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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*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 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 Monday, December 9:

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, 12/7

- 5 pm

SUNDAY, 12/8

- 8 AM Howard Moore
- 10 AM
- 12 PM Ginger Reilly

TUESDAY, 12/10

- 11 AM Edward Way

WEDNESDAY 12/11

- 11 AM Thaddeus Wojnar

THURSDAY, 12/12

- 11 AM

FRIDAY, 12/13

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 12/14

- 5 PM

SUNDAY, 12/15

- 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 in Christ, as we journey through this Advent season, let us reflect on the transformative power of hope in our lives. These are challenging times. Our political climate has polarized us, leaving many questioning whether our systems truly serve the common good. Disagreements often escalate to anger or hatred, deepening divisions even within the Church itself. Have mercy, oh Lord! Do we see the one who sits next to us in the pew as our brother or sister in Christ, or do we see only their political labels and social status? We must remember that, regardless of our differences, we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. Though let's admit it, some of our spiritual siblings can really test our patience!

Let's be honest – the holiday season can feel like navigating a minefield or a quicksand. Between work stress, family expectations, the perfect gift or the ideal Instagram post and endless to-do lists, it's easy to lose sight of the true meaning of this sacred time. Yet Preparedness is essential. It's like carrying a Swiss Army knife that helps you handle whatever comes your way.

So here's a tough question: Am I truly willing to prepare a way for God in my life and in our community here at St. Anthony's? Are we ready to make space for Him, not just in our hearts but in our tangible actions? Saint Paul's prayer for the believers in Philippi challenges us to consider how we can grow in love for those around us, asking God to increase our capacity for compassion. Is love in the air? Is it overflowing?

The prophet Baruch speaks a message of consolation and hope, promising that God will come to free us from sadness and pain. In these turbulent times, we are all yearning for comfort: "for God is leading Israel (and us) in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company."

I know that many of you are carrying heavy burdens that feel impossible. Health challenges, financial stress, or relationships that seem beyond repair. The holidays can amplify or worsen these struggles, leaving us desperately searching for peace.

But here is the truth: You are not alone. We all need comfort. Comfort is about finding peace in the midst of chaos. John the Baptist calls out, "Prepare the way of the Lord," reminding us that true comfort is on its way. Jesus, the Divine Comforter, is with us every step of the journey.

Reflecting on our inner landscape, let's talk about those valleys and mountains we all have and that require leveling. The valleys are those parts of ourselves we know need work like patience, kindness, and gentleness. The mountains are stubborn habits we need let go of - pride, envy, partiality, resentment, selfishness, that quick tendency to judge and condemn others.

Think of this Advent season, my friends, like a personal retreat. It's about facing the uncomfortable and ugly truths we usually avoid. Remember, true discovery and growth begin within ourselves, and even in the emptiness or chaos we may encounter, God is present. Will we trust Him to guide us through the wilderness?

When you pray, don't overthink it. Just be authentic, humble and honest. Something like, "God, I'm struggling. Help me. Increase my faith," or "Oh God, have mercy on me, a sinner." These prayers bring peace and inner joy. God's judgment is rooted in infinite love. Do we believe that, even when our hearts condemn us?

Salvation comes with Jesus, bringing radical transformation. He makes us new. Paul's prayer in the second reading offers guidance for this Advent season, urging us to broaden our perspective beyond our personal struggles and pay attention to those around us.

As we embrace Advent, let us renew our imagination and ask: What is God doing in my life right now? Let us open our hearts, just as we are, and joyfully welcome the Lord. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come! We're ready. Amen.

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@charlestondiocese.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 30 - December 1 Masses

Envelopes/Cash	\$10,374.55
Online Giving	\$11,185.42
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$21,559.97</u>

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 8, The Second Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

December 9, Solemnity of THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
THE white BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

December 10, Tuesday of the Second Week in Advent
Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

December 11, Wednesday of the Second Week in Advent
Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

December 12, Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

December 13, Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

December 14, Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and
Doctor of the Church
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

December 15, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



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.



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

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

SPONSORED BY
SAP MUSIC
SALTY RECORDS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024 | 7PM

GET INTO THE HOLIDAY AT OUR CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT WHERE WE'LL BE SPREADING JOY THROUGH MUSIC WHILE RAISING FUNDS FOR A GOOD CAUSE.

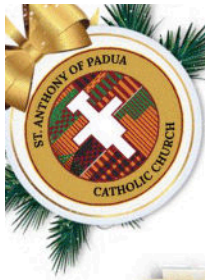
TICKETS | \$25
13-17 \$12 | 12-UNDER FREE

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON [EVENTBRITE.COM](https://www.eventbrite.com) AND ON THE DAY OF AT THE DOOR

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO IN SUPPORT OF
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH
309 GOWER ST, GREENVILLE, SC 29611

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")

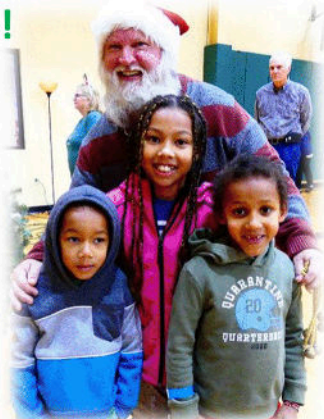


Donations may be dropped off in the Social Hall following all Sunday Masses
Questions? Call/Text Johnny 864-616-0923 johnnypaynegym@gmail.com

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



Thank You for your Generosity!



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

DECEMBER 8- DECEMBER 15

Sunday, December 8	Monday, December 9	Tuesday, December 10	Wednesday, December 11
9:00am- Men's Club Breakfast	7:00pm- RCIA Meeting Social Hall	6:30 PM- Living Waters Bible Study Zoom	8:00am- Breakfast before School Mass Social Hall
2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious			6:00pm- CCD Classes SAP Church and School

PARISH LIFE

The South Carolina Student Life Summit will be January 11, 2025, at 2:00pm at the Village Church, 2204 Park St., Downtown Columbia, SC. All students are welcome. Come join us for fellowship, information and service project. Get your tickets at studentlifesummit.com

For more information, Cbrown@charlestondiocese.org.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF: December 14 - 15, 2024

SATURDAY, 12/14: 5PM	SUNDAY, 12/15: 8AM	SUNDAY, 12/15: 10AM	SUNDAY, 12/15: 12 PM
ALTAR SERVERS Maria Paula Jaramillo NOT FILLED	ALTAR SERVERS NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	ALTAR SERVERS James Filchak Rita Galley JB Lacy	ALTAR SERVERS Arianna Drummond Adrian Drummond David Mitchell-Dela Cruz
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Tony Smith (Host) Bobbie Cancelliere (Cup 1) NOT FILLED (Cup 2)	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Mary Ann Boyd (Host) Stephanie Rosso (Cup 1) Anna Byrd (Cup 2) Mark O'Rourke (Cup 3)	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Barbara Prinzing (Host) Camilla Hertwig (Cup 1) Cindy Caudill (Cup 2) Mary Ann Turner (Cup 3)	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Dawn Davis (Host) Emir Ramirez (Cup 1) Joan Higgins (Cup 2) Nico Green (Cup 3)
SCRIPTURE READERS Ingrid Smith (Lector 1) Rose Martinez-Brandon (Lector 2)	SCRIPTURE READERS Kimberly Clarke (Lector 1) Emma Baldwin (Lector 2)	SCRIPTURE READERS Nadra Taylor (Lector 1) Sandy Thompson (Lector 2)	SCRIPTURE READERS Leanne Ramirez (Lector 1) Yvonne Reynolds (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 8 - DECEMBER 15

<u>Thursday, December 12</u>	<u>Friday, December 13</u>	<u>Saturday, December 14</u>	<u>Sunday, December 15</u>
6:00pm- Cooking Class Social Hall	6:30pm- Parish Christmas Party Social Hall	10:00am- Children's Christmas Party SAP School Gym	9:00am- Men's Club Breakfast
		2nd Collection: Church in Africa	

Seeking Volunteer Grant Writer for St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School

Dear Parishioners,

I hope this message finds you well. We are reaching out to our community with an exciting opportunity to make a significant impact on St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School. We are currently seeking a dedicated volunteer grant writer to help us secure funding for our various programs and initiatives.

As a volunteer grant writer, you will play a crucial role in developing and executing a grants strategy that will benefit our school. Your efforts will directly support our mission to provide quality education and community services. This is a wonderful opportunity to use your skills to support a cause that makes a real difference in our community. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact me via email at mboyd@stanthonygreenvillesc.org.

THANK YOU!

Please accept our sincere thanks for your generous contributions on Giving Tuesday. If you did not get an opportunity to give on Giving Tuesday, the link to the Givebutter website will remain open for you to give for the next week. You will have another opportunity to give during our weekend Masses by using a "Giving Tuesday Envelope" on December 7 and 8. Let's keep that Giving Tuesday momentum going!

THANK YOU!