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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FINANCE COUNCIL
Steve Giffoni, Dr. Lou Livoti, John Potocny, John Streett, Esq.

LITURGY COMMITTEE
Dn Joe Brumbaugh, Pam Conklin, Beth Halapoff, Elizabeth Lee, Judy Ross, Molly Williams

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
Dn 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: <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
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 1/2 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 1/2 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.

“COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS”

We all have family and friends who have drifted away from Christ and the Catholic Church. Is there someone you can invite to come home to Jesus this Christmas? Maybe it’s someone sitting right next to you every night at supper. We want to invite them to church but often don’t feel comfortable doing so, or fear offending them. Ask the Holy Spirit to give us the courage to invite them to come home to Jesus this Christmas. Make use of the “Come Home for Christmas” postcards on the pews in your invitation.

Come Home for Christmas

Christmas Eve
3pm Mass with Children's Pageant
5pm and 8pm Candlelight Mass

Christmas Day
7am, 9am and 11am Mass

PARISH ENVELOPES!
The usual January shipment of envelopes from Cathedral Corp. will be late. You should receive yours around the middle to end of January. Please use spare envelopes in the pews or make up your own for identification.

NOTE: All tax-deductible contributions that you would like to appear on your 2019 giving statement must be received in our office on or before December 31, 2019. This is an IRS rule and we are unable to make exceptions.

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.
YOUTH MINISTRY

Lifeteen and Edge: There is no Lifeteen or Edge ministry Sunday, Dec. 22nd or Monday, Dec. 23rd. There is also no Lifeteen or Edge Sunday Dec. 29th or Monday, Dec. 30th. We will have Lifeteen and Edge kick-off Sunday, Jan. 5th and Monday, Jan. 12th at 6pm. (Please note time change.) We hope to see you there! God bless!

Confirmation, Child Faith Formation and Parent Meeting: We will not have class from Dec. 22nd—Jan. 5th. Classes will start again Jan. 12th and Jan. 15th. However, parent meetings will be Jan. 7th, 8th and 9th. Parents of both the Confirmation program and Child Faith Formation program will be required to choose one of the three days to come to a meeting. The meetings are from 7pm—8pm. Have a Merry Christmas!

Bible Study: Bible Study will continue on Tuesday, Dec. 30th at 12pm. We will continue to have Bible Study at 12pm and 6:30pm until the start of the new program, The Wild Goose is Loose. All Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome.

Community Worship Night: There will be no Community Worship Night on Dec. 26th. However, we will have a Community Worship Night on Thursday, Jan. 2nd at 6:30pm. The topic will be “New Year, New Me.” How do I make this year about Jesus?

SANTA AND HIS DJ ELF VISITED THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

(Jim Harais and John Cutrufelli)

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 Velcich, Janis Yates, Adora Gutierrez, Patricia Singleton, Dennis Cremmins, Madeline Piccione, Jeanne Roche, Curt Aloia, 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, Celeste & Jack Cremin

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24th and Wednesday, Dec. 25th for the Christmas Holiday. The Parish Office will also be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1st in honor of New Year’s Day.

Fr. Felix will be out of the office and unavailable from Thursday, Dec. 26th through January 1st. Fr. Morgan will be here in his stead.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Jan. 1, 2020, is the Feast Day of Mary, Mother of God, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are Wednesday, Dec. 31st at 5pm and Thursday, Jan. 1st at 9am.

BEWARE ~ SCAMMERS ARE OUT!

Unfortunately, scammers are out in force this holiday season. Churches and pastors throughout the Bay Area are experiencing a tremendous increase in attacks wherein parishioners receive an email or text message from a priest asking for emergency help in the form of cash or gift cards. These are NEVER real requests. If you think our pastor is asking for help via email or text, CALL THE RECTORY, even on the weekends or at night. Please spread the word to others in our parish to prevent anyone from being taken advantage of.

The Little Blue Book will be available by the chapel door and in the back of the church. The book as six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels for the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

SUNDAY COLLECTION TOTALS

Sunday, December 15, 2019: $7,012.00
Sunday, December 16, 2018: $6,087.71
HOUSE BLESSING  
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 6, 2020

St. Anthony’s Epiphany House Blessing 2020. Catholics marking their homes with chalk for the Epiphany is a tradition that dates back centuries, signifying their homes are homes where Christ lives. A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home’s entrance:

+20 C M B 20+

The letters C, M, B have two meanings: They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words Christus mansionem benedicat, “May Christ bless this house.” The “+” signs represent the cross and the 20 20 is the year.

If you are interested in having Fr. Felix bless your home on Epiphany, please call the parish office. Space is limited!

FAMILY MASS  
JANUARY 12, 2020  
9am Mass

St. Anthony’s is excited to bring a new family mass once a month to the parish. This mass is an amazing opportunity for young families to be celebrated at the mass. In this mass the children will be lectors and help the ushers out. The homily will be more suited towards the young families and children. This is an amazing opportunity to bring your family to church and celebrate the mass with your church family. All parishioners are welcome to join is!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:  
THE WILD GOOSE IS LOOSE  
JANUARY 21, 2020  
12pm or 6pm

Did you enjoy Alpha? Did you feel as if Alpha was slightly not Catholic? Let me introduce you to...THE WILD GOOSE IS LOOSE, a series by Father Dave Pivonka. This series not only comes with amazing teaching from Fr. Dave, but personal testimony from Catholics across the world and insight from other church members and Saints. This is an amazing opportunity to get to know the Holy Spirit more. All Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to join us for the first session Tuesday, Jan 21st, at 12pm or 6pm for “God is love” the first segment in this series. All are welcome!

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL  
AND THE JOY OF WINE  
JANUARY 30, 2020  
6pm-7:30pm

All women are invited to gather together to celebrate the Joy of the Gospel and getting to know each other. This is the first of our Women & Wine evenings where we invite moms, grandmothers, newlywed brides, college graduates … women from all walks of life to join us at St. Anthony’s for a relaxing evening of delicious wines and discussing the gospel. Please bring a bottle of wine to share and/or a non-alcoholic beverage. Please call the Parish Office if you wish to attend 415-883-2177. Hope to see you there!