

# St. Anthony's Parish

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 13, 2020

## Sunday reflection



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### Office Hours:

Mon - Fri: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
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### MASS TIMES

(No in-person Masses)

Live streamed Mass:

Sunday 10:30 am

Tuesday 6:30 pm

Thursday & First Fridays 9:00am

Click [here](#) for the

Live-Streamed Masses

[Click here](#) for Mass readings

### CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

(In the vestibule, but enter downstairs  
by the office)

Friday 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 am

& 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Saturday Dec 12th:

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

### ONLINE GIVING

[Link](#) to make an offertory gift to  
St. Anthony's Parish.

**T**hroughout the New Testament, John the Baptist is always pointing to Jesus. It seems that John is intent on moving the attention away from himself, and onto Christ.

As people approach him, he says, "I am not the prophet. I am not Elijah. I am not the Christ." We hear him constantly speaking in this manner. All of these protestations of John are not written so that we can clarify John's past relationship to Jesus, but so that we can clarify our present relationship to God. A Franciscan preacher, Father Richard Rohr, was giving a workshop, where someone asked him: "Father, I am a devout Catholic and I hope someday with God's grace that I will attain heaven. But, it would really help me if I had some idea of what heaven is like. I know that it is more than pearly gates and angels singing. So, what is there in our tradition that describes heaven? Can you describe heaven for me?"

Father Rohr responded, "That is a difficult question. There really is not much of anything in the tradition that describes heaven." But then he stopped and said, "No, there is one thing. There is one thing that is very clear in our tradition about heaven. Heaven is not about you. In heaven, God's power and glory are so clear that each of us, while remaining ourselves, are nevertheless taken up into God's love."

Now, Fr. Rohr's answer is extremely important because heaven is a model for earth. Therefore, if it is true that our relationship to God in heaven is not about us, it is also true that our relationship to God on earth is not about us. When I say that it is not about us, I am not saying that we are inconsequential or worthless. God has given us real talents and abilities and expects us to use them. God has made us sons and daughters and given us great value. But when I say that our relationship to God is not about us, I am saying that God's role and God's action are primary. We play a supporting role. It is not about our plans. It is about God's plan. It is not about our power. It is about God's power. It is not about our glory. It is about God's glory.

Since all of this is true, the most fundamental step we need to take as believers, is to get out of the way. You see, God is acting in our lives and in our world, but we cannot be a part of that action if we become stuck on ourselves. If God were simply a creation of our own minds, then we would be in-charge. But God is real, powerful and active. That is why we need to keep reminding ourselves, "I am not the prophet. I am not Elijah. I am not the Christ. I am a voice crying out, "Make ready the way of the Lord". Make ready, then. Set yourself aside, and let Christ come through you.

*Fr. Joseph*

## Advent Message-Week 3

Candle Name: Shepherd's Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Joy

Reminds Us: The Joy the world experienced at the birth of Jesus



... "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." Luke 2:7-15

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, Advent is a time for remembering and reflecting on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Father, I pray that you will turn our hearts toward you as Christmas approaches. Let us not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season this year and miss the chance to celebrate the gifts of hope, peace, joy, love, that you sent to us on that first Christmas.

Help us to see that you are with us. Nothing is too difficult, too messy, or too dirty for you. Jesus came to give us the gift of eternal life through the salvation that only you, our Heavenly Father, can give when we believe in your Son, repent of our sins, and confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

That first Christmas, you gave us the gift of hope wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger.

Thank you, Father, for your immeasurable gift. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen

## WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat - Dec 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	† Jacqueline Cummings † James Anthony Culff † Uwe Finger
Sun - Dec 13 <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	† Gabriella Micallef † Ann Marie & James Sweeney <b>FOR PARISHIONERS</b> <i>Sp. Int. of Natasha Stegemann</i>
Mon - Dec 14 <i>St. John of The Cross</i>	† John & Margaret Micallef
Tue - Dec 15	† Viola Branca <b>Pandemic</b>
Wed - Dec 16	† Paterno and Pacifica Millare
Thu - Dec 17	† Florence Higgs
Fri - Dec 18	† Charles Brandt
Sat - Dec 19	<b>In Honour of St. Philomena</b> <i>Sp. Int. of the Morton Family</i> † Daniel Acheson
Sun - Dec 20 <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>Pro life intentions</b> <b>FOR PARISHIONERS</b> † Alice Fermill Paras † Inger Andersen

**Live streamed Christmas Masses**

Christmas Eve - 4:30 pm

Christmas day - 10:30 am

Click [here](#) for the  
Live-Streamed MassesMore information on additional  
live-streamed Masses next week.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Communion after Sunday Livestreamed Mass**

Distribution of Holy Communion will take place from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm, after the Livestreamed Mass at 10:30 am on Sunday. Please enter the parking lot from the driveway beside the rectory and follow the signage. As usual for receiving Holy Communion ensure you are in the state of grace and maintain the one hour fast. Do not park and exit your vehicle. Also, in accordance with health guidelines, please wear a mask and have hand sanitizer for your use with you.

**Archdiocesan Day of Mercy - All day Confession! - Adoration**

On Saturday December 12th (the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe), the Archdiocesan "Day of Mercy", the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Also, you will have an opportunity for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during this time as well. Click [here](#) to register

**Catholic Charities Men's Shelter Meal Donations**

We are continuing to supply meals to the Men's Shelter and invite you to prepare & donate either 20 sandwiches or a dozen baked goods. Each item must be wrapped individually. The drop off date is Saturday, December 19 at St. Anthony's parking lot between 1:30 and 2:30 pm. New volunteers are always welcome! Email Maureen at [messagesmaureen@shaw.ca](mailto:messagesmaureen@shaw.ca) for details.

**Sunday Offering Envelopes**

2021 Sunday offering envelopes are available for you downstairs, by the office door. Can't find yours? Phone Parish Office.

**Private Prayer**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 4pm.

**Adoration - Please register!**

Thu - Dec 17, from 10 am to 8 pm;  
Fri - Dec 18th | Tue - Dec 22 | Wed - Dec 23, from 10 am to 4 pm; Click [here](#) to register. Attention: the church doors will be open only at 10 am. Therefore, if you come early please wait. Thanks for your cooperation. Adoration will end with a simple reposition, not Benediction.

**Project Advance 2020**

Through the Crisis Response Fund, Project Advance has been helping people in need who have been struggling with the conditions caused by the pandemic. We realize that this has been a difficult year for all of us at St Anthony's, touching every aspect of our lives including financially and emotionally. We are very grateful for the donations we have received to date. Our Parish goal for Project Advance is to raise funds for the needs of our parish.

To make a donation please visit [support.rcav.org/parishes/project-advance-parish-phase/](https://support.rcav.org/parishes/project-advance-parish-phase/)  
and select St Anthony- West Vancouver.

**Petition in Support of Delta Hospice Society**

As you may be aware, the provincial government is severely cutting funding to the non-profit Delta Hospice Society to force it to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (assisted suicide) to patients at the Delta Hospice, against the wishes and beliefs of the Society's board of directors. You are invited to join Fr. Larry Lynn and other pro-lifers in signing an online petition calling upon the Province to restore full funding to the Delta Hospice Society and not force the Society to engage in assisted suicide. To sign the petition please visit: [https://www.itstartsrighnow.ca/delta\\_hospice](https://www.itstartsrighnow.ca/delta_hospice)

## ARCHDIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

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.

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**Into the Deep: Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati - The Beauty of Truth**

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's motto was, Verso l'alto, "Towards the High,". Pier Giorgio climbed the Italian alps, expressing the endurance and determination needed as one strives for sanctity, to reach God like a summit. Pier Giorgio teaches us the radicality of the Christian vocation while remaining connected to the world. Join Fr. David Bellusci, OP, and get to know Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Join us on Friday, Dec. 18 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm online. Register now at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events)

# St Anthony's Kids Bulletin



Today is the third Sunday of Advent. That means that half the wait is over! If you have an advent wreath, this is the week to light the pink candle.



How is Joy different from Happiness?

## Angels

An activity worksheet from ministry-to-children.com

Here is a story for you to read.



was a young woman who loved God. The angel visited . said to , "You will have a . You will name the Jesus."

### All about Angels

Find these words in the puzzle.

Angels come from HEAVEN to bring a MESSAGE from GOD.

CHERUBIM, SERAPHIM, and ARCHANGELS are kinds of angels.

GABRIEL and MICHAEL are two angels who are mentioned in the Bible.

A R C H A N G E L S  
A K H O B Z I P A E  
U H E A V E N T X R  
J M R E G O D Y H A  
O C U Q G I R F S P  
G A B R I E L L W H  
V M I C H A E L N I  
D E M E S S A G E M



Fill in the blanks to make a Christmas related sentence. The first one is done for you

A is for the angel Gabriel \_\_\_\_\_

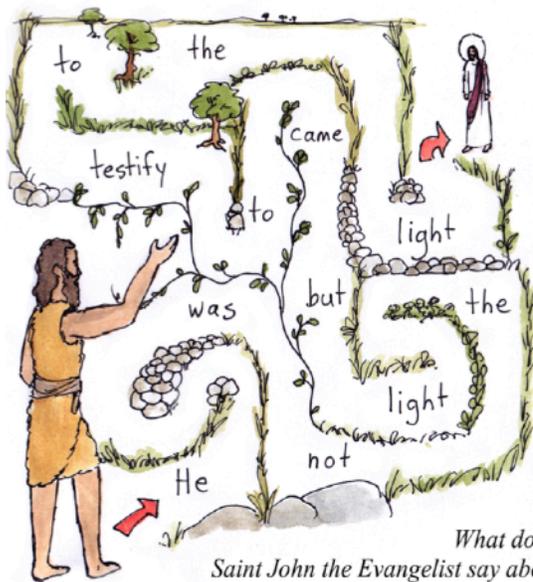
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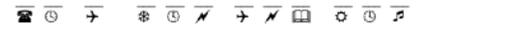
What does Saint John the Evangelist say about Saint John the Baptist at the beginning of the Gospel? Read the words you pass as you go through the maze.

## Word Search

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U	O	R	S	Z	N	O	P	K	K	W	Y	G	F	J
P	A	S	L	T	X	Q	H	K	G	R	M	A	N	G
V	E	N	I	D	M	G	C	N	L	I	G	H	T	H
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D	R	K	C	T	W	V	B	J	E	B	Z	E	E	L
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GOD MEN LIGHT	TRUE VOICE BELIEVE	PROPHET JOHN MESSIAH	WORLD WITNESS TESTIFY	SENT MAN NAME
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What did Gabriel say to Mary? Use the code to find out.



Luke 1:31



Gabriel came to Mary to bring a message from God. Circle each place where you can share God's message.



I will share God's message with \_\_\_\_\_.



Use this link to get instructions on how to make a nativity scene like this!  
<https://www.catholicicing.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/12/DIY-Printable-Nativity-new.pdf>



# This Week's Gospel

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28



God sent his messenger, a man named John, who came to tell people about the light, so that all should hear the message and believe. He himself was not the light; he came to tell about the light.

The Jewish authorities in Jerusalem sent some priests and Levites to John to ask him, "Who are you?"

John did not refuse to answer, but spoke out openly and clearly, saying: "I am not the Messiah."

"Who are you, then?" they asked. "Are you Elijah?"

"No, I am not," John answered.

"Are you the Prophet?" they asked.

"No," he replied.

"Then tell us who you are," they said. "We have to take an answer back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

John answered by quoting the prophet Isaiah:

"I am 'the voice of someone shouting in the desert:  
Make a straight path for the Lord to travel!'"

The messengers, who had been sent by the Pharisees, then asked John, "If you are not the Messiah nor Elijah nor the Prophet, why do you baptize?"

John answered, "I baptize with water, but among you stands the one you do not know. He is coming after me, but I am not good enough even to untie his sandals."

All this happened in Bethany on the east side of the River Jordan, where John was baptizing.



**God sent Saint John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. What did he say when some of the people thought that he might be the saviour? Look in the mirror to find out!**

### Christmas Baking

It's time to \_\_\_\_\_ some Christmas \_\_\_\_\_! Some popular Christmas treats include \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

First, get a big \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the batter. Next, add the ingredients and \_\_\_\_\_ everything \_\_\_\_\_, and then put it in the \_\_\_\_\_ to bake at \_\_\_\_\_ degrees for \_\_\_\_\_ minutes. Don't forget to decorate the \_\_\_\_\_ cookies and cupcakes with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!

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Try out these Mad Libs

### More Lights!

Did you ever have one of those \_\_\_\_\_? Well today \_\_\_\_\_ did! Mom wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ up for \_\_\_\_\_. Not just any lights, \_\_\_\_\_ lights! \_\_\_\_\_ bright red lights. The only problem, they are a \_\_\_\_\_ mess! Not to mention that there are some \_\_\_\_\_, yellow and green lights \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_! "I yell! This can't be done!" She could \_\_\_\_\_ I was right and went out and \_\_\_\_\_ some new shiny \_\_\_\_\_ lights!

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