



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016** FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
**Welcome new horizons**

Rise and shine! It can be hard as we move through life to recognize that every moment offers us a chance for a new beginning. As Paul writes to the Romans, “It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.” As Advent begins, a new liturgical year is upon us. Today is the beginning of something new. We have the chance to begin this New Year wide awake to the world around us. Open your eyes and let Christ’s Light stream in!

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44 (1)*. “You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**  
**Stretch your heart and mind**

On the spiritual journey, it can be easy to think that you can figure everything out, that your mind is the only tool you need. On the journey of life, though, you have to engage the heart. Any other way is, according to contemplative author Cynthia Bourgeault, “like trying to play a violin with a saw.” Faith stretches far beyond what our minds can comprehend. As you begin this Advent, how might you trust in the glory of God that is coming? May your heart and mind be stretched by the answer that you find!

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11 (175)*. “For over all, the Lord’s glory will be shelter and protection.”

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29** ADVENT WEEKDAY  
**Keep your Christmas presence under wraps**

This Advent, try experiencing Christmas in a more gradual way. Instead of jumping into Christmas the day after Thanksgiving, allow the symbols, rich colors, poetry, and music of Advent to wash over you slowly during these weeks. Take time to contemplate the pillars of Advent: Isaiah stoking humanity’s longing for the Redeemer, Mary bringing Jesus into history, and John the Baptist urging us to begin a new life. Maybe even put up your Christmas tree later than usual, closer to Christmas Eve. If you experience “the holidays” as an exhausting trial, let Advent calm you. Let its mystery refocus your life and make you hungry for God.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24 (176)*. “From His roots a bud shall blossom.”



*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.*

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30** FEAST OF ANDREW, APOSTLE

**Raise up the cross**

Tradition says that Saint Andrew died crucified on an “X” shaped cross. Saint Andrew’s Cross is best-known for its depiction on the Scottish flag. According to legend, while praying on the eve of battle, King Óengus II promised that if victory was granted, he would name Saint Andrew as the patron saint of Scotland, which is why he is honored on the flag. Pray that Saint Andrew intercedes for victory in our daily struggles.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22 (684)*. “As he went from there, he saw ... James son of Zebedee and his brother John ... and he called them.”

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1** ADVENT WEEKDAY

**Pray for a “Day without AIDS”**

Since 1988, December 1 has been recognized as World AIDS Day. The following year, the first “Day without Art” was organized. More than 800 arts organizations, museums, and galleries throughout the United States covered works of art and instead displayed information about HIV. Globally there are an estimated 34 million people who have the HIV virus. Since 1984, more than 35 million people have died of HIV or AIDS. Let’s remember all those with AIDS-related illnesses, past and present. Let’s pray for them and for those who work tirelessly to care for them and to find a cure.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27 (178)*. “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.”

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2** ADVENT WEEKDAY

**Time to be truly free, at last**

Legalized slavery was abolished by the end of the 19th century, but sadly it still flourishes underground. Today is the annual commemoration of the United Nation’s International Day for the Abolition of Slavery. Every year, thousands of poor and defenseless men, women, and children fall into the hands of human traffickers who expose them to sexual exploitation, forced labor, warfare, and even removal of vital organs. Jesus came to set us free; let’s do our part to see that the world hears that message loud and clear by working to protect victims of human trafficking.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31 (179)*. “Let it be done for you according to your faith.”

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3** MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

**Strong beyond their numbers**

Saint Francis Xavier was a seasoned missionary who traveled to India, China, and other places in Asia. He is the first Christian missionary to go to Japan. He wrote that the Japanese were the “best people yet discovered.” He found them kind and polite, yet the work of evangelization was difficult in Japan. When Saint Francis left two years later, Japan had some 2,000 new Christians. Today the number of Catholics in Japan is still small, representing less than 0.5 percent of the population. Let’s remember them today and remember Catholics in all in those places where they represent a small minority.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180)*. “As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’”



**Saint Anthony Church**

15 Church Street  
 White River Jct. Vermont

First Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2016

Father Charles R. Danielson, Pastor  
 Father Raphael Nyabenda  
 Deacon John P. Guarino

Bishop of Burlington: Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne

**Parish Office**

**Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
 Closed on Wednesday

**Secretary:** Mrs. Joanne Collins  
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**Mass Schedule**

**Weekend:** Saturday 4:00 PM  
 Sunday 8:30 AM  
**Weekday:** Monday & Friday 9:00 AM  
**Holy Days:** Consult the parish bulletin

**Rectory Chapel**

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Religious Education**

Coordinator: Mrs. Julie Hamilton, 295-3989, juliehamilton130@comcast.net

**Sacraments**

**Reconciliation:** Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 PM  
**Baptism:** Parents must come to the rectory to get the necessary forms at least a month in advance.  
**Marriage:** Couples must contact the parish at least 6 months in advance.

## Mass Intentions



<b>Saturday, November 26</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>The People of Saint Anthony Parish</b>
<b>Sunday, November 27</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Blanche Jarvis</b> by Mrs. Irene Maheu & family
Monday, November 28	9:00 A.M.	<b>Theresa Roy</b> by Tina Weigel
Friday, December 2	9:00 A.M.	<b>Meghan Kennedy &amp; son Gavin Shaw</b> by Shaw family
<b>Saturday, December 3</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Castellini Family</b> by Herb & Patty Castellini
<b>Sunday, December 4</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>The People of Saint Anthony Parish</b>



James Dubuque	Richard Temple
Rose Temple	Michael Temple
Fr. Adrien Pelletier, S.M.	Sue Lashway
Anne Schelewa	Frank Klymn
Sean Hamilton	Dick Philbin
Mary Mayette	Connie Cole
Nancy Parkerson	John Delap
Vicky Chambers	Linda West
Theresa Baribeau	Beverly Wilson
Gerard Tellier	

Please also remember others who are in need of our prayers.

Names will be published in our bulletin for one month. If you would like to renew your prayer request after one month, please contact the parish office.

### Message from Fr. Rick,

#### First Sunday of Advent

The Season of Advent has a twofold character: As a season to prepare to celebrate the Great Feast of Christmas when Christ's First Coming among us is recalled; And as a time when by recalling that First Coming we also keep always in mind His Glorious Second Coming at the end of time. During this blessed season then, we look backwards to recall Christ's First Coming among us in Bethlehem while at the same time we rekindle in our hearts our joyful expectant waiting for His Coming in Glory at the end of time. All the while being hopeful and attentive to all His "little Advents" in Mystery, in Sacrament, and Word and by Grace.

"Oh Come Divine Messiah!"

Thank you,  
Fr. Rick

### Sanctuary Lamps will burn for:

Saint Anthony  
Parishioners  
& friends



### Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,750.00
Offertory collection November 19-20:	\$ 3,148.00
Human Advancement:	\$ 775.00

### Thank You for Your Support of Saint Anthony Church!

**Low Gluten Altar Bread:** If you require a low gluten host for communion, come to the altar with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The celebrant will give you the consecrated low gluten host from a separate paten.

**Office Delayed Opening:** The parish office will have a delayed opening on Friday, December 2. We plan to be open by 12:30 PM.

**Bake Sale Items:** Bake sale items may be dropped off at the parish hall **Friday, December 2**, from **12 noon until 6:30 PM**.

**PINS Holiday Gift Tree:** The annual PINS gift tree has been set up in the back of the church. Please take the opportunity to provide a local child in foster care with a nice gift for Christmas! Just take a tag off the tree, buy and wrap the gift, then tape the tag *securely* to the top of the package. ***It's important that every gift have the gift tag attached, as this is the only way to identify the recipient.*** Gifts should be dropped off to the church or rectory office no later than Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in order to be distributed in time for Christmas.

**Catholic Bible Study:** Is the Holy Spirit inviting you to a deeper relationship? Are you called to know God better, and looking for a good push? The Parish of Saint Anthony is hosting the last community study of Sacred Scripture for 2016. This eight week session will focus on the Gospel of John. The Apostle John opens the Soul to God's Salvation Plan – and makes it personal! Of the four Gospels, John has the longest and most prayerful quotes from Jesus – and takes us into the most Sacred Heart. Come and experience what the "Apostle who Jesus loved"; who stayed with Him at the foot of The Cross; and cared for His Holy Mother Mary - has to teach you! We meet Wednesdays at 6 PM in the basement of the Parish Rectory. All are cordially welcome to any and all weekly meetings. Contact Chris Noble at 619-865-2680, and [chris.d.noble@gmail.com](mailto:chris.d.noble@gmail.com) for more info.

**Third Order of Mary:** The Third Order of Mary meets on the first Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be held Sunday, December 4 at 12:00 noon *at the home of Mary Wood, 250 Cross Street, Quechee, VT.* You are cordially invited to join us. We pray the Rosary and other Marian prayers and meditate on Sacred Scripture and on the life of Our Blessed Mother, and support each other in our journey to imitate the mind and heart of Mary. Questions may be directed to our hostess for the month, Mary Wood, 802-295-5227.

**Second Collection Last Week:** Thank you for your support of last weekend's Second Collection for the Bishop deGoesbriand Appeal for Human Development. Your gifts allow us to continue to provide financial assistance to worthy agencies. ***100% of the collection stays in Vermont.***

**Advent Retreat:** The 2016 Our Lady of the Valley Parish Advent Retreat will take place at St. Anthony's Church (Bethel), and will begin at 6:30 on Thursday, December 1 and Friday, December 2. The retreat will be led by Fr. James Dodson of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Northfield & St. Edward Parish in Williamstown. The Hospitality Committee will provide refreshments in the Rectory at the conclusion of the retreat on Friday evening.

**Do you work or volunteer with youth in the Church? Please read the following:** As part of the Diocese of Burlington's continuing commitment to protect young people, adults who have direct contact with youth at our parishes and Catholic schools must complete all safe environment requirements. These requirements include: participation in annual child abuse prevention training; submission of background check paperwork; reading of the Diocesan *Policies on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry*; and signing of an annual Code of Conduct. All of these requirements can be completed through *Safe and Sacred* by Proud to Protect, Inc., the adult training program currently being used by the diocese. To get started with the program, visit the "Child Safety" section of [www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org). Contact your parish office, Catholic school, or the Office of Safe Environment Programs for more information.

**Haven:** This week's top five needs are milk, eggs, sliced bread, turkeys, and cheese. All non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the top of the stairs. ***Wish List Items*** include and gift cards to local grocery stores and gift cards to Walmart or K-mart. Thank you!

St. Anthony Parish would like to welcome all those who are visiting with us this weekend.