

# December 17, 2017 — Third Sunday of Advent

## A PRAYER FOR THE Third Sunday of Advent

Joy-filled Giver of Life,  
let the anticipation of your birth  
fill us with overflowing joy.  
May our excitement and anticipation  
be a sign to the world  
that you are always near.  
Amen.



*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has  
anointed me to bring glad tiding to the poor.

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

John 1:6-8, 19-28 A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Question of the week: How can I bring a 'year of favor' to the world, to the community, to those I know?

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*My soul rejoices  
in my God*

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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

1<sup>st</sup> 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 17, 2017



Pope Francis tells us we should live the Advent season in expectation of the Lord, just as Mary did so long ago. Living in expectation of the Lord is different than living with our own expectations. Let us give up all of our unfulfilled expectations for this Christmas. Whatever we have done is enough. Let us dedicate these last days of Advent to peaceful acceptance rather than frantically trying to meet our own expectations. In these last few days of Advent, watch for signs of Jesus all around you each day. Watch for someone to hold a door for the **next person, or shovel a neighbor's walk, or help carry something heavy.** Watch for someone to offer a compliment or to share a seat on the bus or to give away a treat. Each night at dinner, take turns describing the ways you saw Jesus in others. Watch for ways to be Jesus to those around you each day. Watch **for opportunities to say 'hi' to someone who looks lonely or to cheer up a crying child or to clean up a mess that you didn't make.** Offer these moments up to Jesus in silent prayer each night. Or write those moments on slips of paper and add them as cushion for Baby Jesus in the manger in your Nativity scene. Pause and Watch... with nothing to do... Watch for the first star of the evening one night, then read from the Bible the story of the star announcing Jesus birth in Luke 2: 1-20. Then, expect a miracle!



### THE COLORS OF ADVENT

The Advent Wreath and the Colors of Advent are probably the most popular symbols of the season. The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches where four candles are arranged. During Advent one candle is lit each week representing the coming of the Lord. The first, second, and fourth **weeks' candles are purple**, the primary color of Advent, symbolizing repentance. The rose colored candle used during the third week represents joy and reveals a shift in the season away from repentance and toward celebration.

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Thank you to all who participated in this year's Christmas Giving Tree which provides Christmas gifts for individuals and families who are in need. Giving Tree gifts are due back this Sunday December 17! Thank you for your generosity and letting others know they are not alone during this season of hope and love!



**Pssst!** Parents, there's a delightful **surprise visitor** for the kiddos this weekend following the 11:00am Mass in the vestibule of the church.

**Merry Christmas!**

### FAIR TRADE COFFEE WEEKEND!

**Dec. 16 - 17**

*Just in time for the holidays!*



Fair Trade coffee and chocolates are available for purchase *this weekend*, after all Mass times. Purchase some holiday java for your stocking stuffers or for Christmas presents!

### Offering Envelopes



Offertory Envelopes will be available on the main table in the church vestibule in the next coming weeks. If you are currently not signed up for giving envelopes and would like to be, please call our friendly office staff and request giving envelopes. ☺ We also offer a direct payment option for you convenience.

THANK YOU to all who generously purchased raffle tickets for the hand carved crèches and Santa. Profits totaled \$850.00. Winners are: Kim Castor, Denise Giuliani, and Poor Clares Sisters.



### 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

### 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 Tues or Wed. Weekday Masses as usual Thurs-Fri
Sunday, Dec 24	10:00am	Holy Family Sunday
Sunday, Dec 31	9pm-12am	Benediction and Vigil for Life and Peace 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](http://namimissoula.org) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/NAMIMissoula](https://www.facebook.com/NAMIMissoula) for more information.
- **Holiday Handbells** will be at First Presbyterian Church on Dec 17 at 2:00pm. Carol-singing and music by their handbell choir.
- **The John Floridis Family Promise benefit concert** Dec 17th at 7:00pm at St Paul Lutheran Church The concert is FREE! All donations collected at the door will benefit Family Promise of Missoula.
- **Retrouvaille Weekend** Feb 2-4, at Ursuline Centre, Great Falls. Info/Registration 800-470-2230 or [retrouvailleMT.org](http://retrouvailleMT.org) or [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com)
- **Catholic Women's Conference** April 21 Civic Center in Helena Info and registration: [showmyevent.com](http://showmyevent.com) or [helenacwc.com](http://helenacwc.com)
- **Suicide Prevention QPR Training** Feb 10 at 3pm at St Anthony Parish Life Center. Info/questions: Geri Stewart 549-9017 or Parish Office 543-3129. Free and open to the public.



We plan on spending as much time with friends and families as possible during the holidays. We hope you are able to do the same. Although we will be periodically checking email and will continue to respond to the needs of our parishioners during this time, the Parish Office will be closed December 25 through January 1. Daily Mass will resume on Thursday, December 28, 2017.

### THANK YOU!

**THANK YOU** to all who baked, bought, and donated to last weeks' Bake Sale. Sales totaled \$727.00 which will be added to the parking lot fundraising.

The Events Planning Committee would also like to report that it will cover the expenses from the fall brunch bringing the total raised for the parking lot to \$2100.00

It has been a very busy season in our parish and we have had many needs. Whenever asked, you have always come through to help. Thank you for being a very gracious parish family.

*God Bless and Merry Christmas!*



### 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](mailto:mahanna1921@gmail.com).



## Mass Intentions

### December 16 - December 24, 2017

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>
Monday	Dec 18	9:00 am ~ <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday	Dec 19	9:00 am ~ <i>Kate Deeds</i> by <i>Dick &amp; Denise Giuliani</i>
Wednesday	Dec 20	9:00 am ~ <i>Zoe Kozlowski</i> by <i>Gloria Roark</i>
Thursday	Dec 21	10:00 am ~ <i>Missoula Manor Mass</i>
Friday	Dec 22	9:00 am ~ + <i>Ed Fenton</i> by <i>Joe &amp; Carol Fink</i>
Saturday	Dec 23	5:00 pm ~ + <i>Tom Anderson</i> by <i>Betty Verlanic</i>
Sunday	Dec 24	10:00 am ~ + <i>Helen S. Brooke</i> by <i>James &amp; Cheryl Brooke</i>
Sunday	Dec 24	5:00 pm ~ + <i>Noelle Weniger</i> by <i>Linda McKnight</i>
Sunday	Dec 24	9:00 pm ~ <i>Our Parish Family</i>

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**Dec 17**– Third Sunday of Advent

**Dec 17**– RE & Adult Bible Study 9:45am; RCIA 12:00pm

**Dec 17**– Super Secret visitor following 11:00am Mass

**Dec 17**– Youth Group – caroling at Hillside Manor at 4pm

**Dec 18-19**– Eucharistic Adoration in PLC

**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 25-27**– NO 9am Mass or Eucharistic Adoration

**Dec 25-Jan 1**– Parish Office Closed.

**Dec 31**– Holy Family Sunday Mass at **10:00am**

**Dec 31**– Vigil for Life and Peace at St Francis Xavier 9pm-12am

**Jan 1**– Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 10am

**Jan 7**– Epiphany of the Lord



PARISH FINANCIAL  
SNAPSHOT OF OUR  
WEEKLY INCOME

Week #24	Y.T.D.	F.Y. Budget	% Budget	Short/Budget
\$6,876.25	\$149,378.87	\$320,521.07	46.6%	-0.6%
<b>(In week 24 of the Fiscal Year, a 0.6% of a budget surplus equates to \$1,939.18 in the black)</b>				

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2017  
Campaign Progress Report as of December 12, 2017:

St. Anthony Church Financial Goal - \$62,500

Currently Pledged- \$39,882

Percentage of Goal- 64%

Currently Paid- \$29,507

Total Donors- 145

Registered Households- 379

Percentage Participation- 38.3%

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