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ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Office: 864-233-7717

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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, 12/21

- 5 pm Nancy and Joe Pelt

SUNDAY, 12/22

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM Kathleen McGrath Seaman 

TUESDAY, 12/24

- 11 AM Edward Way 

WEDNESDAY 12/25

- 11 AM

THURSDAY, 12/26

- 11 AM

FRIDAY, 12/27

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 12/28

- 5 PM

SUNDAY, 12/29

- 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

Dear friends, let's take a moment to imagine: You're Mary—an ordinary young woman—and one day, an angel appears out of nowhere with incredible news: you're going to give birth to the Son of God – the long-awaited Messiah. It's overwhelming. It's startling. So, what would you do?

Now, if this were a modern-day story, we might expect Mary to grab her phone, take a quick selfie with the angel, and post it on Instagram with hashtags like #blessed #miraculousbaby #Godsplan. But not Mary. Her first thought? To rush to her cousin Elizabeth's side. Elizabeth, who is also expecting a miracle baby, needs support. Mary is there for her. No spotlight. No social media posts. Just quiet, faithful, humble service and accompaniment for someone who needs her.

When Mary arrives, Elizabeth is so moved she cries out, "How amazing is this? The mother of my Lord has come to see me! The moment I heard your voice, my baby jumped for joy right here in my womb!" It's a moment filled with awe, gratitude, and joy. Who am I bringing joy to in their lives?

Mary teaches us what it means to truly care for someone. She brings joy. Her actions remind us that love is not about grand gestures or getting likes and shares—it's about showing up. It's about being there when someone's struggling, scared, or lonely. It's about walking beside them and saying, "You're not alone."

Look around our world today. We're all so busy trying to look good, achieve more, impress others. But Mary's story makes us stop and think: Who around me needs my presence? My help? My accompaniment? Who is struggling that I might not even notice? Is it my spouse, my children, my friends, or someone in my community? When was the last time I asked, "Who needs me right now and right here?"

Here's the thing about Christmas, my friends – it's about God becoming one of us and entering into our messy and imperfect lives. That should change how we live, shouldn't it? If God chose to walk with us in our brokenness, shouldn't we do the same for others? We don't have to fix everything. Sometimes just being there, showing we care, is enough.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let's be honest with ourselves. How often do we let the true meaning of Christmas slip away? Have we let consumerism, busyness, or self-interest become our modern Grinches? Do we truly follow the example of a God who entered into our struggles, or do we keep a safe distance from the pain of others?

This Christmas, let's let Emmanuel's love flow through us in practical, tangible ways. Maybe it's sitting with someone who's grieving. Maybe it's checking in on a friend who's overwhelmed. Maybe it's offering a kind word to someone who feels unseen or forgotten. Who around me is longing for someone to notice them and say, "I'm here for you"? Be that person. Just be there, no matter what. Because that's what Christmas is all about: Emmanuel—God with us. He came to walk with us, love us in our brokenness, and show us that we're never alone.

So, let's make this Christmas about being there for one other. Here at St. Anthony's, let's strive to be a community of love and presence, even when we don't see eye to eye. Come, Lord Jesus. Maranatha. Transform our hearts, so that we may transform our community through our humble, selfless love and presence. 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.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY PARTICIPATION Collections for December 14-15 Masses



Envelopes/Cash	\$28,825.50
Online Giving	\$13,348.42
Total	\$42,173.92

2nd Collection: Church in Africa \$1,827.23

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."**



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

Please consider taking time with Jesus this week.

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

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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 22, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

December 23, Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

December 24, Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

December 25, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

December 26, Feast Day of Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

December 27, Feast Day of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

December 28, Feast Day of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

December 29, Feast Day of THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY
AND JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52



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

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 or Paulette Payne at 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

HIS WAY AT WORK
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

New Year Eve and Day Mass Times:

Tuesday, December 31: 9:00pm

Wednesday, January 1: 11:00am

PARISH LIFE

Community Dinner @ SAP

St. Anthony's Parish wishes to thank all of our food pantry volunteers who successfully **served more than 175** community members Christmas dinner on Thursday night! This event proved to be very successful and will become an annual tradition. Members of our community were overwhelmed with Joy and were very thankful for a home-cooked meal.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

DECEMBER 22- DECEMBER 29

Sunday, December 22

Monday, December 23

Tuesday, December 24

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Eve Masses:
4:00pm, 7:00pm, and 11:00pm



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@charlestandiocese.org.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF: December 28-29, 2024

SATURDAY, 12/28: 5PM	SUNDAY, 12/29: 8AM	SUNDAY, 12/29: 10AM	SUNDAY, 12/29: 12 PM
ALTAR SERVERS Maria Paula Jaramillo James Filchak	ALTAR SERVERS NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	ALTAR SERVERS Patrick Doyle Audrey Gilstrap JB Lacy	ALTAR SERVERS Adrian Drummond Nick St. Pierre Madison St. Pierre
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Erne Allen(Host) Renee Puckett Smith (Cup 1) Mark O'Rourke (Cup 2) Frank Palombo (Cup 3)	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Dawn Davis (Host) Stephanie Rosso (Cup 1) Anna Byrd (Cup 2) Maggie Kleger(Cup 3)	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Kathy Rogozenski(Host) Cindy Caudill (Cup 1) Barbara Prinzing (Cup 3) Camilla Hertwig (Cup 3)	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Emir Ramirez (Host) Joan Higgins (Cup 1) Carol Moeller (Cup 2) Carole Conlon (Cup 3)
SCRIPTURE READERS Christen Palombo (Lector 1) Rick Floyd (Lector 2)	SCRIPTURE READERS Ronald Retterath (Lector 1) Beverly Moore (Lector 2)	SCRIPTURE READERS Sonia Cordero (Lector 1) Deidre Cooper (Lector 2)	SCRIPTURE READERS Leanne Ramirez (Lector 1) Gwen Whitner (Lector 2)
USHERS Rick Flyod Jim Tetor Beth Holcombe Bill Kirkpatrick Kathy Peot Mike Hemmert	USHERS Mike Ayers Lynn Sholl Robert McDowell Lillie Jones Nicky Jones Jeff Sholl	USHERS Bob Dastou Mike Connor Jay Korybski Jim Stavakas Tom Creagan Pam Chivers	USHERS Tom Moeller Mariel Hunkeler Bryant Boyd Ron Drennon Ray Lecuyer Cynthia Riley

DECEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 29

<u>Thursday, December 26</u>	<u>Friday, December 27</u>	<u>Saturday, December 28</u>	<u>Sunday, December 29</u>

School Boutique

Thank Mary McNicholas and volunteers who assisted students with choosing presents, volunteers who wrapped gifts, parishioners who adopted students, donated gifts for the Boutique, and donated hams to families for Christmas .
Thank you so much!!!



Highlights from this week Spirit Week!!

