

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOLS

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Daily Rectory Office Hours:

9:00am—1:00pm, 2:00pm-5:00pm

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30pm (English)

Sunday Masses:

7:30am (English) 9:00am (Español)

11:00am (English) 1:00pm (Español)

5:30pm (English)

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Friday 6:30am & 8:00am

Saturday Morning 8:00am

First Friday/Primer Viernes:

6:15pm Mass & Adoration until 8:15pm/

Misa Bilingüe y Adoración hasta las 8:15

Confessions: Saturdays, 6:45pm

Friday evenings during Adoration

Adoration: Most Fridays, 6:15pm-7:15pm

Drive-in Visits to the Blessed Sacrament on the NW side of the Church. The parking lot Berendo gate is open from 6:00am-7:00pm weekdays and 7:00am-7:00pm weekends.

Daily Rosary: Monday-Friday 6:00am

Monday-Saturday 7:30am

Thursday 8:40am (Español)

First Saturday 7:00am; 8:30am (Español)

St. Anthony Novena: Tuesdays after 8:00am

Mass in English followed by Espanol

Rosario - Legión de María (Español)

Martes, 9:00am (Salón de Nuestra Señora)

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena:

Saturdays after 8:00am Mass in English.

Wednesdays after 8:00am Mass en Espanol.

For Online Giving



JANUARY 12, 2025 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Parish Contacts

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Schedule on Instagram at [arkyouthministry_gardenaca](https://www.instagram.com/arkyouthministry_gardenaca)

Baptism/Bautismo

Baptisms: Infant Baptisms in English are held twice a month. Parents and Godparents must visit the Parish Office (Rectory) during office hours to:

- Register for the required Baptism Formation Seminar
- Submit a copy of the child's state-issued birth certificate

Bautismo: Los bautizos en espanol se llevan a cabo dos veces al mes. Los padres y padrinos deben visitar la oficina parroquial (rectoria) durante el horario de oficina para:

- Registrarse para el clase de formacion de Bautismo requerido
- Envíe una copia del certificado de nacimiento emitido por el estado del niño

Marriage/Arreglos para Boda

Engaged couples are strongly encouraged to contact the parish office for appointments and classes 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. / Parejas que desean casarse necesitan ponerse en contacto con la parroquia para empezar hacer arreglos por los menos seis meses antes de la fecha propuesta.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – Today we celebrate this beautiful feast reminding us of the beginning of our Lord's ministry as He went forth to proclaim the Good News. With this feast we complete the Christmas Season so the Christmas decorations will come down tomorrow as we begin Ordinary Time once again. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is also a time for each of us to remind ourselves of the dignity we have as children of God by virtue of our own Baptism. We also renew our commitment to follow our baptismal call to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves. When we bless ourselves with holy water let it serve as a reminder of our own call to service in the Church.

HOLY WATER – On today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord it is good to point out the value in using Blessed or Holy Water. Small bottles with sprinkler tops are available in the rectory office. We are asking for a \$5 donation for your first bottle. After that just bring your empty bottle to the rectory and it will be replaced with a full bottle with no donation necessary. Please note that blessed water is used for blessing of people and places. Holy water may not be used for washing, drinking or cooking. Please check out the following helpful article, *8 Ways to Use Holy Water*: <https://www.catholiccompany.com/magazine/8-ways-to-use-holy-water-5699#>

SPECIAL ADVENT / CHRISTMAS THANKS – As the Season of Christmas officially comes to an end, I would again like to express my gratitude for the many individuals, groups and organizations that put in so much work and preparation into the various events of both the Advent and Christmas Seasons. These special events included the following:

- Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena
- Annual School Christmas Concert
- Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses
- Church Decorating for the Christmas Season
- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses
- Epiphany Reenactment, Gift-giving

These special groups include the following:

- All the members of our Guadalupe Society, and Altar Decorations committee for their beautiful decorations for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and for the Christmas display.
- All our liturgical ministers who served so well this past month at the various Liturgical celebrations.
- And all our parishioners who supported the many events of this past month.

As we finish one year and start a new one it is also a time to give thanks to the numerous individuals who give freely of their time all year long:

- Our money counters who work diligently week in and week out every year.
- The members of our various parish organizations.
- Our lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, Knights of the Altar, ushers, and weekday sacristans who serve so well to make our liturgical celebrations beautiful and dignified.
- Thanks especially to the coordinators of these groups.
- Those who freely launder the liturgical linens on a regular basis.

- Those who beautifully decorate our sanctuary for the various seasons.
- Our wonderful school teachers and catechists who teach the Faith to our children and adults every week.
- Our parish staff who work hard for minimal pay.

Thank you to all! May God reward each of you!

SEE WHY ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SCHOOL HAS BEEN VOTED "BEST AND FAVORITE" - Sunday, January 26, 11:00am Family Mass followed by School Tours from Noon-2:00pm.

FIESTA 2025 - Board members for the fiesta are needed. All are welcome. Please contact Rose or John Moore, 310-528-4523. Thank you in advance for your help. Advertising, sponsorships, and purchasing are also needed.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING – As we begin this new year, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all our parishioners who have made a commitment to increase their weekly offertory donation to our parish. It is only through your generosity that we can maintain our church and parish plant and all the various ministries to our people. May God reward you!

DID YOU KNOW? - REPORT Act protects minors online

- A bipartisan bill passed last year is helping internet platforms protect children from abuse and enticement in their online interactions. The REPORT Act, passed in May 2024, requires U.S.-based online platforms to report child sex trafficking and online enticement to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). To assist with this, NCMEC has issued guidelines intended to help online platforms play a crucial role in protecting children by recognizing key signs and indicators of child sexual exploitation. For more information, visit <https://www.missingkids.org/blog/2024/first-line-of-defense-guidelines-to-help-online-platforms-detect-sexually-exploited-kids>.

FIESTA DEL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR - Hoy celebramos esta hermosa fiesta que nos recuerda el comienzo del ministerio de nuestro Señor cuando salió a proclamar las Buenas Nuevas. Con esta fiesta completamos la temporada navideña para que las decoraciones navideñas se presenten mañana cuando comencemos el tiempo ordinario una vez más. La Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor también es un momento para que cada uno de nosotros recuerde la dignidad que tenemos como hijos de Dios en virtud de nuestro propio Bautismo. También renovamos nuestro compromiso de seguir nuestro llamado bautismal a amar a Dios sobre todas las cosas y a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos. Cuando bendicimos con agua bendita, dejemos que sirva como recordatorio de nuestro propio llamado al servicio en la Iglesia.

AGUA SANTA - En la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor de hoy es bueno señalar el valor de usar el Agua Bendita o Santa. Pequeñas botellas con tapas de rociadores están disponibles en la oficina de la rectoría. Estamos pidiendo una donación de \$5 para su primera botella. Después de eso solo traiga su botella vacía a la rectoría y será reemplazada por una botella llena sin necesidad de donación. Tenga en cuenta que el agua bendita se utiliza

para bendecir a personas y lugares. El agua bendita no se puede usar para lavar, beber o cocinar. Consulte el siguiente artículo útil, 8 maneras de usar agua bendita: <https://www.catholiccompany.com/magazine/8-maneras-usar-agua-bendita-6593>

ADVIENTO ESPECIAL / AGRADECIMIENTOS DE NAVIDAD - A medida que la temporada de Navidad llega oficialmente a su fin, nuevamente quisiera expresar mi gratitud por las muchas personas, grupos y organizaciones que trabajaron tanto y se prepararon tanto en los diversos eventos de Adviento. y temporadas navideñas. Estos eventos especiales incluyeron lo siguiente:

- Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Novena
- Concierto anual de Navidad escolar
- Simbang Gabi Novena de misas
- Decoración de la iglesia para la temporada navideña
- Misas de Nochebuena y Navidad
- Misa de la Epifanía, entrega de regalos
Estos grupos especiales incluyen lo siguiente:
- Todos los miembros de nuestra Sociedad de Guadalupe y el comité de Decoración de Altar por sus decoraciones para la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y para las exhibiciones de Navidad.
- Todos nuestros ministros que sirvieron tan bien el mes pasado en las diversas celebraciones litúrgicas.
- Y todos nuestros feligreses que apoyaron los muchos eventos del mes pasado.

A medida que terminamos un año y comenzamos uno nuevo, también es un momento para dar gracias a las numerosas personas que dan libremente su tiempo durante todo el año:

- Nuestros contadores de dinero que trabajan diligentemente semana tras semana todos los años.
- Los miembros de nuestras diversas organizaciones parroquiales.
- Nuestros lectores, ministros extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión, monaguillos, Caballeros del Altar, ujieres y sacristanes entre semana que sirven tan bien para hacer que nuestras celebraciones litúrgicas sean hermosas y dignas.
- Gracias especialmente a los coordinadores de estos grupos.
- Todos aquellos que lavan libremente las sábanas litúrgicas de manera regular.
- Todos nuestros maravillosos maestros y catequistas que enseñan la fe a nuestros niños y adultos cada semana.
- Nuestro personal parroquial que trabaja duro por un salario mínimo.

¡Gracias a todos! ¡Que Dios recompense a cada uno de ustedes!

VEA POR QUÉ LA ESCUELA SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA HA SIDO VOTADA COMO "LA MEJOR Y LA FAVORITA" – Domingo, 26 de enero, 11:00am.

Misa familiar seguida de visitas a la escuela de 12:00pm a 2:00pm.

¿SABÍA QUE? - La ley REPORT protege a los menores en línea - Un proyecto de ley bipartidista está ayudando a las plataformas del Internet a proteger a los menores de edad de abusos y seducción en sus interacciones en línea. La ley REPORT, aprobada en mayo de 2024, exige a las plataformas en línea con sede en los Estados Unidos a denunciar la seducción y el tráfico sexual de menores en línea a El Centro Nacional para Niños Desaparecidos y Explotados (NCMEC, por sus siglas en inglés). El NCMEC publicó unas directrices destinadas a ayudar a las plataformas digitales a proteger a los niños mediante el reconocimiento de los signos e indicadores claves de la explotación sexual de menores. Para más información, visite <https://www.missingkids.org/blog/2024/first-line-of-defense-guidelines-to-help-online-platforms-detect-sexually-exploited-kids>.

COMING UP / PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

- Sat., Jan. 18, 2025, 12 noon – 7:00pm** – Annual Walk for Life and 5:00pm Requiem for the Unborn.
- Wed., Jan. 22**, day of prayer and penance for the legal protection of unborn children
- Sun., Jan. 26** - School Open House after 11:00am Mass
- Jan. 26 – Feb. 1** - Annual National Catholic Schools Week
- Fri., Jan. 31, 7:00pm** – Annual Mass in honor of the Santo Nino of Prague, Maria Regina Church, Bishop Solis.
- Sun., Feb. 2** – Candlemas & Feast of the Presentation of the Lord / Candelaria. Bring candles and Baby Jesus at all Masses for blessing.
- Sun., Feb. 2** – Together in Mission Announcement Sunday
- Sat., Feb. 8** – Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and Annual World Day of the Sick. 11:00am Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles with Archbishop Gomez and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick administered to those seriously ill.
- Sun., Feb. 9** – Together in Mission in Pew Commitment Sunday
- Sun., Feb. 16** – Together in Mission Follow-up Sunday
- Sat., March 1, 5pm** – 75th Anniversary Gala of Serra High School honoring four alumni including St. Anthony parishioner Jerry Thomas, Class of 1954. \$200 ticket. Westdrift Manhattan Beach Hotel.
- Ash Wednesday, March 5** – Special Mass Schedule, Day of Fast and Abstinence
- Fridays of Lent** – Bilingual Stations of the Cross
- Fri., March 28** – Holy Year / Jubilee 24 Hours for the Lord
- Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday, April 13-20** - Holy Week
- Mon., April 14** - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles with Archbishop Gomez
- Spy Wed., April 16** – Lenten Penance Service with Confessions and Adoration
- Sat., May 3** – School First Communion Mass
- Fri. – Sun., May 16-18** – Parish Fiesta
- Sat., May 24** – RE First Communion Masses
- Fri., June 6** – School Graduation Mass and Ceremony
- Fri., June 13** – Feast of St. Anthony of Padua & Blessings of the Bread
- Sat., June 14, 5:30** – Confirmation Mass
- Sun., June 22** – Corpus Christi Procession

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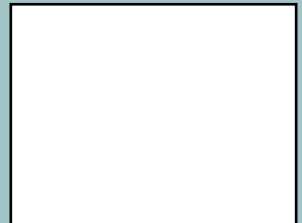
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