocations Ministry

Mike Cumby.....864-417-8973

Gala School Fundraiser

Jean Hever.....864-608-5256

Health Ministry

Rita O'Rourke.....864-979-7544

Hiking Ministry

Paul Herr.....864-907-9356

Homebound Ministers

Donna Moerke.....404-374-4019

Housing Ministry

Walt Laiewski864-354-7670

Knights of Columbus

Jim Tetor.....540-809-7809

Richard Cortese.....864-201-8162

Knights of Peter Claver

Paul Latimore.....864-299-0847

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary

Mary Ann Boyd.....619-517-2191

Living Waters Bible Study

Nicky & Lillie Jones.....864-832-4011 or 864-832-4012

Meal Ministry

Dana Lacher.....864-354-0049

Prayer Card Ministry & Prayer Shawl Ministry

Delores Martinez.....864-201-2204

Prison Ministry

Richard Krainas.....864-360-1098

Gwen Whitner.....864-297-0123

Young Families

Ruth Roberston..... sapfamilies@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy

Anna Vukin-Chow..... sapchildrensliturgy@gmail.com

Micah Ministry

David Quast.....864-906-2632

SPIRITUAL & PARISH LIFE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 1, The First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-3

December 2, Monday of the First Week in Advent

Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

December 3, Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

December 4, Wednesday of the First Week in Advent

Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

December 5, Thursday of the First Week in Advent

Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

December 6, Friday of the First Week in Advent

Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

December 7, Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

December 8, The Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Scripture online at <https://bible.usccb.org/>



St. Anthony's School Christmas Giving

The Children's Christmas Wish Lists

The Children's Christmas Wish Lists will be ready by **November 22nd**. The lists will need to be **filled by December 15th**. Do not wrap gifts, but include paper and tape for the parents to wrap them.

Christmas Hams

We will start collecting hams for school families on **November 24th**.

Christmas School Boutique

The Christmas Boutique will be held at the school on **December 16-17th**. We will need a lot of elves to help the children shop and also wrap their purchases.

- Sign up sheets for the Wish Lists and Boutique will be in the lobby.
- Any boutique items for men, women and children, may be left in the church lobby in a basket labeled Children's Boutique.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to:
Mary McNicholas at 864-630-1081.



Want to enjoy a healthy holiday meal that doesn't taste "healthy"?

Join us for a cooking class with our own cook Dana Lacher. Learn to cook a 5-course meal in only 1 hour on Thursday December 5th at 6pm. The class is free, but donations are welcome. Class size is limited so register early. Register by sending an email with your name and mobile # to saphealthministry605@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Christmas Party

Join the Women's Council for a festive evening of food, drinks and dancing to music provided by a DJ!

13 December 2024
At 6 PM
Church Social Hall

PARISH LIFE



St. Anthony's Men's Club Annual Community Children's Christmas Party ~ Toy Drive ~



Party is Saturday Dec 14th 10 AM in the Gym



Donations of New Unwrapped Toys, Sporting Goods, Games, Crafts, Bicycles, Gift Cards, Cash or Electronic Giving are Accepted.

<http://www.newstanthony.com/>

(Click "Giving", "Holiday Giving", "Community Children's Christmas Party")



Donations may be dropped off in the Social Hall following all Sunday Masses
Questions? Call/Text Johnny 864-616-0923 johnnypaynegym@gmail.com

**Please make your donations between
Sun Nov 24th and Sun Dec 8th**



Thank You for your Generosity!



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

DECEMBER 1- DECEMBER 8

<u>Sunday, December 1</u>	<u>Monday, December 2</u>	<u>Tuesday, December 3</u>	<u>Wednesday, December 4</u>
1:30pm- Women's Council Meeting Social Hall	7:00pm- RCIA Meeting Social Hall	6:30 PM- Living Waters Bible Study Zoom	6:00pm- CCD Classes SAP Church and School

PARISH LIFE

St. Anthony Float in Greenville Christmas Parade - Saturday, December 7

St. Anthony Church & School will have a Float in this year's Greenville, Poinsettia Christmas Parade. Come see the Parade and our Float. Our Float's theme, which you parishioners helped select, is: **"The wise ones still seek Him."** In addition to Jesus, Mary & Joseph, the Float will feature children from our Church and School seeking our Savior and the St. Anthony School children's choir. The Parade starts at 6:30 PM on Saturday, December 7 and will proceed north on Main Street from River Street to East North Street. Come and join in the fun as we celebrate the birth of Jesus and St. Anthony's Church & School. Thanks to all who have worked so hard to make this a reality.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF: December 7 - 8, 2024

SATURDAY, 12/7: 5PM	SUNDAY, 12/8: 8AM	SUNDAY, 12/8: 10AM	SUNDAY, 12/8: 12 PM
ALTAR SERVERS Maria Paula Jaramillo NOT FILLED	ALTAR SERVERS James Filchak Rita Galley	ALTAR SERVERS Patrick Doyle Audrey Gilstrap Tatum Terracino	ALTAR SERVERS Julian Perry Jaxon Perry Jordan Perry
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Emilie Cantrell (Host) Frank Palombo (Cup 1) Jane Kirkpatrick (Cup 2) Renee Puckett Smith (Cup 3)	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Maggie Kleger (Host) Stephanie Rosso (Cup 1) Kyle Herr (Cup 2) Mary Ann Boyd (Cup 3)	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Erena Allen (Host) Mary Morris Williams (Cup 1) Delores Martinez (Cup 2)	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Emir Ramirez (Host) Carla Green (Cup 1) Joseph Green (Cup 2) Carol Moeller (Cup 3)
SCRIPTURE READERS Christen Palombo (Lector 1) Rick Floyd (Lector 2)	SCRIPTURE READERS Gwen Hall (Lector 1) Jarrell Hall (Lector 2)	SCRIPTURE READERS Diane Ryan (Lector 1) Mary Ann Turner (Lector 2)	SCRIPTURE READERS Jessie Bowens (Lector 1) Suzanne Richmond (Lector 2)
USHERS Rick Flyod Beth Holcombe Kathy Peot Jim Tetor Bill Kirkpatrick Mike Hemmert	USHERS Mike Ayers Robert McDowell Nicky Jones Lynn Sholl Lillie Jones Jeff Sholl	USHERS Bob Dastou Jay Korybski Tom Creagan Mike Connor Jim Stavakas Pam Chivers	USHERS Tom Moeller Bryant Boyd Ray Lecuyer Mariel Hunkeler Ron Drennon Cynthia Riley

DECEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 8

<u>Thursday, December 5</u>	<u>Friday, December 6</u>	<u>Saturday, December 7</u>	<u>Sunday, December 8</u>
6:00pm- Cooking Class Social Hall	12:00pm- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30am- Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:00am- Men's Club Breakfast
<div style="background-color: #d2b48c; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> 2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious </div>			

Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is more than just a day of donations; it embodies the spirit of our community coming together to support and uplift one another. It's a day when we unite to strengthen our school and enhance the educational experiences of our students through collective generosity.

What Giving Tuesday Means to Us:

- **Community Strength:**

It is a celebration of the strong bond within our St. Anthony family, where parents, alumni, faculty, and friends all come together to contribute to a common goal.

- **Empowerment and Opportunity:**

Your contributions directly empower our students by funding scholarships, enriching classroom resources, and supporting vital student programs. It offers opportunities for growth and learning that might otherwise be unavailable.

- **Support for Excellence:**

The funds raised on this day help us maintain and improve our academic programs, extracurricular activities, and facilities, ensuring we provide the best possible education for our students.

- **Gratitude and Generosity:**

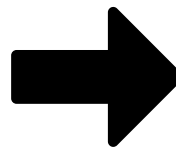
Giving Tuesday is an opportunity to express our gratitude for the blessings we have received and to give back to our community. It's a day to practice generosity and witness the positive impact it can have on others.

Ways To GIVE:

This year we will have different ways on how you can give. You can write a check or money order to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School, place the "Giving Tuesday" envelope in the offertory basket, bring donations directly to the school or you can use our giving platform called **GIVEBUTTER!**

Givebutter is a platform for our Giving Tuesday campaign. Givebutter is a user-friendly, transparent, and secure platform that makes it easy for you to donate and for us to track our fundraising progress in real-time. By using Givebutter, we can ensure that every contribution goes directly towards enhancing the educational experience at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School.

Scan Here to Give



We invite you to join us on this meaningful day of giving and help us continue our mission of providing a nurturing and academically challenging environment for our students. Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of our young learners. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!