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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*

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **DECEMBER 15, 2024**

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: JOY



[www.stanthonysgvl.org](http://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](mailto:kyle.hall@charlestdiocese.org) if you would like to register. Please visit [www.stanthonysgvl.org](http://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](http://www.stanthonysgvl.org)

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: (864) 271-0167  
Website: [www.stanthonygschoolgvl.org](http://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, 12/14

- 5 pm June Schammel

### SUNDAY, 12/15

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM

### TUESDAY, 12/17

- 11 AM

### WEDNESDAY 12/18

- 11 AM

### THURSDAY, 12/19

- 11 AM


### FRIDAY, 12/20

- 11 AM

### SATURDAY, 12/21

- 5 PM Nancy & Joe Pelt

### SUNDAY, 12/22

- 8 AM
- 10 AM Kathleen McGrath  
Seaman 
- 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**

On this third Sunday of Advent, my dear friends, we find ourselves scratching our heads, wondering: how could St. Paul, writing from a prison cell, speak so confidently about joy. As C.S. Lewis once noted, "Joy is the serious business of heaven" - and Paul embodies this perfectly. It's like finding a flower blooming in the desert. How is that even possible?

The secret lies in the paradoxical nature of Christian joy: it emerges in the most unexpected places - in a stable, fleeing to foreign countries, on the cross, in bearing with your spouse's flaws, and in countless other moments of trial and hardship.

Our world today? It's like having a Black Friday sale on happiness. Messages bombard us, telling us that acquiring more possessions, achieving status, or garnering more likes and followers will bring us joy. Christianity, however, offers a radical counterpoint. It's not about what we own; it's about Who owns us. Who we belong to. This shift in perspective changes everything.

Joy as a person to encounter, a relationship to embrace. This is what Christ offers us. In the Incarnation, God enters into our human experience, transforming it from the inside out. The joy of Christmas is not just a feeling, not Santa coming to town, or the gifts under the tree, but a Person - Emmanuel, God with us.

In our age of anxiety and despair, choosing joy becomes an act of spiritual resistance. When we rejoice despite circumstances, we declare our trust in a God who is greater than our struggles.

But how do we cultivate this deep joy? In our Gospel, John the Baptist gives us practical directions:

- Share what you have with those who have nothing.
- Conduct your business with integrity.
- Treat everyone like they matter (because they do).

In our often-cynical world, authentic Christian joy becomes a powerful testimony. When people see us maintaining joy in difficult circumstances, they encounter something that transcends human understanding.

As we journey through Advent toward Christmas, here some food for thought:

- Do we truly believe that joy is not just an option but a calling?
- If we took seriously the mandate to rejoice, how might our lives change?
- What prevents us from embracing the full joy God offers?

Dear friends, the invitation is clear: Come to the manger. Come to the cross. Come to the empty tomb. Come and encounter the living Christ, the source of all joy. For in Him, as St. Augustine reminds us, our restless hearts find their rest.

Our joy, as Thomas Merton might conclude, is not an escape from the world, but a profound engagement with its deepest mysteries. It is rooted in the all-encompassing presence of God, sustaining all things and drawing them toward their ultimate fulfillment in Christ.

Dare to be joyful, dear friends. Not because everything's perfect, but because God is present. Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Who will you share your joy with today? Ok? Who else?

## 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](mailto: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 December 7 - 8 Masses



Envelopes/Cash	\$32,047.29
Online Giving	\$20,782.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52,829.75</b>

**2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious** \$2,053.00

**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 Laiewski .....864-354-7670

### 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](mailto:sapfamilies@gmail.com)

### Children's Liturgy

Anna Vukin-Chow..... [sapchildrensliturgy@gmail.com](mailto:sapchildrensliturgy@gmail.com)

### Micah Ministry

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

# SPIRITUAL & PARISH LIFE

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**December 15, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

**December 16, Monday of the Third Week of Advent**

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

**December 17, Tuesday of the Third Week in Advent**

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

**December 18, Wednesday of the Third Week in Advent**

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

**December 19, Thursday of the Third Week of Advent**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

**December 20, Friday of the Third Week of Advent**

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

**December 21, Saturday of the Third Week of Advent**

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

**December 22, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



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.**

Do you have a couple of hours to volunteer? Our school is looking for volunteers to work in the school library. Virtus training is required. If you are not trained, it is easy to complete. Interested persons should email Sharon Scovel at [scovelsc@aol.com](mailto:scovelsc@aol.com) or Paulette Payne at [Paulettejpayne@charter.com](mailto:Paulettejpayne@charter.com). Thank you for your support.

## Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Times

### Tuesday Christmas Eve Mass

Times:

- 4pm

- 7pm

- 11pm

### Wednesday Christmas Day Mass Time:

- 10am

# PARISH LIFE

The Prison Ministry is providing all of these gifts for a family with three children whose father is incarcerated.



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ASSOCIATION OF CONSECRATED COMPANIES

**CONSECRATE YOUR BUSINESS**

Business owners, you are invited to consecrate your business to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This exciting step gives you the graces necessary to steward your company as God intended.

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
Monday, January 27  
Consecration Mass  
St. Mary Magdalene

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

## DECEMBER 15- DECEMBER 22

<u>Sunday, December 15</u>	<u>Monday, December 16</u>	<u>Tuesday, December 17</u>	<u>Wednesday, December 18</u>
9:00am- Men's Club Breakfast	7:00pm- RCIA Meeting Social Hall	6:30 PM- Living Waters Bible Study Zoom	6:00pm- CCD Classes SAP Church and School
<b>2nd Collection: Church in Africa</b>			

# 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](http://studentlifesummit.com)

For more information, [Cbrown@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:Cbrown@charlestondiocese.org).

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF: December 21-22, 2024

SATURDAY, 12/21: 5PM	SUNDAY, 12/22: 8AM	SUNDAY, 12/22: 10AM	SUNDAY, 12/22: 12 PM
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Maria Paula Jaramillo James Filchak	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Olivia Avery Mary Grace Gilchrist Tatum Terracino	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Julian Perry Jaxon Perry Jordan Perry
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</b> Jim Tetor (Host) Michael Hemmert (Cup 1) Jane Kirkpatrick (Cup 2) Renee Puckett Smith (Cup 3)	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</b> Kyle Herr (Host) Maggie Kleger (Cup 1) Anna Byrd (Cup 2) Mark O'Rourke (Cup 3)	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</b> Ronnie Hudson (Host) Erena Allen (Cup 1) Kathy Rogozenski (Cup 3) Mary Morris Williams (Cup 3)	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</b> Jessie Bowens (Host) Nico Green (Cup 1) Carol Moeller (Cup 2) Joseph Green (Cup 3)
<b>SCRIPTURE READERS</b> Christen Palombo (Lector 1) Dianne Hemmert (Lector 2)	<b>SCRIPTURE READERS</b> Paul Herr (Lector 1) Suzanne Newton (Lector 2)	<b>SCRIPTURE READERS</b> Delores Martinez (Lector 1) Deidre Cooper (Lector 2)	<b>SCRIPTURE READERS</b> John Gregory (Lector 1) Suzanne Richmond (Lector 2)
<b>USHERS</b> Rick Flyod            Jim Tetor Beth Holcombe      Bill Kirkpatrick Kathy Peot            Mike Hemmert	<b>USHERS</b> Mike Ayers            Lynn Sholl Robert McDowell    Lillie Jones Nicky Jones           Jeff Sholl	<b>USHERS</b> Bob Dastou            Mike Connor Jay Korybski          Jim Stavakas Tom Creagan           Pam Chivers	<b>USHERS</b> Tom Moeller            Mariel Hunkeler Bryant Boyd            Ron Drennon Ray Lecuyer            Cynthia Riley

## DECEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 22

<u>Thursday, December 19</u>	<u>Friday, December 20</u>	<u>Saturday, December 21</u>	<u>Sunday, December 22</u>
6:00pm- Community Christmas Dinner  Social Hall	6:30pm- School Christmas Party	6:00pm: SAP Benefit Christmas Concert SAP CHURCH	

## 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@stanthonygreenillesc.org](mailto:mboyd@stanthonygreenillesc.org).



## Doughnuts with Dad was a Great Success!



Thank you David Quast, Mr. Larry McCullough and the school choir, and the Float Committee for a great Christmas Parade! It was a wonderful event!

