

Saint Anthony of Padua Oratory

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Holy Family

January 10 - January 17, 2010

Mass Schedule:

Sunday:

7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am (High Mass)

Weekdays:

Monday & Wednesday through Saturday: 9:00 am

Tuesday 7:00 pm

First Friday of the month:

No morning Mass.

7:00 pm Mass followed by Benediction.

Holy Days of Obligation: *9:00 am & 7:00 pm (check bulletin or website)*

PLEASE always check the bulletin or website for possible schedule changes.

Confession:

Daily 30 minutes before each Mass and upon request.

Baptism:

Please contact the oratory possibly in advance.

Marriage:

Please contact the rectory at least 6 months in advance of proposed Marriage date.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

Second Sunday of every month following the 9:00 am Mass.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Thursdays at 7:00 pm followed by Confessions.

Novenas after Holy Mass

Tuesday: St. Anthony

Saturday: Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

*Reverend Canon Denis Buchholz, Rector
Reverend Father Richard Munkelt, In Residence*

MASS SCHEDULE

SUN., JAN. 10 – HOLY FAMILY

7:30 am ✕ Agnes & Maurice Bearese
9:00 am ✕ Father Paul Wickens
11:00 am Eva Dunn

Mon., Jan. 11 – St. Hyginus

9:00 am ✕ Father Francis Clifford

Tue., Jan. 12 – Votive Mass of the Holy Angels

7:00 pm *Special Intention*

Wed., Jan. 13 – Commemoration of the Baptism of the Lord

9:00 am *Special Intention*

Thur., Jan. 14 – St. Hilary

9:00 am Michael A. & Kathy La Ferrara
7:00 pm Holy Hour

Fri., Jan. 15 – St. Paul, the First Hermit

9:00 am Private Intention

Sat., Jan. 16 – St. Marcellus I

9:00 am Mary L. Harwelik

SUN., JAN. 17 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

7:30 am ✕ Branko Sretenovic
9:00 am ✕ Mildred Brown
11:00 am Intentions of the Prior General of the
 Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Christmas Pageant - Today after High Mass!!!

After today's 11:00 am High Mass the annual Christmas Pageant will take place at Father Wickens' Hall! The children of St. Anthony's are delighted to present a play recounting the story of the Nativity of Our Divine Saviour. The Pageant is followed by a simple brunch. All are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MORNING OF RECOLLECTION SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2010

On Saturday, January 16, there will be a morning of recollection for the members of the Society of the Sacred Heart, those who are interested in becoming members, and **everyone who would like to attend** the morning of recollection. All are welcome!

Program:

8:30 am Confessions,
9:00 am Holy Mass,
10:00 am Conference on Salesian Spirituality,
11:10 am Light Brunch (sack lunch),
11:40 - 12:30 am Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

St. Hilary of Poitiers

St. Hilary of Poitiers was one of the greatest Catholic saints of Gaul. Hilary was born about 315 into a noble family in Poitiers, in the Roman province of Gaul. Most Gauls were pagans, and their gods were no better than humans.

Being a pagan left Hilary restless. He was a born philosopher with far more God-given virtue than his religion could support. After long reflection, he concluded that polytheism is a deeply silly idea.

His great pastoral gifts revealed themselves at once. Hilary engaged people one at a time, and each in a different way according to his needs. Christ gave him an overarching purpose, above all the other good purposes Hilary lived by. He was to help everyone he met to get to Heaven. Against Hilary's wishes, the townspeople of Poitiers elected him their bishop sometime in the early 350s.

Bishop Hilary was a champion of Catholic orthodoxy in the West against the Arians. Jesus Christ is true God and true man. He is one Person with two distinct natures - one of which we describe at every Mass when we proclaim that Christ is "one in being with the Father."

The Arians taught that Christ was neither God nor man, but something else unique in history. Emperor Constantius was an Arian, and tried to make the Roman Empire Arian. He failed, in the West largely because Bishop Hilary - and after Hilary's death, St. Ambrose - led Catholic orthodoxy.

Hilary boycotted the Emperor's Arian-dominated Church synods. He called one "a synagogue of the malignant," and was scourged for his honesty. Finally in 355, Bishop Hilary was exiled from his diocese to the Middle East - along with another very brave bishop, St. Rhodanus of Toulouse.

But God was glorified. In exile Hilary wrote treasures of Catholic orthodoxy, including his greatest work, "On The Trinity In Twelve Books." However, the emperor Constantius set St. Hilary free again. The bishop defended Catholic teaching so ably at an Arian council in Seleucia in 360, and was so good at encouraging Catholic priests and faithful to keep resisting the Arians, that he was hustled back to Gaul!

Bishop Hilary launched the Arian rollback in the West by calling the Council of Paris in 362, which pro-claimed the Nicene Creed. He hated heresy. But he treated people with the most loving compassion, and worked tirelessly to reconcile Arians to the Catholic faith.

St. Hilary of Poitiers died probably in 368, was canonized by acclamation, and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Bl. Pius IX. We honor him Monday, January 14.

The Importance of Catholic Families

On the Sunday within the Octave of the Epiphany the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. Something to consider besides the example of the Holy Family's perfect practice of the virtues of simplicity, humility, obedience, and patience, is the importance of Catholic families and the Catholic way of life as a role model for society. The family is the fundamental unit of society -- the place where the parents are blessed with the supernatural privilege of child-rearing; the place where love and life are born, nurtured, and grow; and the place where values, faith, and traditions are passed on from one generation to the next.

The importance of the family as the place where children first receive training in speech, general knowledge, notions of God and religion, and respect for the rights of others cannot be underestimated. It is the family that fosters and promotes lessons of fraternity, obedience, patience, self-sacrifice, self-control, duty, and responsibility. It is in the family that the inalienable value of each human life is discovered and respected.

It is the virtues and good qualities and practices inculcated into family members that are brought into society through non-family interactions. It is through good families' morality that society is then infused with proper sustenance and moral fiber.

Good practicing Catholic families are one of the best antidotes to the increasingly individualistic and pagan nature of our modern-day culture. It is not through consumption and self-indulgence that society will be reshaped and transformed, but the influence of responsible citizens created and nurtured in homes where God and Church are first and foremost. It should indeed be considered a mission of Catholic families to participate in the transmission of the spiritual heritage given to them.

A few announcements ...

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions will be accepted graciously. There are still a good number of open days in February and many, many more in the following months. Please contact Canon Denis Buchholz directly either by mail, e-mail, phone or personally. ***Remember how numerous are the graces obtained by having offered the Holy Sacrifice of Mass.***

Confirmation Classes

The holy Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Archbishop Myers on **Saturday, February 27, 2010** at St. Anthony of Padua Oratory. **Please mark your calendar:** Preparation Classes are beginning on **Saturday, January 9, at 10:00 h.** Next Classes are scheduled for January 23 and February 6 & 20 (Rehearsal).

Catechism Classes Christmas Break

All Catechism Classes are on Christmas Break **from December 20 through January 10. Classes will be resuming on Sunday, January 17.** Students are expected to study during this time while there are no classes.

Christmas Dinner

After the 11:00 am Sunday Mass on Jan 31, we will have our Christmas Dinner. Everyone is welcome to attend. A sign up sheet to help with the preparations is located in the back of the Oratory. Please contact Diane Sorrentino at 201-531-9627 or dsorrentino@verizon.net if you would like to help with the preparations for these enjoyable gathering celebrating not only Christmas but also the Feast of St. Francis de Sales (Feast Day: January 29). Thank you.



WELCOME TO SAINT ANTHONY'S!

We are happy to have you with us today. Please join us after 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sunday Masses for coffee and doughnuts and good company in the parish hall below.

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