

# ***St. Anthony Parish***

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**Worship Schedule** Masses: Saturday 4:30 PM  
Sunday 9:30AM  
11:30AM in Vietnamese  
Tuesday — Friday 8:00 AM

**Holy Hour:** Tuesdays 8:30AM-9:30AM

**Confessions:** Saturdays at 3:30 PM  
Tuesdays at 8:30 AM

**Baptism:** Contact the parish office

**Marriage:** Please contact the parish office at least six months before desired wedding date.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** President—Cindy Ecklund  
Vice President—Rick Mannino

Janet Murphy      Abbi Spilker      Rene Heidt

Mary Mannino

Thomas Meloche      Cassie Eakle

**The Parish Council meets Third Wednesday of the month at 6pm in Wilson Hall, except July & August**

**Finance Council:** President—Luke Anderson  
Nina Heidt      Deacon Jim Schwarzer

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul** President — Kathy Loe  
Monthly meeting:

Second Saturday, 8am in Wilson Hall 509-216-1093.  
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Contact Jan Russell to add a name to the prayer chain

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Betty Lease, Kerry Williston, Justin Maddox, Patrick Byrnes, Christopher, Beth, Van Doughty, Sr. Madonna, Cindy, Edna Mae (Morbeck) Schultheis, Angela Morbeck, Tina Lesser, Ashley & Family.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** — This is collection weekend for our parish St Vincent de Paul Society – the blue buckets are at the back of the church; online giving is also an option via the parish website. The gifts for the Tree of Sharing should all be returned by the 9:30 Mass this weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

**Parish Mass Intentions & Events** †

**Saturday, 12/13 St Lucy**

8AM St Vincent de Paul Society in Wilson Hall

3:30PM Confession

4:30PM Mass: Sharon Huffman †

**Sunday, 12/14 Third Sunday of Advent**

**Second Collection for St Vincent de Paul**

9:30AM Mass: Sharon Huffman †

11:30AM Mass in Vietnamese

**Monday, 12/15**

12:30-3 Trinity Band in Wilson Hall

**TUESDAY, 12/16**

8AM Mass: Sharon Huffman †

8:30AM Adoration & Confession

12:30-3PM Trinity Band & Strings

4:15PM Baptism Class with Sr. Consuela

**WEDNESDAY, 12/17**

8AM MASS: SHARON HUFFMAN †

6PM Parish Council in Wilson Hall

**THURSDAY, 12/18**

8AM Mass: Sharon Huffman †

1pm-4PM Mahjong in Wilson Hall

6:30PM Women of St Anthony's in Wilson Hall

**FRIDAY, 12/19**

8AM Mass: Patty Norton †

9AM Trinity School Mass

12:30-3PM Trinity Music

**Saturday, 12/20**

3:30PM Confession

4:30PM Mass: Patty Norton †



# DECEMBER 14, 2025

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor's Corner — My brothers and sisters in Christ, May the Lord continue to bless our families and our parish community!

This Sunday the Church invites us to pause in the midst of Advent and lift our hearts in joy. Gaudete Sunday— "Rejoice!"—reminds us that God is closer than we think, already walking toward us with healing, mercy, and hope. The readings for this Third Sunday of Advent speak directly to this deep longing for restoration.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah proclaims that the desert will bloom, the weak will be strengthened, and the fearful will find courage. What a beautiful promise for all of us! How many of us carry hidden deserts—exhaustion, worries, family wounds, financial struggles, or fears for the future? Isaiah tells us: Do not be discouraged. God Himself is coming to save you. Even in the driest places of our lives, God can bring new life.

In the Gospel, Jesus sends a message to John the Baptist: "Go and tell what you hear and see." The blind see, the lame walk, and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor. Jesus reveals that God's Kingdom is already breaking into our world. Salvation is not a distant dream; it is unfolding here and now.

As we draw closer to Christmas, this Sunday reminds us not to lose heart. Sometimes our expectations of God can become clouded by impatience or disappointment—just as John the Baptist wondered if Jesus was truly the One. But Jesus responds by pointing to the signs of grace already present. We, too, are invited to open our eyes and recognize God's work: in acts of kindness, in the healing of relationships, in the quiet strength that carries us through trials, and in the peace that comes from prayer.

Here in our parish communities of St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's, we are also called to be signs of hope for others. Advent is a time to renew our service, generosity, and compassion. When we bring comfort to the suffering, encouragement to the lonely, or forgiveness to those who have hurt us, we make Christ's presence visible in Spokane today.

May this Gaudete Sunday fill your home and your heart with joy. The Lord is very near. Let us prepare a place for Him with renewed faith, open hands, and joyful expectation.

May God bless our Parish! May the Lord continue to provide us with deeper faith and love in the Eucharist!

God bless you!

Fr. Gus Ruiz

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** — Thank you to all of you who have so generously given to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We have received pledges/contributions of \$27,300 toward our parish goal of \$33,111. If you haven't yet pledged, please join your fellow parishioners in meeting our goal.

#### **CANDY AND BAKE SALE** —

Thank you to all of our parishioners that donated and purchased from the St Nicholas Candy and Bake Sale. We sold out of everything. The vestments and robes will be cleaned professionally thanks to you generosity.

**BUSY BAGS** — Parents, busy bags have been donated for your children to borrow during mass. Please take a bag from the back of the church and return it when mass ends. We are looking to make more and could use donations of items and money. If you'd like to donate, please see Alyssa Richards or the parish office.

#### **WOMEN OF ST ANTHONY'S** —

Ladies, are you looking to getting more involved with our Parish? Wanting to grow in your faith? Please consider joining the Women of St Anthony's for our next meeting, December 18th at 6:30 pm in Wilson Hall.

#### **CHRISTMAS MASSES** —

CHRISTMAS EVE

4PM Mass at St. Anthony's in English

7PM Mass at St. Anthony's in Vietnamese

7PM Mass at St. Joseph's on Dean English/Spanish

CHRISTMAS DAY

9AM Mass at St. Anthony's in English

11AM Mass at St. Josephs on Dean English/Spanish

11:30AM Mass at St. Anthony's in Vietnamese

NEW YEARS EVE

4:30PM Vigil Mass at St. Anthony's in English

7PM Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's on Dean Bilingual

NEW YEARS DAY

9AM Mass at St. Anthony's in English

11AM Mass at St. Josephs on Dean English/Spanish

The parish office will be closed on December 24th and 25th and January 1st.

### OUR GIFT TO GOD

We thank God for you! Your gifts throughout the year are gratefully acknowledged.

#### **December 6 & 7**

4:30 Mass: \$880

9:30 Mass: \$549

11:30 Mass: \$1,196

**Total: \$2,625**

#### **December 13 & 14**

4:30 Mass: \$

9:30Mass: \$

11:30Mass: \$

**Total: \$**





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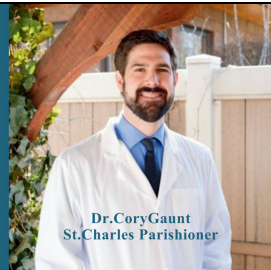
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