

December 10, 2017 — Second Sunday of Advent

A PRAYER FOR THE Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came among us
with the irresistible power of a baby,
requiring both our hands
and captivating our whole hearts.
Help us to cast aside the sin
and brokenness that we cling to,
so we might be ready to hold you
when you come again.
Amen.



Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Mark 1:1-8 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word: Our God is a compassionate God and each Scripture passage we hear today reminds us of this. The people of Isaiah's time are leaving in exile, but Isaiah assures them that the Lord has not abandoned them. The author of Second Peter assures Christians that God is patient, allowing time for all to come to repentance. In Mark's Gospel, John the Baptist proclaims forgiveness from God through baptism. As we face difficulties in life, let us remember that we are not alone: our compassionate God is always ready to comfort and forgive.

Question of the week: In what ways do I feel parched, spiritually and emotionally? How can Jesus' presence satisfy my thirst? How can I prepare myself for Christ's presence?

*Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation*

WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

WEEKEND LITURGIES

SATURDAY — 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY — 8:30 A.M.

SUNDAY — 11:00 A.M.

Winter Mass Schedule

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

St. Anthony Adoration Chapel
MON., TUES., WED., FRI. 9:00 AM

Immaculate Heart Chapel
MCS Foundation Bldg
300 Edith Street

MONDAY — SATURDAY
12:00 PM

1st Saturday—Healing Mass
at St. Anthony — 12:00 PM

THURSDAY — 10:00 A.M.
Missoula Manor, 909 W. Central

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY — 4:00 - 4:45 P.M. or by appointment

St. Anthony Adoration Chapel open

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

OUR PASTORAL TEAM

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ST. ANTHONY PARISH 1921-2017

December 10, 2017



ORIGINS OF ADVENT

Advent began sometime after the 4th century as a time of preparation for Epiphany—not in anticipation of Christmas. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ by remembering the visit of the Magi and the Baptism of Jesus. At this time new Christians were baptized and received into the faith, and so the early church instituted a 40-day period of fasting and repentance. Later, in the 6th century, St. Gregory the Great was the first to associate this season of Advent with the coming of Christ. Originally it was not the coming of the Christ-child that was anticipated, but rather, the Second Coming of Christ. By the Middle Ages the church had extended the celebration of Advent to the familiar format we know today. The prophecies of Isaiah remind us to wait and prepare. By December 17 the pace quickens and we focus more directly on the events leading up to Jesus' birth.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Your help is appreciated through the annual Christmas Giving Tree providing Christmas gifts for individuals and families who are in need. We invite you to take one or more tags from the tree and purchase the gift indicated on the tag. Unless otherwise noted, please wrap the gift and attach the original gift tag to the package. If the gift tags are for gift cards, please attach the original tag to the card and return it to the collection box under the tree. Please return the gifts to the church no later than December 17. Thank you in advance for letting others know they are not alone during this season of hope and love!



This month at the
Religious Articles Cart

Nativities \$15.00/set
\$5.00 each piece



Celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe

El 12 de diciembre la iglesia de St Francis Xavier Missoula Misa a las 7:00 pm



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12, 2017 at St Francis Xavier Parish. Mass at 7:00 pm

PARISH HOLIDAY BAKE SALE



You're not going to want to miss out on your favorite Christmas treat! Visit our annual Holiday Bake Sale this weekend December 9 & 10, 2017 before and after all the Masses.



FAIR TRADE COFFEE - Dec. 16 - 17

Just in time for the holidays!

Fair Trade coffee and chocolates will be available for purchase *next weekend*, at all Mass times. Purchase some holiday java for your stocking stuffers or for Christmas presents!



New Years Eve Benediction and Vigil for Life and Peace

New Years Eve collaboration of St. Anthony & St. Francis Xavier Parishes

Come & Pray with Us, for Just a Little While.

Pray for Peace, an end to Terror and for the Life of the World.

Pray for Refugees and those on the Margins.

Pray, that Your Own Life Might Be One with God.

9:00 pm - *Midnight Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*
Join us at St. Francis Xavier Parish 420 West Pine Street



Pssst! Parents, please bring your kiddos to the 11:00am Mass on December 17th for a delightful **surprise visitor** after Mass!

Merry Christmas!

MISSOULA DEANERY ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

St Francis Xavier - December 11 at 12:00pm and 7:00 pm

Christ the King - December 13 at 6:30 pm

Blessed Trinity - December 18 at 7:00pm

ST. ANTHONY PARISH CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, Dec 24	10:00am	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, Dec 24	5:00pm	Family Liturgy Christmas Mass
Sunday, Dec 24	9:00pm	Vigil of Christmas Candlelight Mass
Monday, Dec 25	10:00am	The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Mass
Tues-Fri, Dec 26-29	9:00am	No Mass Tuesday, Dec 26. Weekday Masses as usual Wed-Fri
Sunday, Dec 31	9pm-12am	Prayer and Adoration at St Francis Xavier
Monday, Jan 1	10:00am	Mass for Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God



MISSOULA DEANERY AND COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

- **NAMI** - National Alliance on Mental Illness has a variety of support groups available. Visit namimissoula.org or on Facebook at facebook.com/NAMIMissoula for more information.
- **Joyeux Noel** presented by the International Choral Festival's Bella Armonia Youth Chorale, University of Montana Choirs, and the Missoula Mendelssohn Club present Joyeux Noel, a fundraising concert featuring holiday music and audience sing-a-longs on Dec 12th at 7:30pm at St Anthony Church 217 Tremont St. Tickets sold at Rockin' Rudy's or at the door. For more info: choralfestival.org
- **Holiday Handbells** will be at First Presbyterian Church on 5th Street on Dec 17 at 2:00pm. The bells will ring and you can sing! Carol-singing and beautiful music by their handbell choir.
- **The John Floridis Family Promise benefit concert** will be on Dec 17th at 7:00pm at St Paul Lutheran Church 202 Brooks Street Missoula. The concert is FREE! All donations collected at the door will benefit Family Promise of Missoula.
- **Retrouvaille Weekend** program for couples, Feb 2-4, 2018 at the Ursuline Centre, Great Falls, Montana. For more information, contact the registration team at 800-470-2230 or visit our website: retrouvailleMT.org or HelpOurMarriage.com

A Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others and returns them with increase to the Lord.

Stewardship, A Disciple's Response



Happy Birthday Pope Francis!

December 17th

If you would like to send a birthday card -

His Holiness, Pope Francis
Apostolic Palace
Vatican City State 00120



Charitable Giving Reminders for Year-End Giving

The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena has provided these helpful reminders:

Charitable contributions made to your local Parish or to the Foundation for the Diocese of Helena are deductible in the calendar year the gift is made. For charitable gifts to be credited for this current calendar year of 2017, please note the following:

- All checks must be received by the Church **on or before** December 31, 2017.
- Transfers of stocks or securities must take place **on or prior to** December 29, 2017.



ST. ANTHONY PARISH PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT

For someone in need of prayer, please contact the St. Anthony Parish Prayer Chain:
Colleen Tuxbury 493-0347 mahanna1921@gmail.com.



Mass Intentions

December 9 - December 17, 2017

Saturday	Dec 9	5:00 pm ~ + <i>Mary & Gus Cassidy</i> by <i>Steve Hopkins</i>
Sunday	Dec 10	8:30 am ~ + <i>Scott McBeth</i>
Sunday	Dec 10	11:00 am ~ + <i>Ed Burghardt</i> by <i>The Burghardt Family</i>
Monday	Dec 11	9:00 am ~ + <i>Willard Kopetski</i> by <i>Bill & Vondene Kopetski</i>
Tuesday	Dec 12	9:00 am ~ <i>Bill Kopetski</i> by <i>Vondene Kopetski</i>
Wednesday	Dec 13	9:00 am ~ <i>No Mass</i>
Thursday	Dec 14	10:00 am ~ + <i>Gene Schiedermayer</i> by <i>Jan Schiedermayer</i>
Friday	Dec 15	9:00 am ~ <i>No Mass</i>
Saturday	Dec 16	5:00 pm ~ + <i>Mary Hosler</i> by <i>Randolph Hosler</i>
Sunday	Dec 17	8:30 am ~ <i>Memorial Mass Fund Book</i>
Sunday	Dec 17	11:00 am ~ + <i>Florence Dunwell</i> by <i>Carol Parks</i>

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Dec 10**– Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec 9-10**– Parish Bake Sale weekend!
- Dec 10**– RE & Adult Bible Study 9:45am; RCIA 12:00pm
- Dec 10**– Wood Carving Raffle Drawing after 11am Mass
- Dec 10**– Youth Group –small group weekend
- Dec 11-12**– Eucharistic Adoration in PLC every Mon and Tues
- Dec 12**– Deanery Meeting at Christ the King Parish 12:00pm
- Dec 12**– Spanish Mass at St Francis Xavier 7:00pm (see ad)
- Dec 12**– Joyeux Noel Concert - UofM Choirs 7:30pm
- Dec 15**– Missoula Community Chorus Concert 7:30pm
- Dec 16-17**– Free Trade Coffee and Chocolates weekend
- Dec 24**– Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass at **10:00am**
- Dec 24**– Christmas Eve Family Mass at 5:00pm
- Dec 24**– Christmas Eve Candlelight Vigil at 9:00pm
- Dec 25**– Christmas Day Mass at 10:00am
- Dec 25-26**– NO 9am Mass or Eucharistic Adoration



PARISH FINANCIAL
SNAPSHOT OF OUR
WEEKLY INCOME

Week #23	Y.T.D.	F.Y. Budget	% Budget	Short/Budget
\$14,444.00	\$142,502.62	\$320,521.07	44.5%	-0.5%
(In week 23 of the Fiscal Year, a 0.5% of a budget surplus equates to \$1,473.35 in the black)				

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2017
Campaign Progress Report as of December 6, 2017:

St. Anthony Church Financial Goal -	\$62,500
Currently Pledged-	\$36,657
Percentage of Goal-	59%
Currently Paid-	\$27,727
Total Donors-	139
Registered Households-	379
Percentage Participation-	36.9%



PLEASE SUPPORT THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2017

<p>GARDEN CITY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY "Locally owned & operated" 1705 W. Broadway (406) 543-4190 1(800) 435-2210 www.missoulafuneralhomes.com</p>		<p>PONDEROSA DENTAL GROUP 2445 S. 3rd St. W. SE Corner of 3rd & Reserve Drs. Scott & Cindy Schroeder, Parishioners 542-0030</p>	<p>FLAHERTY Real Estate • Appraisal • Brokerage • Consulting Bryan L. Flaherty 406-251-2760 APPRAISER@MONTANA.COM</p>	
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