

# SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

## Edwardstown Catholic Parish



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12/13 DECEMBER 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year B

### Parish Priest

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### Mass Times

Tuesday	9.30am
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	9.30am

### Dies Domini/ The Lord's Day

Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	9.30am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after Holy Mass  
and Wed 6:30pm

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Wednesdays

10am-7.15pm Adoration  
6.00pm Rosary  
6.35pm Vespers  
7.00pm Benediction

### Contact for Adoration

Danica Rusov  
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## Meditation from Anawim Way

The Third Sunday of Advent has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday," from the Latin word "Rejoice," which is the very first word of today's Mass. The entrance antiphon is "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near" (cf. Phil 4:4-5). We take a moment in our Advent journey to rejoice that the time is approaching. Mass celebrants have the option to wear rose-colored vestments on this one day in Advent, a break from the usual more penitential violet.

We can compare the spirit of Advent with our approach to other situations of waiting and preparing. Families expecting a baby, for example, have about eight months to prepare for the new arrival. The preparations for such a big change in the family have physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional aspects. Pray together for a healthy pregnancy and safe birth. There is an atmosphere of rejoicing!

In a similar way, our preparation for Christmas has many aspects. Physically, we prepare our home by cleaning, decorating and planning special meals. Spiritually, we follow the Advent liturgy, with its special prayers and Mass readings, to prepare the way of the Lord. Today, seeing that the time is close at hand and the baby is almost here, we take a break from our work of preparation to celebrate what is to come – to rejoice!

We can take note of how often the word "rejoice" appears in the readings. The first reading starts with a joyful message of hope for Jews. Isaiah prophesies that the one who is to come will heal, release and bring glad tidings. In his prophecy we hear "rejoice" for the first time: "I rejoice heartily in the LORD; in my God is the joy of my soul." These words will inspire Mary's Magnificat, which we pray in place of the responsorial psalm. When Mary proclaimed, "my spirit rejoices in God my Savior," she had travelled a long way, perhaps 130 kilometres or more, to see her cousin Elizabeth and to help her. Elizabeth, prompted by the Holy Spirit and the "leaping" of the child in her womb, praises and honours Mary. Mary's response, ever humble, is to acknowledge that she truly is blessed, and to direct all the praise to God. On this Gaudete Sunday, the Church invites us to make Mary's joy in the Lord our own! We proclaim, aloud and together – four times! – that "My soul rejoices in my God."

The Gospel takes us back to John the Baptist, our Advent hero, sent to "prepare the way of the Lord." It is striking that the word "rejoice" does not appear in this reading, as if to alert us that our joy is not in John but in Jesus. John certainly knows the joy of the coming of the Lord. He leapt for joy in the womb when Mary first rushed into the hill country of Judea, carrying the unborn Jesus. John's own birth was an occasion for great rejoicing throughout the region. His name is very significant, having been chosen for him before he was even conceived (cf. Lk 1:13). But when John is asked repeatedly, "Who are you?", he does not give his name – which is the usual reply to such a question. No, John refuses all efforts to focus on him, deflecting every question to turn everyone's attention to Jesus. He does not want anyone to confuse him with the One who is to come after him, the One who is the real Source of all our joy. We learn from John that joy does not come from self-absorption or self-glorification, but always and only from the Lord.

How can I rejoice in the Lord each day?

Do I focus on my own glorification or the glory of Jesus?

In what ways can I prepare for the joy of Christmas?

Excerpt from The Anawim Way, Volume 14, no. 1.

### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**First Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11  
**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**First Reading:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16  
**Second Reading:** Romans 16:25-27  
**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

PLEASE TAKE THIS PARISH NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

# NOTICES

## Your prayers are requested for:

**SICK:** Steve Brennan, James Stewart, Leighton Crabb, Gerald O'Keeffe, Saphia Williams-Barrios, Mikela, Leah Alstin, April Coulson, Luke Nussio, Jesse Frick,

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Pat Carey, Clare Dobozy, Carmel Rusack, Liliana Jurisevic

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Frank Dobozy, Sr Marie Kerin, Dot Whennan, Rosa Chis, Antonia Di Febo, Gustavo Baggio, Muriel Bishop, Des Henderson, Tomislav Rusov, Philomena Brady, Mary Moyse, Dietmar Liebrecht, Donald Blowes, Brian Grave, Hilda Comas, Arthur Burns and relatives and friends of the Burns, Hill, Murphy and McNulty families.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - 24th December 8.30pm

Christmas Day - 25th December 9.30am

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - book early on**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNABV>



For those who are unable to book online, you can write your name on the 'Christmas Register List' provided on the table at the church's northern exit. Alternatively, you may phone the Parish Office on **0499 486 699** or send an email to [edcathpar@adam.com.au](mailto:edcathpar@adam.com.au) to register.

**It is important to register or make your booking asap.** Mass attendance is expected to increase during Christmas. If the two dates above reach capacity quickly and there is a demand for it, an additional Mass time can be offered.

A variety of **religious items** are available for purchase at the back of the church (under the steps) - Most items are from Aid to the Church in Need, ie. Wooden Crucifixes \$15; God Speaks to His Children Booklet \$10; Mary Mother of God Icon (Theotokos) \$30; children's books; religious plaques and other items in the cupboard also available for purchase - please see Paulina on Saturday and Grace on Sunday if interested.



## **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL for Sunday 9.30am Mass at** <https://www.trybooking.com/BNABV>

Please book well before 3pm Friday preceding the Sunday Mass you wish to attend. For those who are unable to book online, please phone the Parish Office on 0499 486 699 **before 3pm Fridays** to confirm your booking. Please note that the Parish phone is **unattended** on weekends.

**At this stage, bookings are not required for the Saturday Vigil Mass or weekday Masses.** You simply need to register your name, contact number and time of attendance when you arrive.

If you are able to, we encourage you to attend the Saturday Vigil Mass so we can more evenly distribute attendance to both Mass times. We've found that Saturday Vigil Mass does not reach capacity and there are always plenty of vacant seats available. Thank you.

**QR CODES** are displayed at the church and hall entrance for those with smartphones. This makes it easier for SA Health to find where people have been in the event of a coronavirus outbreak.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Everyone must still book for Mass and tick your name on the list, or register your name and contact number upon entry. Procedures have **not** changed with the introduction of the QR codes.

**Please regularly check our website and FaceBook page for recent news and updates.**

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## **DIACONAL ORDINATION OF** **ANTHONY BELTRAME AND OLEK STIRRAT**

Anthony Beltrame and Olek Stirrat will be ordained to the Diaconate at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday 19th December at 10am. This is a closed event, however, it will be live streamed and can be viewed at [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au). This is a significant moment for our Archdiocese and we ask that you keep Anthony and Olek in your prayers in the journey to their ordination. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on P: 8210 8220.

## **PLANNED GIVING**

**Choose one of the following options that suits you best-**

- 1) Contact the Parish Office to receive a Stewardship number unique to you for easy reference of your contribution.
- 2) Through the Adelaide archdiocese website- Go to <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/donation>. Follow instructions on the site. You will need to select EDWARDSTOWN PARISH. Then in the drop down box, choose General; for Parish collection (2nd Collection) and for the Priests of the Archdiocese. (First Collection).
- 3) Use internet bank for direct deposit into Edwardstown Parish bank account using the following details-

**ACCOUNT NAME: CCES Edwardstown Parish**

**BSB: 085 005 Account: 48973 5300**

If using direct deposit, please remember to add description.

**Envelopes**—due to increasing printing costs and the decreasing number of parishioners using envelopes for their stewardship, we ask that you provide your own envelopes marked clearly with your **Name and Planned Giving Number**.

**FORMED** Would you like to have free access to FORMED.ORG ? Thanks to the

generosity of St Anthony's Parish, here's how:

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish/Organisation"
4. Find St Anthony's Parish by entering "Edwardstown" or Postcode "5039"
5. Enter your email, you're in!

### Stewardship Reflection - 3rd Sunday of Advent

*“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 - 18*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

### The Third Sunday of Advent is known as “Gaudete Sunday.”

#### 1) Why is the third Sunday of Advent known as Gaudete Sunday?

Its name is taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass, which is: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

This is a quotation from [Philippians 4:4-5](#), and in Latin, the first word of the antiphon is *gaudete* (Latin, “rejoice”; it's also pronounced with three syllables: *gau-de-te*)

#### 2) What significance does this have?

Advent is the season of preparing for the arrival of the Lord Jesus (both his first coming and his second coming), and by the third Sunday of Advent, we are most of the way through the season. Thus it is appropriate to rejoice as we see the goal of the season approaching: “The Lord is near.”

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/gaudete-sunday-11-things-to-know-and-share>

### How does Advent prepare us for the end of our earthly lives?

Advent is a penitential season, like Lent. The Church asks that we give things up and take on extra practices of prayer that help us die to our own selfish desires and be filled with Christ.

*“Every action of yours, every thought, should be those of one who expects to die before the day is out” [CCC 1014].*

When we do this well, we grow in our ability to love others well and become more and more conformed to Christ, so that we are ready to meet Him at the end of our lives. Our “being ready” will be marked by how much we long to be with Him. It is our desire to be united with Jesus in Heaven that makes our death a “happy” experience.

[Formed.org/advent discipleship group/prepare the way/advent the gift pg 9](#)

## RECOMMENDED IN

### FOR ALL AGES

#### Advent: Rethinking the Season by Dr. Tim Gray (Audio 50mins duration)

Advent is an odd season. Unlike most other seasons, it’s a season that isn’t about itself, but is instead about preparing for Christmas. But that reality often gets lost in the shuffle and stress of trying to find all the right gifts, decorations, and dinner ingredients. In this Lighthouse Talk audio presentation, Dr. Tim Gray uses storytelling and the readings of the Old Testament to explain that we need to live the ‘pre-season’ of Advent well, so we can be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift God the Father wants to give us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus.

### FOR TEENS

#### YDisciple - Watch & Pray with Dr. Edward Sri (Video 17mins duration)

Teens are overwhelmed by multiple voices, sounds, and images coming at them from an endless number of places. How can they keep focus to watch for Christ during Advent? This study explores how the Nativity narrative in Luke's Gospel gives a vivid example of how to prepare their hearts in true humility so that "watching" is an active reality, allowing them to see God's work with new eyes. Presented by Dr. Edward Sri.

### Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection during the Coronavirus Pandemic



O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honour your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

### SUMMARY

Jesus said there is no other commandment greater than this—“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. And the second is this—Love your neighbour as yourself.” Mark 12:29-31

[www.vatican.va/archive/ccc\\_css/archive/catechism](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism)

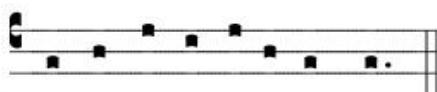
## INTROIT

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**R**e-joyce in the Lord always; \* again I say, rejoice.  
Let your forbearance be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Do not be anxious over anything; but in all manner of prayer, let your requests be made known unto God.

1. O LORD, you have favored your land, \* and brought back the captives of Jacob. You forgave the guilt of your people, \* and covered all their sins. You averted all your rage; \* you turned back the heat of your anger.

Glory Be to the Father...

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM



My soul re-joic-es in my God.

## OFFERTORY

IV  
**O** Lord, you have blessed your land, \* you have put an end to Jacob's captiv-i-ty; you have forgiven the guilt of your peo-ple.

1. You forgave the guilt of your people, \* and covered all their sins. You averted all your rage; \* you turned back the heat of your anger.
2. Bring us back, O God, our savior! \* Put an end to your grievance against us. Will you be angry with us forever? \* Will your anger last from age to age?

## COMMUNION

VII  
**S**AY: Take courage, you who are fainthearted, and do not fear; behold, our God will come and he will save us.

1. The desert and the parched land will exult; \* the steppe will rejoice and bloom.

Glory Be to the Father...

## COMMUNION HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.

### Refrain

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel**

O come, true wisdom from on high,  
and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go. **Refrain**

O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
in ancient times on Sinai's height  
you gave your chosen tribes the law,  
in cloud and majesty and awe. **Refrain**

O come, O branch of Jesse, free  
your children from all tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. **Refrain**

O come, O key of David, come  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery. **Refrain**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden, Mary,  
**most highly favoured lady," Glo-ri-a!**

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
**most highly favoured lady," Glo-ri-a!**

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,  
"my soul shall laud and magnify His holy Name."  
**Most highly favoured lady, Glo-ri-a!**