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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
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 that is not necessarily related to death. Contact parish office at onset of illness. 24/7 emergency number: 415-883-2177

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

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Deacon Joe Brumbaugh, Chris Fehring, John Gleason, John Potocny (Chair)

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: Lori Giffoni
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11 AM Mass Coord: Lori Giffoni
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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
MASS INTENTIONS

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TAX-ADVANTAGED WAYS TO GIVE TO OUR PARISH:

Gifts of Appreciated Securities: Gifts of appreciated securities continue to be beneficial for donors since they offer significant tax advantages including income tax deductions and avoidance of tax on capital gains if the donor sells the highly appreciated securities. With markets remaining at high levels in spite of recent volatility, many parishioners likely have some highly appreciated securities in their portfolios. Through a gift of appreciated securities to benefit our parish, including through the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA), donors who itemize may receive an income tax deduction up to the full market value of the securities and can also avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation. In essence, you may save twice on income tax and capital gains tax.

IRA Rollover—Qualified Charitable Distribution: The IRA qualified charitable distribution (QCD) provides a way for donors 70 ½ and older to receive a tax benefit for their generosity. It is beneficial because the QCD will not be included in adjusted gross income and is therefore not subject to tax. This is now more beneficial in view of the increased standard deduction in the new tax law. A donor can make a QCD of up to $100,000 annually directly from the IRA to a charity, and as an added benefit, the QCD satisfies the donor’s required minimum distribution. Parishioners 70 ½ or older should consult with their IRA administrator for the procedure to make a QCD to our parish.

For More Information contact the Parish Office. Please consult your tax or financial advisor. Our parish is not engaged in legal or tax advisory service. The examples listed above are intended to provide useful information of a general character only. For specific advice and assistance, please consult a qualified tax or financial advisor.

TAIZE PRAYER

Join us for a special night of Adoration and Praise & Worship Thursday, Dec. 19th, in the Church. David Sandler will be giving a talk at 6:30pm followed by Taizé singing and silence during Adoration from 7-8pm. Taizé Prayer is the singing of repeated chants during a candlelit service. It will be a beautiful, peaceful way to prepare your hearts for the coming of our Savior at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We will soon be decorating our sanctuary with red poinsettias for the Christmas season. You may donate a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. Please bring your poinsettias to the parish office from Monday, Dec. 16th to Friday, Dec. 20th. The list of memorials will be published in the parish bulletin after Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MAILING THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to all of our Christmas elves that worked tirelessly to get our mailing out: Charles Chan, Margaret and Peter Schunk, Jim Wagner, Kevin Johnston and Sandy Williams. We could not have done it without you!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

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.

2020 CALENDARS

The beautiful 2020 Religious Art Calendars are now available free of charge. Please feel free to take one on your way out of church. Thank you Valley Memorial Park Funeral Home, Cemetery and Reception Center for sponsoring us one another year!

FLOCKNOTE INFO:

How to sign up: Text novato to 84576 to get email or text notifications from St. Anthony’s. A great way to stay in touch and up-to-date on events. Unsubscribe at any time.
PRAY FOR OUR SICK — Austin Van Cleave, Andrew Michael Petris, June Gerish, Amy Silva, Sandi Humpherys, Alyssa and Don Richards, Diana Hansell, Sara Delucchi, Marcelina Borsellino, Lori Thompson, Maurice Velich, Janis Yates, Adora Gutierrez, Patricia Singleton, Dennis Cremins, Madeline Piccione, Jeanne Roche, Curt Aloa, Barbara Bendix, Erma Wiedner, Ori Hardy-Sayles, Rob Kammerer, Joanne Mejia, Patricia Kriletich, Marian Patocchi, Jim Jacobsen, Karin Craig, Sylvia Landman, Kimberly Jupe, Dominga Lee, Claudio Gregoretti, Danny Kirsten, Armando Guerrero, Jerrad Giomi, Art Rogers, Flora Mancebo, Geraldine McDonough, Lorraine Priolo, Jenny Collins, Beverly Pierson, Lydia Kohler, Denise Thompson, Linda Alcott, Julie Foster, Kathy Harais

YOUTH MINISTRY

Lifeteen: This week we have a Lifenight on Sunday, Dec. 15th, at 7pm for high schoolers. The theme is “the Holy Spirit Gift of Healing.” All high schoolers are welcome!

Edge: This Monday, Dec. 16th, at 7pm all middle schoolers are welcome. The theme is “the Holy Spirit Gift of Healing.”

Confirmation and Child Faith Formation: A friendly reminder to all parents that there are classes this week for Child Faith Formation and Confirmation. We will see you all there. Also, keep your eyes open for parent meeting times and dates for January.

Advent Bible Study: Advent Bible Study is still happening every Tuesday at 12pm and 6:30pm. We are excited to continue to explore the scriptures as we prepare for Christmas. Even if you missed the first two weeks, you are still welcome to join us. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

St. Nicholas Young Family Advent Extravaganza: Thank you so much to all the people who helped plan and celebrate the St. Nick’s Christmas party. It was a wonderful success!

Our Lady of Guadalupe: What a beautiful evening. Thank you to all who organized, cooked, baked and helped our first Lady of Guadalupe celebration be such a success!

DECEMBER’S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Taize Service
Special Night of Adoration and Praise & Worship
December 19th ~ 6:30pm

Christmas Eve ~ December 24th
3pm Mass with Children’s Pageant
5pm and 8pm Candlelight Mass

Christmas Day ~ December 25th
7am, 9am and 11am Mass

New Year’s Day ~ January 1st
Holy Day of Obligation
9am and 7pm Mass


SUNDAY COLLECTION TOTALS
Sunday, December 8, 2019: $6,180.42
2nd Collection/Religious Retirement: $2,891.06
Sunday, December 9, 2018: $7,174.78
Pastor’s Note

“The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic” by Matthew Kelly

So, what’s this book, the Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic, all about? Well, its author, Matthew Kelly, is taking up quite the task—how do we renew Catholic parishes across the country? Matthew Kelly focuses on what makes Catholics highly engaged at their parishes. His logic: if we figure out the difference between highly engaged Catholics and unengaged Catholics, we can figure out not only how to make more engaged Catholics, but we can also track their effectiveness in the parish. Ultimately, Kelly will say that only 7% of all Catholics are engaged Catholics or what he calls Dynamic Catholics.

What makes someone a Dynamic Catholic? Here are the four signs:

- **Prayer:** Kelly notes that this consists of a daily routine of prayer. “Am I saying the other 93 percent of Catholics don’t pray? No. Their prayer tends to be spontaneous but inconsistent. The 7% have a daily commitment to prayer, a routine” (p. 8).
- **Study:** Kelly writes: “[Dynamic Catholics] see themselves as students of Jesus and his Church, and proactively make an effort to allow his teaching to form them” (p. 14). Kelly also notes that on average they spend 14 minutes each day learning about the faith.
- **Generosity:** Generosity covers not only time and money, but also generosity in all things. This generosity is a way of life.
- **Evangelization:** While many Dynamic Catholics don’t consider themselves to be evangelists, they “regularly do and say things to share a Catholic perspective with the people who cross their paths.”

Kelly has a monumental task in front of him – renewing Catholic parishes – but is willing to offer some of the simplest baby steps to help the reader make that next step in their walk with Christ. For example, 10% tithe may be very daunting if you currently give 2%. His challenge: Give 1% more each year until you hit 10%. Another, if you don’t have a prayer life, start by praying one minute each day.

What if we could double the 7 percent? “If just 7 percent of Catholics are accomplishing more than 80 percent of what we are doing today, imagine what 14 percent could do. Not to mention what 21 percent or 35 percent could accomplish. Our potential is incredible. The Catholic Church is a sleeping giant. We literally have the power to change the world” (p. 14).

Matthew Kelly is a hero of mine. I love this book. Our Church needs a direction for renewal and Kelly gives us one. Is it perfect? Probably not. Could four other signs be used? Sure. General Patton once said, “A good plan violently executed today is far and away better than a perfect plan tomorrow.” As faithful Catholics, we often settle for dreaming of a more perfect plan and spend too much time tearing one another down rather than jumping on board together and trying to make a difference. I highly recommend that we read this book together as a parish and put it in action in our parish next year.

Happy Advent,
Fr Felix

PS: Everyone who attends St Anthony on Christmas will receive a free copy of the book as our Christmas present to you.