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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent Year C Luke 3:1-6



“In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

**John the Baptist**

By Anonymous *The Contemplative*

He didn't see it, but felt it  
through the darkness  
of his mother's womb,  
the flame that baptized  
drawn close enough  
to singe his foot,  
which caused him to leap.....

.....Later, when he leapt  
from this world to the next,  
leaving his head behind,  
he was greeted by the fellowship  
of the flame – Isaiah  
with his charred black lips,  
Miriam who danced  
like a flickering wick,  
and the others, too many now to name  
together they glowed like  
so many embers,  
lighting the long, dark night.



**ACTS 2:42 GROUPS**  
ON MISSION AS A EUCHARISTIC PEOPLE  
YEAR OF MISSION

*“They devoted themselves to the teachings of the apostles,  
the communal life, the breaking of the bread & prayer”*  
Next Meeting January 12 at 1:30pm @ St Pius

**St. Pius X Mass Schedule**

† **Weekend Mass**  
Saturday- 4:30 pm  
Sunday- 10:00 am  
† **Daily Mass**  
Tuesday - 6:00 pm  
Wednesday-8:00 am  
Thursday-8:00 am  
Friday-8:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration*

Visit our Website [www.stpiusx.us](http://www.stpiusx.us)

**Daily Scripture Readings**

*Sunday December 8, 2024*  
Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6  
*Monday Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-12/Lk 1:26-38*  
*Tuesday Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14*  
*Wednesday Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30*  
*Thursday Rv 11:19a; 12:1-10/Lk 1:26-38*  
*Friday Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19*  
*Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13*

**Steps of Lectio Divina**

1. Read – Read through it.
2. Reflect – Slowly consider it.
3. Respond – What does it say?
4. Rest – Contemplate, Deep Prayer

**St. Anthony of Padua Masses**

† **Weekend Mass**  
Sunday- 8:00 am  
† **Daily Masses**  
Wednesday-9:00 am  
Friday-9:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration-First Friday 9:00 am*  
*First Saturday of Month Mass 8:00 am*

*Visit our website*

[www.stanthonygrandrivers.org](http://www.stanthonygrandrivers.org)

**Weekly Online Mass Sunday -10:00 am** We still Live Stream on FB: Facebook at: St. Pius X & St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Churches

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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday -- Thursday

9:00 am-2:00 pm



**Pastor's Study  
Desk Notes**



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families,

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent Year C

Luke 3:1-6

Have you ever heard the beautiful Christmas Proclamation chanted at Midnight Mass? Maybe you heard it, but weren't sure what it was? The Proclamation is only sung before the Midnight Mass actually begins, so not being part of Mass, it is easy to think it may just be a special prelude music. But it is an ancient tradition from the Roman Martyrology, that announces the date of Christ's birth in relation to major events and personages of sacred and secular history. It describes Christ's birth in history by situating it by the number of years between it and other previous world-changing events such as creation and the great Noachic Flood, Abraham's call of faith, Moses' deliverance of the Israelites to freedom and David's coronation. The Christmas Proclamation even calculates the number of years from Christ's birth back to such important secular events as the first Olympics (776 BC), the founding of Rome (753 BC) and Caesar Octavian Augustus' Reign (44 BC). Why all the detail? Well, it highlights the historical intervention of God into the world through the birth of Christ. As the Proclamation announces in its last line, Christ's birth reveals the design of God, to "consecrate the world by His most loving presence". This reveals the purpose of God's Incarnation in Christ. This is the meaning of Christmas - Our Redemption or the 'Righting' of our History. Or as St Paul states it in Galatians 4:4, "*when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption.*" If you haven't heard the Proclamation chanted before, I set out the text on papers by the Church doors for you to pick up & read about further. It is a neat custom!

But what does all that have to do with today's gospel? Well, in Luke's gospel today, we find a similar historical sensitivity evident by Luke's concern to specifically put a date in time to the period of John's preaching and baptizing ministry. Luke relates it to various specific historical personalities in governmental positions that rule society at his time. Luke writes that "In the fifteenth year of the *reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor* of Judea....."(Luke 3:1) Luke is concerned to demonstrate that Christian events were verifiable and that they happened in actual history dateable in relation to specific world events. I had an old history professor (*aren't they all old by definition- they've lived long enough to know and see a lot!*) in seminary who would always say, "If history is to be taken seriously, you have to relate the people and places to time and each other – they don't just fall out of the sky!" The German phrase 'sitz in leben' ('seat in life') or the Latin phrase 'in situ' ('in place-position') captures this sense of actual historical events occurring in a matrix of locatable relations to other events – the more relations that there are, the more real or verifiable it can be. The gospel writer Luke is an amateur historian himself. So we find in his gospel introduction, that he states he has already reviewed many testimonies and records as a preparation for his own history. Therefore, he states that his sequencing of events may be the most accurate. In Luke 1:3, Luke describes his ambition to "*investigate everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you*". Additional references to actual historical persons in secular history or other verifiable background references can be found in Luke 1:5, 1:26-28, 2:1-2 and 3:1-2. Further, Luke includes an extensive genealogy of Jesus in his gospel as an example of historically placing Jesus within a specific family line in relation to many previous generations (Luke 3:23-38).

And speaking of generations, John the Baptist appears on the scene humbly declaring that he is merely a signpost to point to the Messiah. He wishes to draw no attention to himself, but only to call people to prepare and watch for the coming Messiah. He identifies only as a 'solitary voice', or 'voice of one crying out in the desert' (Luke 3:4). I like to note that John is humbly not even using his own words, but is quoting an Isaian prophecy (Isaiah 40:4-5). Like the prophecy indicates, John is located out in the wilderness-desert, which would allow no glamour or self-promotion (remember his rugged diet and dress) or flashy monuments (the dry, scorching desert wears down any personal memorial). So, minimizing himself, John wishes only to highlight the work of preparing to recognize and receive the coming Messiah: Repent and convert, wait and watch for the coming Christ! And that is what we do with this Advent Season: we turn again to God, make changes in preparation and eagerly await His coming again! Peace, Fr Brian

**St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs Jan @ 5:00 pm**

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|-----------------|-----|-------------------------|
| Gary Traylor    | (3) | Chair Person            |
| Nora Canon      | (3) | Secretary & Finance     |
| Paula Humphreys | (3) | Spiritual Life          |
| Stacey Newby    | (3) | FFY & Religious Ed      |
| Debbie Anspach  | (3) | Social Program/Outreach |
| Michael Bowling | (3) | Building & Ground       |

**Early Church Fathers Study & Discussion**

*Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm* Come study some of these foundational documents written by the students of apostles. After Scripture, these are our earliest sources of Faith!

**DECEMBER 8, 2024 + 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT YEAR C**

St Pius X Mass Intentions Dec 9 – Dec 15		
Mon Holy Day	8:00 am	Patricia McNamara
Mon Holy Day	6:00 pm	All Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	6:00 pm	John 'Brad' Bradley
Wednesday	8:00 am	Ann Dames
Thursday	8:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Friday	8:00 am	Steve & Patty Johnson
Saturday	4:30 pm	Beatrice & James Forsythe
Sunday	10:00am	Charles M Fischer
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (12/1/24)	\$	267.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (12/1/24)	\$	2,770.40
Online Giving (12/1/24)	\$	1,484.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 12/1	\$	4,254.40
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	101,059.74

**Memorial-Funeral Mass for Dolly Bardsley** will be at St Pius Church on December 10 at 10:00 am.

**Advent Penance Times: The Light is On**  
 Every Advent Wednesday 6:00 pm-7:00pm @ St Pius  
 Every Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm Pre- Mass @ St Pius  
 Friday December 13 & 20 9:30 am -? @ St Anthony

**Prayers & Condolences:** Please pray for the eternal rest and peace of Margaret Howard's *sister Helen*, who passed away last week in Ireland. May her family be comforted and strengthened

**Mark Calendars for December Events too!**

Dec 8 Sun Father Brian's Open House  
 Dec 15 Sun Breakfast with Santa KC's

**Immaculate Conception Holy Day Transferred to Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>-- Mass Schedule**

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> St Pius 8:00 am, St Anthony 9:00 am & St Pius 6:00 pm



**Happy Birthday! Dec 8 – Dec 14 St. Pius**

- December 9 Justin Gentry
- December 11 Charlie Doughty
- December 11 Kathy Smith
- December 11 Karen Williams
- December 12 Colton Hobbs
- December 13 Justin Fatum
- December 14 Mark Devine

**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**

- December 10 Joseph & Alice Morris

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, December 14, 2024**

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Camryn Risley Kendall Risley	Dawn Whitt	Jeff Riedfort Charlotte Riedfort Suzette Whittington	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

**Mass Assignments: Sunday, December 15, 2024**

Kason Peterson Kinley Peterson	Marty Darst	Allison Devine Paula Schmidt	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm
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**FFY**  
Calendar  
&  
Activities  
Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	SUBJECT
Dec 11, 2024 <b>Wed 6:00-7:30</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent Luke 3:10-18	St Lucy's Story Virtues/Vices – Journey Board Actvy
Dec 18, 2024 <b>Wed 6:00-7:30</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent Luke 1:39-45	Christmas Party/ Program Students & Family
Dec 25, 2024 Christmas	Nativity of the Lord John 1:1-18	Merry Christmas! Enjoy the Christmas Season!

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** Greg Williams, Pat Hobbs, Keisha Bradley Janet Norvell, Iris Joelle Maynard, Megan Mudd, Theresa Owens, Sara Repovich, Kaye Hinkebein, Amanda Scheidegger, Olga Edwards, Diane Fischer Russell Tomlinson, Joanne Schmidt Paula Willett, Kent & Kim Henry, Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, Richard Warmowski, Ashley Hayden, Donna Barrix, David Crass, Helen Nicholson, Bonita Walker, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kaileigh Row, Pam Laibl, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Lisa Hammond, Bennett Meisenheimer, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, Kenny Matthews, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Michelle Freeman, Joann Najgebauer, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Carol Ross, Lonnie Vogler, Brenda Waitke, Gary Walters, Andrew Walton, Dawn Williams, Wilma Lejuene, Lori Butler, Isabella Hamilton, Dr. Danny Butler, Cameron Richmond, Brad Longworth, Helen Bennett, Catherine Broks, Stacy Newby, Bette Zilligen, Ric Vaughn, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt, Abigail Huebschmann, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Bob Tashjian, Rita Cook, Jack Bender, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Forrest Michael Teeters, Cameron Brewer, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Braydn Barnett, Elizabeth Witowski, Pam Dietz. Anthony Pellegriin.

**Pray for Our Military**

**St. Pius X:** Cameron Thomason, Daniel Burgess, James Griffith, Cory Erickson, Justin Fatum, James A. Kinsey, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki, Noah Willett, Amanda Wojahn and Luke Jablonski.

**St. Anthony Page Announcements**

**Coffee/ Doughnuts 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Every Month**  
**Quilters group** at St Anthony Every Tuesday  
 Contact Georgia Bradshaw for details. *New Project*  
*Crafting Gifts* for an annual bazaar. Please see the list  
 of items you can donate to help out. Lots of materials

**Orphaned Children Diaper Project:** 1/4" Braided  
 Elastic and Sew-on Velcro are needed. T-shirts are no  
 longer needed. However, **Sew-On** Velcro can be  
 donated and will be put to good use. Please use the  
 basket by church doors for donations. Call Georgia  
 Hunsley (*St. Anthony parish*) at 402-920-0108 for more info



Just bring your favorite side dish – appetizer, main  
 course, side, salad, for our get-together!

**Thurs Dec 19<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 St Pius Hall**

**Acts 2:42 Group: 2nd Sunday every month: Jan 12**  
 Signup contact Ed Georgen [edwardgeorgen@gmail.com](mailto:edwardgeorgen@gmail.com)

**All-Day Adoration on Friday January 3**

St Anthony Church has an all day Eucharistic Adoration  
 every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday from 9:00am – 9:00pm. All are  
 welcome to spend time in prayer in the presence of the  
 Blessed Sacrament. Confession available at 9:30am.  
 Prayer Partners are requested for each hour during  
 Adoration. Please register your time on the schedule  
 or call Judy Forsythe - 612-245-3636

**First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother:**

First Saturday Mass on January 4 @ 8:00am. Every  
 first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



**St Anthony Birthdays Dec 8 – Dec 14**

December 14 David Loxley

December 14 Diane Quayle

**St Anthony Anniversaries:**

No anniversaries this week

**Study ‘The Chosen’ Weekly Sessions**

Every Wednesday @ St. Anthony of Padua, we gather for  
 weekly study session at 10:00 am. Currently we are viewing  
 the series “The Chosen” and discussing its portrayal of Christ  
 and His Disciples. We use guide-discussion questions and  
 compare experiences of the different models of service to  
 Christ. Come enjoy an insightful discussion about Jesus;  
 followers. and how we can identify or not with their approach

**St. Anthony of Padua**

**Mass Intentions  
 Dec 9 – Dec 15**

Mon Holy Day	9:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	9:00 am	Thanksgiving Karlie Holmen
Friday	9:00 am	Linda Palusco
Sunday	8:00 am	Ray Lucas

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 12/1/2024	\$ 2,811.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 50,608.39

*Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! The  
 Parishes and the Church’s Mission depends on you!*



Food Items Especially Needed: *Saltine Crackers,*  
*Hamburger Helper,* sugar, cereal, peanut butter, jelly,  
 tuna, salmon, canned fruits, canned vegetables. Other  
items needed: paper towels, toilet paper, laundry & dish  
 detergent, shampoo (adult & baby), bath soap, diapers,  
 wipes, feminine hygiene products. Collection container is  
 in back of the church for your donated items.

**St Anthony Mass Assignments – December 15, 2024**

<b>Lector</b>	Darin Adrian
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mike Drury Jo Heron
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Vern Hunsley Georgia Hunsley
<b>Server</b>	Juan Gonzalez
<b>Money Counters</b>	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

**CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS**

**St Anthony Prayer List:** Theresa Owens, Kathy Johansen, Jeff  
 Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon  
 Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob  
 Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Pat Gorbett, Imogene Ramey.

**Pray for our Military**

Kevin Rapp, Joel Dumbacher, Matt Elder, Kathleen Erickson, Scott  
 Erickson, Cory Erickson, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale,  
 Devin McFadden, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

**Parish Council**

Kevin Diamond	Chair Person
Judy Forsythe	Spiritual Life/ Secretary
Shara Parish	Finance
Kelly Noonan	Building & Ground
David Loxley	Social Concerns/Events
Steve Wilkes	Faith Formation

**Next Meeting Jan 15 Wed @ 6:00 pm**

*The Holy Sacraments: Preparation for and Reception of the Sacraments*

- + **MARRIAGE:** Preparation is needed prior to the wedding. Contact the office or Fr. Brian 6 months prior to date.
- + **BAPTISM:** Preparation is needed prior to the Sacrament. Contact the office or Fr. Brian 3 months prior to birth.
- + **HOSPITAL:** Please notify the office or Fr. Brian if you or someone whom you know is in the hospital.
- + **ANointing OF THE SICK:** Is offered to anyone ill, infirmed, or prior to surgery. Contact Fr. Brian at (270) 668-7675 (Emergency)
- + **CONFESSiON:** Saturday at 3:30 St Pius; or please ask Fr Brian before any mass, or to set an appt, please call him at 270-395-4727
- + **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month during office hours (9 am-2 pm). Call the office at (270) 395-4727
- + **Bulletin information:** Must be submitted to the office by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Email: [stpiusx@stpiusx.us](mailto:stpiusx@stpiusx.us)