

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. ANTHONY MISSION CHAPEL

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he
did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and
took his wife into his home. - Mt 1:23-24

Office Hours

Monday & Friday 9:00 a.m.–12 noon
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Tuesday **CLOSED**
(Parishioners: For any emergency or sacramental
needs please contact Fr. Richard, SVD at
(337) 714-9327)

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: St. Anthony 8:00 a.m.
St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.
Monday - Thursday - Friday 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Confession

Saturday 4:00–5:00 p.m.
Weekdays following weekday masses
or by appointment

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Ryszard Zawadzki, S.V.D.
(337) 714-9327

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Ms. Peggie M. Bellow

Maintenance: Mr. Terry Flugence

Musicians: Mr. Harris Flugence
Ms. Carla Bernard

Trustees: Mr. Daniel Foster
Mrs. Dianna Darby

Victims Assistance Coordinator:
Mr. Joe Pisanco, Jr. (337) 298-2987

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the Church office to schedule Baptisms

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should contact the Priest 6 months prior to the wedding date. NO wedding date should be planned, till after the Marriage Preparation has been completed.

Funerals

Please call the office to inform of the death of a church member and to schedule an appointment to plan the Funeral. Only after meeting with the Secretary, should one contact the funeral home with the final arrangement.

Meetings

Ushers Association: Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.—Bishop Perry Learning Center

Adult Choir Practice: Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Come Lord Jesus Group: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Knights & Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver: 2nd Sun of the month

Mission Statement

"As a community inspired by the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and our ancestral heritage, we the parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Anthony profess to proclaim God's goodness. And through our faith and commitment to the Holy Word we join together in spirit, truth, love and service working together for the good of our church parish."

GOSPEL MEDITATION



“An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life’s inevitable chaos, God says: “Do not be afraid.” Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart? Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith. God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life’s unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.

 Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 p.m: Hilda Johnson Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Katie Smith, deceased members of the Keefe & Gilloon families, for all of our family members who are in need of conversion & salvation, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis and Harold Anderson Sr & Ethel Mae Decuir. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donor and for the wellbeing and intentions of all our church members.

Sunday 8:00 a.m: Wonest Decuir Sr and Harper Zacharie. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of all our church members.

Sunday 10:00 a.m: Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson, deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Lionel Ryes, M/M Curley & Mary Ann Flugence, deceased members of the Flugence & St. Julien families, Jimmy Billeaud, Jordan Porter, M/M Velma & Harold Flugence and M/M Delores & Joseph Porter Sr. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of all our church members.

**Prayers for the Sick:**

Merciful Jesus, onto Your Compassionate Heart we recommend:

Charles Lee, Gustavia Thibeaux, John Albert Ledet, Mark Tauriac, Mayola Williams, Lester Mouton, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson, Edna Nickerson, Shavawana Flugence, Ronnie Trahan Sr, Katherine Gregoire, Julius Gregoire, Victor Jackson, Christopher Trailer, Sarah Smith, Sylvania Cormier and Mary Alice Cormier.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

- Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
- Monday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
- Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
- Friday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
- Saturday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/
Lk 1:67-79
- Next Sunday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti
2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/
Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn
1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

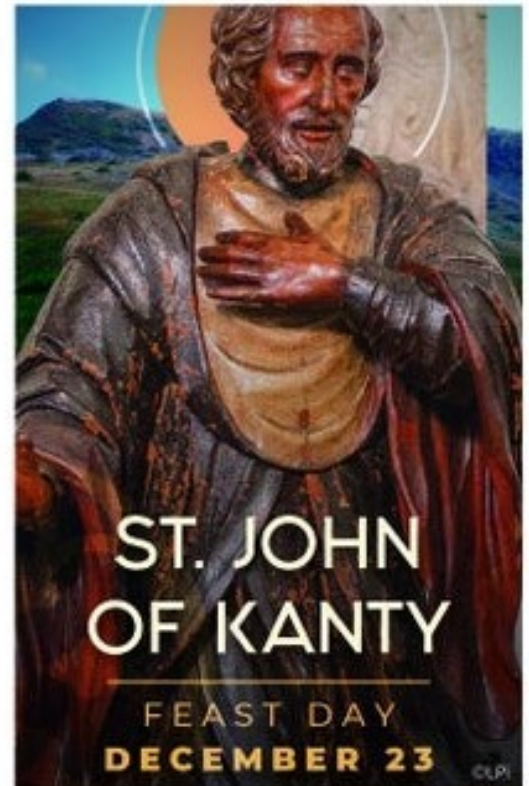
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent
- Wednesday:** St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** St. John of Kanty, Priest
- Saturday:** Christmas Eve
- Next Sunday:** The Nativity of the Lord

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

"God is with us." This is the one constant in the unpredictability of life. The particulars of our lives can change, not only instantly but dramatically. People experiencing a time of peace can easily find themselves at war. Times of prosperity can rapidly become times of want. Our vision for the future can be destroyed, and our securities placed in jeopardy. These final days of Advent allow us to make final preparations. The true safety and security we seek can only come from God. The rest, harmony, and peacefulness we desire are found in God alone. How do we know this to be true? God Himself gave us a sign: Emmanuel, God with us. Do not be afraid, and do not be unbelieving. Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. All we need to do is make sure that our hearts are in the proper place and seeking the right things!



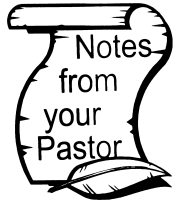
SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint John, sometimes called John Cantius, was born in the Polish town of Kanty in 1390. Not much is recorded about his early life, however, he was a bright young man who did well in his studies at the university in Krakow. He earned his doctorate in philosophy and went on to be ordained and earn a doctorate in theology as well.

He began teaching at the university immediately following the conferring of his doctorate in philosophy. Unfortunately, his popularity worked against him, and he was dismissed from his post on false charges. Saint John was reassigned to a post as a parish priest in the town of Olkusz, Bohemia. His parishioners did not receive him with open arms, and he was unsettled in his new position. But John did not give up, his honest care for the people of his parish eventually endeared him to them.

After a time, he was invited back to the university and he returned to teaching, filling leadership roles in the philosophy and theological areas until the end of his long life. Saint John deeply cared for the poor, giving everything but only what he needed to survive away. He lived an aesthetic life but was such an engaging man that he often dined with nobility.

Saint John of Kanty died on December 24, 1473. He was canonized in 1767, by Pope Clement XIII. In 1998, a new religious community chose the saint for their patron and the Canons Regular of Saint John Cantius, was formed in Chicago, Illinois.



PASTORS CORNER

Matthew 1:18-25

Today, while celebrating the last Sunday of Advent prior to the Feast of Christmas Day, we can associate with the greatest joy of the Blessed Virgin Mary who awaited the coming of Baby Jesus into the world. Anticipation and preparedness are the watchwords for this Sunday of Advent. Anticipation of the celebration of the birth of our Lord some 2000 years ago and the festivities, gifts, parties and family get-togethers which accompany that celebration. Yet our faith tells us to prepare ourselves for him. In the Gospel we are told about the events surrounding the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Joseph is informed in a dream that Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit. But he is the part of the divine plan of Salvation to be the Father of Jesus to give him the throne of David. Joseph who is specially chosen by God to be his instrument now enters fully into the mystery and assumes the role of a parent to guide the family. As the story unfolds we see Jesus as the model king: humble, compassionate, prayerful, loving and willing to sacrifice himself for the good of people. Paul in today's Second Reading from the Letter to the Romans affirms that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, descended from King David as prophesied through Isaiah. The ancient prophets prepared God's people for the coming of the Messiah. He would be human and would be the king. Further his divinity is revealed when Jesus is declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead. Through Christ the first disciples received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of the Name of Jesus. This calling of obedience of faith is a calling to the entire human race. It is a calling to each and every one of us to feed upon the Word of God for our spiritual growth so that we may go forward to teach and defend the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus.

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Inspirations for Your Week

**THIS CHURCH IN THE PHILIPPINES
 FLOODED, BUT THEY STILL MET FOR
 WORSHIP...NO MORE EXCUSES.
 HOW HUNGRY ARE YOU FOR GOD?**



Our Giving

December 10th & 11th, 2022

St. Joseph: (74) Envelopes)	\$1,577.00
St. Anthony: (33 Envelopes)	<u>281.00</u>
	\$1,858.00

2nd Collections:

Building Maintenance:	186.00
Building Insurance:	5.00
Retired Religious Fund:	311.00
Other Donations:	10,000.00
TOTAL:	\$12,360.00

Stewardship Quotes

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. "MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18TH, 2022

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY December 24, 2022 5:00pm	Lesia Handy	Cathy Sigur		
SUNDAY December 25, 2022 8:00am	Donald Mitchell			Lucinda George Eddie Chretien
SUNDAY December 25, 2022 10:00am	Jennifer Harris	Tyrone Rogers		

Please Note: Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; by calling for a replacement when you are scheduled but cannot serve, you honor your commitment and help to ensure that there is no interruption for mass. Thanks!!

God's Housekeepers:

St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group C** that cleaned the church on December 17th, 2022. The next group is **Group A:** December 24th, 2022.

St. Anthony — December, 2022: (Group C):

Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!

PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:



Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon

1st – 11th Grade

Confirmation Retreat — TBA

Confirmation Mass — TBA

Remember Your Loved Ones

Through Memorial Ads
on the Our Church Bulletin

In Memory of Our Parents

John & Edith Smith

In Loving Memory of

John Smith



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas & New Years Mass Schedule

Dec 24th — 5pm - St. Joseph

Dec 25th — 8am - St. Anthony

Dec 26th — St. Stephen the Martyr
8am St. Joseph

NEW YEARS:

Dec 31st - 5pm St. Joseph New Years Vigil

Jan 1st — 8am St. Anthony
10am St. Joseph

OFFICE CLOSED:

Friday, Dec 23rd through Monday, Dec 26th,
2023

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BLESSING:

After each Christmas Mass; 5pm on the 24th,
8am and 10am on the 25th.