

Parish News:



And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'"(Luke 2:13-14)

Just as the angels proclaimed, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' (Luke 2:14), may the peace of Christ fill your home with joy and love. Christmas blessings to you and your family!



Monday Night Prayer Group: All are welcome and invited to join us Monday evenings in the Church at 6:30 pm for the Rosary, Chaplet and General Intercessions.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration is held Fridays from 9:30 – 10:00 am & every *first* Saturday of the month from 9 am – noon.

Rorate Masses:

All are invited to join our last Rorate Mass on **Saturdays December 21st** beginning at 7:30 am in the Church.

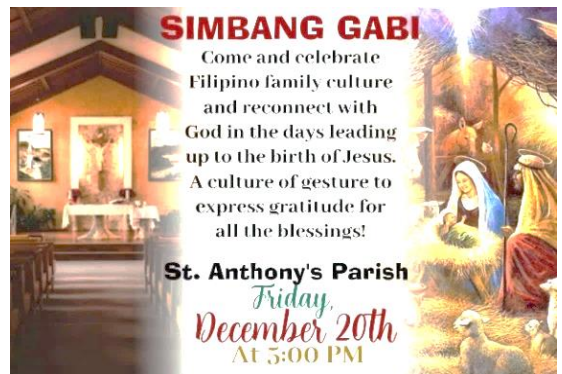
2025 Donation Envelopes: Donation envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex. Please let the Parish Office know

if your need to update your contact information. If you would like donation envelopes, please call or email the Parish Office.



2024 Donations: Please note that the cut off for **2024 donations** will be **December 31st**. All donations received January 1, 2024 and onward will count towards 2024.

Rooted in Filipino culture, Simbang Gabi is a time of prayer, unity, and hope, as the faithful gather each day to prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ.



Fellowship to follow after the mass in the Parish Hall. This will be a **potluck**, you may **put your name in the sign up sheet** to bring your favorite food or drinks to share. Please join us for an evening of fellowship as all parishioners are invited.

Christmas Season Masses:



Christmas Eve Dec. 24 - at 5pm, 7pm
Christmas Day Dec. 25 - at 9am, 10:30am
Solemnity of Mary Eve Dec. 31 - at 5pm
Solemnity of Mary Day Jan. 1 - at 9am



Couples for Christ:

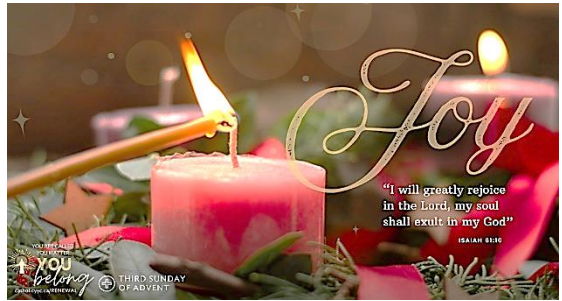
2024 CFC Get Together will be on **Sunday, December 29** at 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall. *Let's Have some fun together!*

Christmas Bells,
Christmas Bells
for our Bell Tower!

Help us decorate our Christmas Tree. For every donation of \$10, \$20 or \$50, a christmas ornament with your name on it will be added to the tree. These ornaments are available at the Narthex after each mass. All proceeds of this fund raising will go to the restoration of our bell tower.

This project is initiated by
COUPLES FOR CHRIST DRUMHELLER

From the Diocese:



Advent is at full term, and today's readings overflow with the promise of impending birth. Again, as in today's first reading, God has chosen the lowly, the insignificant: two ordinary women, one teenager and one advanced in years, both trust God's promises to them. They find comfort and reassurance in their high regard for one another. Mary's "yes" is a model for us all.

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MARTYRS' SHRINE

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The relics of St. Jean de Brebeuf and St. Kateri will be visiting the Diocese of Calgary! When: Sat, Jan 4, 2025 - Mass: 9 am (with Fr John O'Brien) and 5 pm (with Bishop McGrattan) at St. Albert the Great, Calgary.

December Mass and Intentions

Tuesday,	24-Dec-24	5:00 PM	(Spec) Rina & Marvin and Obmina Family
		7:00 PM	(Spec) Kevin & Calpas Family
Wednesday,	25-Dec-24	9:00 AM	(Spec) Tess & Cen Felisilda and Family
		10:30 AM	(Spec) Charlie, Max, Olivia and Sofia Gruner
Thursday,	26-Dec-24	9:00 AM	(No Mass)
Friday,	27-Dec-24	9:00 AM	(No Mass)
Saturday,	28-Dec-24	5:00 PM	(Spec) Dave Spencer
Sunday,	29-Dec-24	9:00 AM	(Spec) St. Anthony's Parishioners
		10:30 AM	† Dennis Pascut

Sacraments:

For Anointing of the Sick: Please email Father Lukas or, in the case of emergencies, please call the Parish, press '0' to be connected to Father Lukas.

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:30 – 4:30 pm Saturday afternoons and by appointment. To schedule an appointment, please call the Parish Office or email Fr. Lukas at fr.lukas.d@gmail.com.

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office at (403) 823-2683 to arrange an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to your desired date.

Scripture Readings

Monday, Dec.24: Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24 | Psalms 25: 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 | Luke 1: 57-66

Tuesday, Dec.25: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Psalms 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 | Luke 1: 67-79
(Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity - Christmas Day)

Wednesday, Dec.25: Isaiah 52: 7-10 | Psalms 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 | Hebrews 1: 1-6 | John 1: 1-18

Thursday, Dec.26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 | Psalms 31:3-4, 6, 7, 8, 17, 21 | Matthew 10:17-22

Friday, Dec.27: 1 John 1:1-4 | Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 | John 20:2-8

Saturday, Dec.28: 1 John 1: 5 - 2: 2 | Psalms 124: 2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 | Matthew 2: 13-18
(Feast of Holy Innocents)

Sunday, Dec. 29: 1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28 | Psalms 84: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10 | 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24 | Luke 2: 41
(Feast of The Holy Family)

St. Anthony's Parish

St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church is an inviting family community united in Christ.

Parish Mission: Family, Faith Building, Liturgy, Environment and Social



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Pastoral Council Chair: Paul Marshall | **Finance Council Chair:** Mary Pavich

CWL President: Sharon Doyle | **K of C Grand Knight:** Tony Weir

Couples for Christ: Cen and Tess Felisilda

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday at 5:00 pm | Sunday at 9:00 and 10:30 am

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9 am – 12:00 pm

4th Sunday of Advent: December 22, 2024

Some 50 years ago, I had a profound spiritual awakening. Being touched by the Holy Spirit in such a real and deep manner compelled me to enthusiastically go and share the experience with everyone. In today's Gospel we are privileged to witness just such a movement of the Spirit in the lives of Mary and Elizabeth.

Luke gives us an insight into the heart and person of Mary: prompted by the Spirit, she unselfishly forgets her own needs and visits her cousin who has miraculously conceived in her old age. Mary did not think twice, but in haste took the arduous journey to share the joy of her own impending mother-hood. We are also given a glimpse of the Spirit at work in the heart of Elizabeth who cannot contain her joy but must bestow blessings upon her young cousin.

This Gospel invites us to journey with Mary into the Judean hill country - a journey that will continue with Joseph to Nazareth, in flight after the Nativity and ultimately to the Cross. When our own journey is challenging, we can take heart from Mary. She followed the promptings of the Spirit, found the strength to carry out her journey and received blessings in return. In this holy season, may the intercession of Mary and the saints give us a deeper intimacy with the Holy Family.

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