



St. Anthony of Padua CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 20, 2020 *4th Sunday of Advent*

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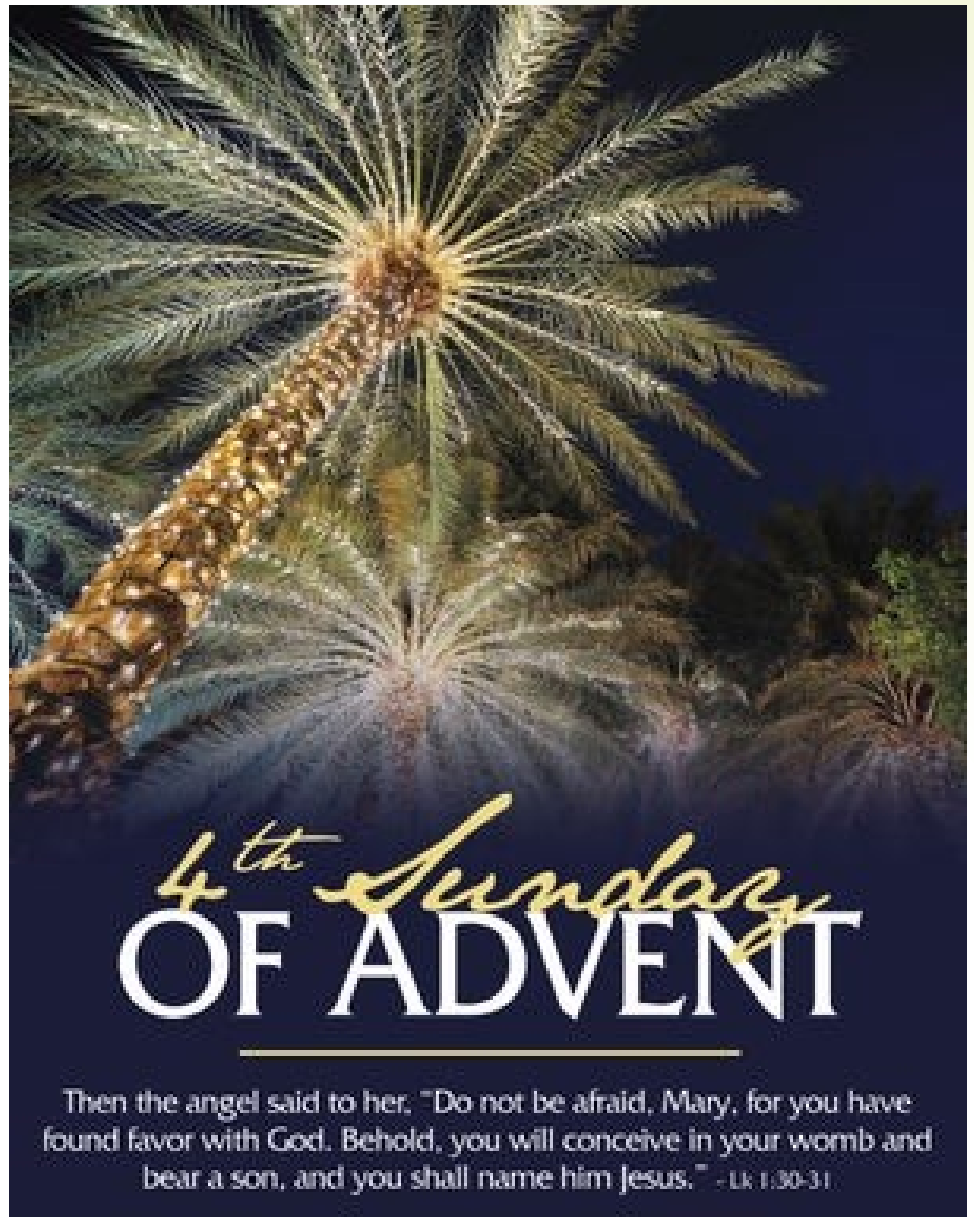
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Closed Dec 24-27

Mass
10:00 AM Sunday
bit.ly/sapatlantayoutube



Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. May the fullness of your Will be done in their lives. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Georgia Holloman	Charles D. Carter	Shirley Reynolds Kelley
Greenie Lyons	Sabrina Polote	Simeon Kelley
Destiny Strider	Tahlia Bostic	Sheila Russel
Carla Haley	Romaine Miller	Marzine Bristow Sr
Msgr Ed Branch	Belinda Pederose	Diane Dalton
Louise Robinson	Ingrid Berry	Jacqueline Simpson
Natalie Miles Reed	Everett Johnson	The Family of Kelly
Linnie Francis	Teresa Williams	Baker-Grant*
Eunice Lecounte	Sadye H. Williams	(Kathleen Meneffee)
Eartha Lee Jackson	Gloria Edwards	The Curley Williamst
Alvin Johnson	Edith C. Bentley	Family
John Guice	Len & Julie Lacour	The Family of Wallace
Taylor Simmons	Michael Malcolm	Youngt (Bonnie Young)
Mildred Morrison	John Robert Lewis	

Mass Intentions

Dec 6th 10AM: The People of the Parish
Dec 13th 10AM: The People of the Parish

The Pope's December Prayer Intention

Let us pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ will be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Live the Liturgy

Does the world realize that it is waiting? As we go about all of the busyness of our lives and entertain our distractions, there are many holes and gaps in our lives that need to be filled. We are always wanting more, but not really sure what that "more" needs to be. Fulfillment, happiness, contentment, and true satisfactions are fleeting occurrences and often come to us in illusive ways. What we think is the ultimate fix to our anxious emptiness really is only a fancy trend that we entertain. The world does not realize any more today than it did over two thousand years ago that it is waiting for a Savior. We need a Savior. We need to see and embrace the God who has broken into history and become one with us. It is this union of God and man that sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals, and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. The world does not know how truly lost it is. Do you realize how lost you are and that the One you need most is here among us and within your grasp?

Readings for the Week

Sun 20 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Mon 21 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Tue 22 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Wed 23 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Thu 24 Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Fri 25 Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Sat 26 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you for sharing your gifts from God

Sunday December 6, 2020

Offertory	\$6,020.88
Capital Campaign	\$5,753.78
2020 Annual Appeal	\$2,360.00

Sunday December 13, 2020

Offertory	\$3,329.00
Capital Campaign	\$1,851.00
2020 Annual Appeal	\$1,635.00

Upcoming 2nd Collections

Dec 20: Capital Campaign

We are finalizing permits & about to break ground on renovations to our Sanctuary, Nave, & Parish Hall. Your donation of any amount will support the beautification & preservation of St. Anthony of Padua Parish as a worship & gathering space for generations to come. For pledge balance inquiries, email or call the Office.

Dec 24/25: Catholic Charities Atlanta

Catholic Charities services are aimed at empowering people to utilize their strengths & resources to meet their individual & family needs. Please support Catholic Charities to provide help & create hope for individuals & families facing challenges in our community, struggling on the margins of society, & living in poverty.

Dec 27: Annual Appeal 2020

A gift to the Annual Appeal is a savvy way to support the Parish through the end of the calendar year. We have far exceeded our required goal which means 100% of all donations come back to the Parish without customary assessments: 90% cash; 10% long-term Parish endowment.

Mail & Online Giving

While Parish activity is limited for your safety, the church has the same operational expenses. Contribute securely online at stanthonyatlanta.org & look for the "giving" tab. Also, let Dr. Roof know if you wish to start or stop receiving giving envelopes or have address, phone, or email changes.

2020 GIVING DEADLINES

Mailed or dropped off donations must be received in the office by 9:00AM, Tuesday, December 29th. Online Giving donations, to be sure, should be processed by 5:00PM, Wednesday, December 31st.

Find Up-to-Date Information

Check out our Facebook page, parishioner Facebook group, website, & Instagram @stanthonyorg. Listen for Fr. Vic's announcements after Mass to meet virtually via "Zoom." Subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter here: bit.ly/3cYnGym

Share Special Days

If you have an upcoming Birthday, Anniversary or milestone please use this form so that it can be announced at Mass bit.ly/2YHDMbT Pictures are encouraged!

Pray the Rosary Together

Sundays at 9:15am. Led by KPC/KPCLA. Refer to post on Facebook or contact Lisa Blair for conference call login information. lblair61@bellsouth.net



Archdiocesan 24-hour abuse reporting hotline:
888-437-0764

Giving Tuesday Update

Thank you to all who participated in our sixth year of #igivecatholic. This year's fundraising campaign was dedicated to Ms. Green. As the church undergoes its renovation, we will remember her with a memorial—a special dedication at the Saint Mary altar. As of mid-December your giving totaled \$2,888.00.



KeenAgers Fundraiser Update



The KeenAgers just wrapped up their annual fundraising effort for the Hawthorne Dominican Sisters at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home Auxiliary. The Sisters give merciful end-of-life care for those with no place to turn. This year's fundraiser looked a bit different because the pandemic prevented the usual fun of a luncheon and raffle. There are still a few more donations to count but so far support totals \$715.00!

Capital Campaign Matching Grant

We are blessed by generous donors that made possible our recent capital campaign matching grant of \$6,000. Virtual Mass has extended the reach of weekly Mass across the state and country. Our non-member viewers were encouraged to offer contributions of thanksgiving and support with donations earmarked to the Capital Campaign matching grant. Some donations are still trickling in, but we have received about \$6,500. Viewers that find a spiritual home here from miles away are helping to build & preserve our place of worship.

Giving Differently

handmade gifts
homecooked gifts
homegrown gifts
gently used gift
ethical & sustainable gifts
experiences as gifts
shared talents as gifts
help with projects as gifts
time together as gifts
traditions as gifts
storytelling as gifts
cards as gifts
phone calls as gift
gift exchanges
small gifts
regifts



Project Handbag

CCW members organized ladies of the church in a large -scale service project collecting gently used handbags filled with Kroger gift cards, warm scarves, toiletries, snacks, & more. The items were gift wrapped beautifully & will mean so much to women facing difficulties.

St. Anthony Anti-Racism Committee

This Committee is dedicated to engaging & reaching all church members. If you have any concerns about your church family members, call the church office or reach out to a familiar face. Let's keep each other informed & connected. Also, if you need help viewing the virtual Mass, call or email the office.

Anti-Racism Volunteer Form

Let us know if you would like to be involved in various communication, outreach, or empowerment efforts. [Survey Link](#)

Marriage Preparation Updates

The following programs are back in full-swing with online & in-person options: [Joy Filled Marriage](#); [Witness to Love](#); [Catholic Engaged Encounter](#); [Three to Get Married](#); Fall in Love, Stay in Love (contact Andy Otto: aotto@stmga.org); [Building your Marriage Before It Starts](#). Questions or info: contact Daniel West: dwest@archatl.com <https://bit.ly/2Gro3HB>

YOUR VOTE *Matters* ©LPI

Early voting is under way. You can vote in person through December 31st. Lines can be long but move quickly. Wear extra layers just in case & some music or book. If you are over 75 years or live with a disability you can notify a poll worker and move to the front of the line. Some locations are giving out a stylus to each voter to reduce contact with the touch screen voting machines. Mail in your absentee ballots or drop off in a secure box location. Vote in person January 5, 2021. To find your polling location go to [Georgia.gov](https://www.Georgia.gov)



Virtual Townhall on Hunger & Justice with Archbishop

Hosted by the Office of Justice and Peace Ministries with members of Catholic Relief Services. Visit their website [here](#) to learn about upcoming events, advocacy opportunities, and partner offices and organizations. Join the virtual townhall meeting January 26th 5:00-6:00pm with Archbishop Hartmayer to discuss hunger & justice. [Sign up](#) early.