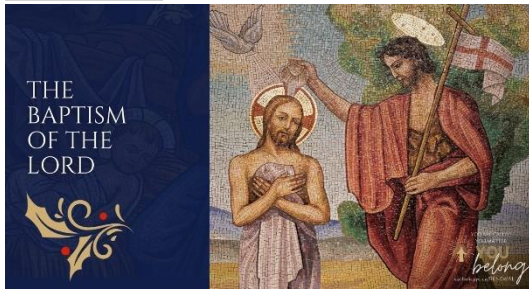


Parish News:



Monday Night Prayer Group: *“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”* (Matthew 18.20) 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: Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Fridays, following the 9 am Mass and on the first Saturday of each month from 9 am until noon.



2024 Donations: Please note that the cut off for 2024 donations was **December 31st**. All donations received January 1, 2025 and onward will count towards 2025.

First Reconciliation: Celebration of **First Reconciliation and Retreat** will be on **Tuesday, January 21, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.** in the church. Families and candidates are welcome to attend the **6:30 p.m Mass.** **The Couple For Christ Ministry will provide a Light Supper.*

The next Pastoral Parish Council Meeting will be on **January 16th, Thursday at 7pm.** All parishioners are welcome. *(*Corrected date)*

From The Catholic Women’s League:



Isabella Cervantes was the winner of the January Cake Raffle.

- It's time to **renew our memberships--\$30.** You can pay Debbie Grande or Margaret Hamel or put the money in an envelope marked CWL in the collection basket.

- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**—The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday January 29. We will begin with dinner at 5:30, followed by the meeting, which this year includes election of officers. Cost is \$20 per person.

From Knights of Columbus:

Join us for **Pancake Breakfast on Sunday,**



January 12, 2024 from 9:30 –12:30 pm at the Parish Hall. Cost is a free-will donation.

Pennies for Heaven Collection will continue every 3rd Sunday of every month. For 2025, collection will be on Sunday, January 19th. Proceeds are donated to seminarians and those entering the religious life that have financial need.

From Couples For Christ: A HEARTY TREAT IN FEBRUARY - CFC is inviting all parishioners to start and celebrate Heart Month by bringing your loved ones to a feast of Asian cuisine. **For only \$20,ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT!**



BRUNCH (Breakfast-Lunch) begins at **8:30 AM on February 2, Sunday,** at the Parish Hall.

St. Anthony's School: Kindergarten Open House, come check it out! Wednesday, January 22nd from 6:30-7:30pm. All are welcome, you don't need to register.

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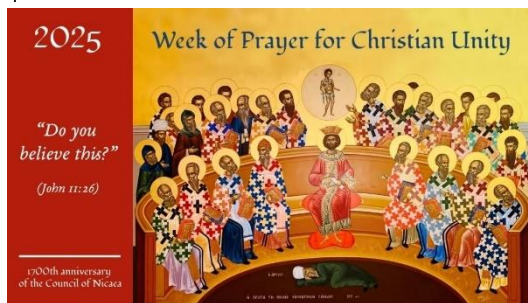


"May the grace of this Jubilee Year of Hope allow us to experience the mercy of God and renew each of us in our faithful witness to Christ." – *Bishop McGrattan*

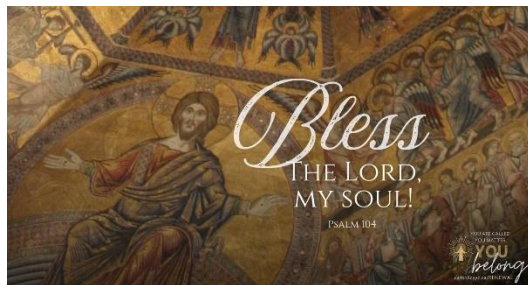
"Jubilee Year 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" - The Jubilee Year begins on Dec 24, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door in Rome. In our Diocese, we will mark this sacred time with an Opening Mass at the Cathedral on Sun, Dec 29, 2024 (Feast of the Holy Family) and conclude on Jan 6, 2026 (Solemnity of Epiphany).

Pope Francis has dedicated this Jubilee to "Pilgrims of Hope." Rooted in baptism, we are nourished by Christ, guided by the Spirit, and called to journey in hope—trusting in God's grace and longing for eternal life.

"Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: 'Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!' (Ps 27:14). ~*Pope Francis, Spes non confundit, 2024.*"



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25): The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25) invites us to reflect on the theme "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26) and marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. Prepared by the monastic community of Bose in northern Italy, this year's prayers and reflections focus on celebrating the shared faith of Christians expressed in the Nicene Creed.



January Mass and Intentions Schedules

Tuesday,	14-Jan-25	6:30 PM	(SPEC) Ruth Pascut
Wednesday,	15-Jan-25	10:30 AM	(Spec) Anna Murphy & Family
		(Continuing Care)	
Thursday,	16-Jan-25	9:00 AM	† Sandra Grills
Friday,	17-Jan-25	9:00 AM	(SPEC) Helene Marrow
Saturday,	18-Jan-25	5:00 PM	+Louie & Lilian Geeraert
Sunday,	19-Jan-25	9:00 AM	(Spec) St. Anthony's Parishioners
		10:30 AM	(Spec) Julio and Marites Mendoza

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, Jan. 13: Hebrews 1:1-6 | Psalms 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 | Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, Jan. 14: Hebrews 2:5-12 | Psalms 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 | Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, Jan. 15: Hebrews 2:14-18 | Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 | Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, Jan. 16: Hebrews 3:7-14 | Psalms 95:6-7, 8-9, 10-11 | Mark 1:40-45

Friday, Jan. 17: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 | Psalms 78:3, 4, 6-7, 8 | Mark 2:1-12
(Memorial of St. Anthony Abbot)

Saturday, Jan. 18: Hebrews 4:12-16 | Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15 | Mark 2:13-17

Sunday, Jan. 19: Isaiah 62: 1-5 | Psalms 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8, 9-10 | 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 | John 2: 1-11

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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Catholic Women's League President: Sharon Doyle

Knights of Columbus 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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD: JANUARY 12, 2025

God is ever-present to his people. After the Fall, he sent a line of prophets with instructions and encouragement. Every prophet was a sign pointing to the Messiah to come, preparing the people for this day. John the Baptist was the last and greatest of the prophets. Going ahead of Jesus, he preached a baptism of repentance. When people mistook John for the Messiah, in his humility he immediately corrected them. He knew the strength and ability to perform his work came from God. John sought no worldly glory and redirected any attention to God. May all Christians follow John's example of saying yes to the Holy Spirit, witnessing to Jesus and performing charitable works in his name. Let us also seek no worldly glory and direct all attention to God.

Although John recognized his own unworthiness, he obeyed Jesus in baptizing him. In today's Gospel we see that baptism is both a gift and a special encounter with God. If you have been baptized, treasure and reflect upon this gift. If you are thinking about being baptized, do not wait! You will receive Jesus's forgiveness and the Holy Spirit, taking the place Jesus has prepared for you in the Body of Christ. Remember the way the Father looks at Jesus today. He looks at you the same way and sees his beloved child.

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