ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
CATHOLIC PARISH
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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday: (Anticipatory) 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

DAILY MASS
Monday-Saturday 9:00 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
info@stanthonynovato.org

EUCHARISTICADORATION
Monday—Saturday 8:30 AM—9:00 AM
Every Friday 9:30 AM—12:00 PM
First Friday 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Approach the priest after Daily Mass
Also by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Contact Parish Office to Schedule

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
Contact parish office at least six months prior to the wedding

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
For those in need of strength during an illness. It is not necessarily related to death.
Contact parish office at onset of illness.
24/7 emergency number: 415-883-2177 x11

FUNERALS
In case of death in the family, contact Parish Office immediately.

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PARISH MINISTRIES
Altar Servers: Brian Barr
Baptism Prep: Debbie & Pete Hagan
Church Environment: Bertha Garcia
Coffee & Donuts: Steve Giffoni
Eucharistic ministers: Pam Conklin
5 PM Mass Coord: Elizabeth Lee
7 AM Mass Coord: Marie Sullivan
9 AM Mass Coord: <Position Open>
11 AM Mass Coord: Lori Giffoni
Children’s Liturgy: Jean Mariani
Grief Ministry: Jackie McCall
Helping Hands: Elaine Couch
Homebound Ministry: Jackie McCall
Knights of Columbus: John Potocny
Lectors: Elizabeth Lee
Legion of Mary: Mary Ann Konczal
RCIA: Deacon Joe Brumbaugh
Respect Life: Gael Ayala
Rummage Sale: Beth Livoti
St. Vincent de Paul Aux.: Gerri Chisholm
St. Vincent de Paul Conf.: John Halapoff
Young Ladies Institute: Emmy Jo Miller

Go and Make Disciples
Matthew 28:19

1st Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019

Advent
Hope. Love. Joy. Peace
MASS INTENTIONS

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**“COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS”**

I am often asked what is the hardest part of being a priest. There are many challenges to the priestly vocation, and over the years I have gotten better at getting used to some of them, while others have continued to trouble me. For example, it is very hard for me to watch those who were once practicing Catholics drift away from the Catholic Church.

I believe a person being connected to God is the best thing for their life. I believe this connection to God results in a connection to the people of God in the form of the Church. I believe sin kills, and whether I know a person well or not, it hurts to watch people step into what I believe is destructive. And I know that whenever I see people walk away, either on purpose or on accident, quickly or slowly, to sin or to what seems ok, and so on—it hurts and it is hard to watch. Not because I take it personally, but because even amidst my own sins and selfishness and agendas, I love people and want them to connect with the living God.

So this Christmas, if you have drifted away from the Lord and you are not even sure how, or if you ran as fast as you could away from the Church for whatever reason, or if you find yourself in pain, regret and behavioral patterns you think God would never forgive, or if you are just confused by what you grew up with had you walked away, or—you fill in the blank—I invite you to come home. Come home to Jesus for Christmas. You won’t regret it!

For those of you who attend St. Anthony regularly, I thank you and I have an appeal for you. Statistics show that people wait at Christmas for an invitation to come and see...especially from a person who knows them and extends that personal invitation. People are waiting to come but they need to be asked. Pray and then invite someone; a friend, a family member, or a co-worker to “Come home for Christmas!” Make that your Christmas gift this year!

~ Fr. Felix Lim, Pastor

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

**Tuesday—Dec. 3rd—4pm**
Children’s Faith Formation
Students and Families

**Tuesday—Dec. 3rd—7pm**
EDGE/LifeTeen
Students and Families

**Monday—Dec. 9th—10:30am & 7pm**
Combined Advent Reconciliation Service
With Our Lady of Loretta at St. Anthony

This Sunday, the Little Blue Book will be available by the chapel door and in the back of the church. The book has six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. (Dec. 1-Jan.12) The suggested donation for each book is $3.00.

St. Vincent de Paul—Food items needed for our families this season are on the Christmas swag in the back of the church: 3 or 5 lb. canned hams, peanut butter and jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, box of mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, canned fruit and cereal. Please return ASAP as the last day to collect is Monday, Dec. 9th. Food will be packed for the families on Tuesday, Dec. 10th. Last day to collect gift certificates is Monday, Dec. 16th for client pickup on Thursday, Dec. 19th, so please get your gift certificates in. Thank you for making our SVDP families feel so loved at Christmas time.
CALIFORNIA MASTER CATECHIST!
Our very own Faith Formation Coordinator, **DAVID SANDLER**, has successfully completed the Catechist Formation Program in accordance with the guidelines of the California Catholic Conference for Master Catechist Certification. David received this hard-earned certification on November 4, 2019, issued by the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Congratulations David!!

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY:** Starting Dec. 3rd we will be hosting an Advent Bible Study in preparation for Christmas. We are offering two different times: Tuesday at 12:00 noon and 6:30pm. If you are interested in coming, please contact David at david@stanthonynovato.org or call the parish office at 415-883-2177.

**ADVENT CONCERT!**
Please join us for a musical evening with Douglas and James Harman at St. Anthony’s Church Tuesday, Dec 10th, at 7pm. Free admission. Free-will love offerings greatly accepted and CDs will be for sale, including James and Doug’s new Advent CD. Hope to see you there!

Novato Music Association Chorus presents: **HOLIDAYS IN HARMONY**
Three of our singing parishioners, Nancy Brumbaugh, Pat Buckley and Sheila Dasovich will be performing with the Novato Music Association Chorus Friday, Dec.6th—Saturday, Dec. 14th. Performances will be at St. Vincent’s Chapel, 1 St. Vincent’s Dr. in Marinwood. Please go to www.novatomusicassociationchorus.org or www.brownpapertickets.com for more information. Good luck ladies!

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**
Next weekend, Dec. 8th, the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken. Your gift will help defray some of the costs needed to care for our elderly religious and relieve the genuine financial crisis in many religious congregations. Whatever you give will be greatly appreciated. Please be generous.

**DECEMBER DATES TO SAVE!**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019**
**St. Nicholas Young Family Party**
Please join us for our annual St. Nicholas Family Party for the whole family. Games, treats and goodies will be shared by all. If you are willing to donate games, food or raffle prizes please contact David in the Parish Office or at david@stanthonynovato.org.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019**
**ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER**
Our Christmas Dinner has sold out! But, there is a waiting list!! Please call the Parish Office and put your name on the list. Thank you to everyone for making this such a success every year!

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**
**Christmas Eve**
3pm—Children’s Pageant
5pm and 8pm—Candlelight Mass
**Christmas Day**
7am, 9am and 11am—Mass

**SUNDAY COLLECTION TOTALS**
Sunday, November 24, 2019: $5,139.00
Sunday, November 25, 2018: $6,095.25
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Out beautiful altar cornucopia was designed by Berta Garcia, Pilar Clark and Emily Holbrook. Thank you ladies!