



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 5:30PM (English)

SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30AM (English)
9:00AM (*En Español*)
11:00AM (English)
1:00PM (*En Español*)
5:30PM (English)

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday - Friday
6:30AM & 8:00AM

SATURDAY MORNING: 8:00AM only

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:
7:00PM (Mass) Adoration until 10:00PM

1^{ER} VIERNES DEL MES:
7:00PM (Misa) Adoración hasta las 10:00PM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:00PM - 5:00PM

PRAYER SERVICES

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
Every Wednesday, 6:30PM in the Church

ROSARIO - LEGIÓN DE MARÍA (EN ESPAÑOL)
Cada Martes, 9:00AM en la Iglesia Antigua

BAPTISM/BAUTISMO

Baptisms in English: Pre-Baptismal classes are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Parents and Godparents are required to attend. Baptisms are on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Stop by the rectory to Register.

Bautismos en Español: Clases pre-bautismales se ofrecen los primeros 3 lunes de cada mes. Es requisito que padres y padrinos asistan. Los Bautismos se celebran el 2^o y 4^o sábado de cada mes. Pasen a la rectoría para inscribirse.

MARRIAGE/ARREGLOS PARA BODA

Engaged couples are strongly encouraged to contact the parish office for appointments and classes 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Contact the parish office for details.

Parejas que desean casarse necesitan ponerse en contacto con la parroquia para empezar hacer arreglos por los menos seis meses antes de la fecha propuesta.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 18

6:30AM +Dan Foley+

8:00AM +Anna Ackourey+

Tuesday, December 19

6:30AM Intentions of Joshua Ibanez

8:00AM Eddie Revellame (Birthday)

Wednesday, December 20

6:30AM Mother Julia (Birthday)

8:00AM +Thomas Campa+

Thursday, December 21

6:30AM Deceased Members of the Chanman Family

8:00AM +Lamberto Rosario+

Friday, December 22

6:30AM +Nam Nguyen+

8:00AM +Lupe Ortiz+

Saturday, December 23

8:00AM Raul Perez (Birthday)

5:30PM Intentions of Robin Dinnoo

Sunday, December 24

7:30AM +Donald Foxen+

9:00AM +Amalia Carranza+

11:00AM +Guillermo de la Torre+

1:00PM +Roberto Ruiz+

5:30PM +Alejandra Blay+

SEE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



KEEP THEM IN YOUR SPECIAL PRAYERS

Our brothers and sisters who are ill, especially: Mariana Lozada, Hudson Koepnick, Vera Joya, Pancho Verdugo, Don Bohannon, Alfonso Andrade, Maricar DeGuzman, Patricia Flores, Karen Tankersley, Matthew Emery, Emy Marinas, Eleanor Bersano, Marco Veliz, Virginia Castillo, Raquel Bazaldua, Salvador Peralta, Adolfo Vasquez, Catherine Baker, Ana Veliz, Herb Griffitt, Angela Marino, Jeannie Okamoto, Mariano Felina, Flora Ibarra, Anita Carreras-Griffitt, Carrie Gorman, Anthony Ruiz, Catherine Dinnoo, Norma Chanman-Cordova, Joshua Ibanez, Brian Archambault, Ingrid Leggott, Laura Ponce, Alejandra Ramirez, Esther Huevo, Ethan Vargas, Jack Soltis, Robert Corona, Lupe Redondo, Martin Bravo, Maryann Sanchez, Arthur Sanchez, Yolanda Vasquez, Rene'e Harrell, Jose Ballesteros, Cesar Javier, Josette Milner, **And remember those who have recently been called from this life especially:** Jim Duffy



SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

December 17th: Bodas Comunitarias

Will be selling coffee, donuts, and other food items after masses to raise funds for their program.

Your support is appreciated!



ROSARY CRUSADE FOR PEACE



The Rosary will be held on Monday, December 18th at 7pm at the home of Kathy Freiburghouse (2220 Plant Ave. Redondo Beach). For more information, please call (310) 542-6825.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS SCHEDULE 2017/2018

Sunday, December 24 (Advent Mass)

7:30am, 9:00am (Sp), 11:00am, 1:00pm (Sp)

Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24th

5:30pm: Children's Mass

9:00pm: Misa de Noche Buena

11:30pm: Christmas Carols begin in the Church

12 Midnight: Solemn Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th

7:30am: English

9:00am: Spanish

11:00am: English

1:00pm: Spanish

5:30pm: English

New Years Eve, Sunday, December 31st

7:30am: English

9:00am: Spanish

11:00am: English

1:00pm: Spanish

5:30pm: English

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Monday, January 1, 2018

11:00am: English

1:00pm: Spanish

Next Tuesday, December 19, we will have our Advent Penance Service. It will begin at 7PM and will be followed by private confessions

Este Martes, 19 de Diciembre, tendremos nuestro servicio penitencial. Comenzara a las 7PM seguida por las confesiones individuales

We need poinsettias to decorate our altar for Christmas. If you wish to donate, please bring the poinsettias by December 22

Necesitamos flores de Nochebuena para la decoración de la iglesia en Navidad. Si desea donar, por favor traiga las flores antes del 22 de Diciembre



Benefit Dinner - Dance

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Building Fund for the Poor Clare Missionary Sisters' Housing for Sick and Elderly Sisters.

Event at: St. Anthony of Padua's Parish Hall.

Hours: 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Tickets: \$20.00 per person

COME! HAVE FUN! HELP THE SISTERS!

Sábado, 24 Febrero, 2018

Ayudará a la construcción de Casa de Convalecencia para las Hnas. Religiosas enfermas y ancianas de las Misioneras Clarisas

Evento en: Salón Parroquial de la Iglesia de San Antonio de Padua.

Horas: 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Boleto: \$20.00

VENGAN! DIVIERTANSE! AYUDEN A LAS HERMANAS!



¡ALÉGRATE!

¡Isaías realmente nos proclama una buena nueva! La venida del Señor no trae tristeza, culpa, miedo, ira ni condena. No, la venida del Señor es fuente de júbilo y consuelo. No basta con decirlo una vez, las lecturas de hoy están llenas de júbilo. El Magnificat de María reemplaza a nuestro salmo hoy y nuestra segunda lectura nos anima a alegrarnos, dar gracia y rendir alabanza. Éste es el significado principal de la palabra griega para eucaristía. Se nos insta a alegrarnos y dar gracias, porque la venida del Señor trae júbilo, curación, libertad, perdón y vindicación. ¡Hace que la tierra eche brotes de vida nueva!

¡Buenas noticias!

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The Gardena Valley Lion's Club is celebrating its 94th year and cordially invites St. Anthony of Padua parishioners to a special event where we will honor Principal Angela Grey with our 36th Community Recognition Award: Citizen of the Year. Please mark your calendars for Saturday January 27, 2018. It is not too early to reserve a seat for the event at the Holiday Inn L.A. Gateway Hotel: 19800 S. Vermont Ave., Torrance 90502. We are proud to honor such an amazing woman: Miss Hawai'i 2000 and Miss America 2001; your Principal of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School; motivational speaker; published author, etc. 11:30: Social Hour: No Host Bar; 12:30: Luncheon followed by Lion's Program. Entertainment will be provided by popular Accordionist John Dynice. Please reserve before January 20, 2018. Donation: \$55.00 per person. Business attire recommended. Please mail checks, with names of those attending, to Lion Chair Frank Onderka at 1036 W. Gardena Blvd. #5, Gardena, CA 90247. To RSVP or for more info: Please phone Lion Frank: (310) 753-1891.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week, we looked at a form of nativity scene called a presepio, characterized by framing the crèche of Jesus with a vast array of personalities and a rich geographical context. The tradition was carried to the New World, and finds very rich expression in Latin America today. While in Europe the presepio was reserved mostly to the homes of wealthy nobles and great churches, in Latin America it was claimed by the poor and expressed the skills of native artisans. In Mexico, you can still find clay figures in every village market. In a way, the native people took the religion of Spanish rule and baptized it with their Indian culture by surrounding the crib of Jesus with local geography and people. In Brazil, where Christmas falls in summer, the figure of the baby Jesus is wrapped in gold and gems, and set on a hillside surrounded by flowers and animals of all kinds. Sometimes there is a double presepio, presenting both Nativity and Crucifixion.

In some places in Latin America, even non-religious people take care to have a presepio in the home, sometimes dedicating one whole room in the house or apartment to the scene. Some cities have markets where people from the countryside sell plants and figurines. In Cuzco, churches and families provide hot chocolate for the children of the poor who come down to help create the nativity scenes. In Paraguay, the baby Jesus grows--the small infant who arrives on Christmas Eve is replaced at New Year with a toddler Jesus who holds in one hand the globe and in the other a cross. Few Christmas traditions have the vitality and variety of presepios and crèches honoring the Nativity.

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