



# Saint Anthony's



First Sunday of Advent

November 30th, 2025

## MESSAGE

### THE NIGHT IS ADVANCED

*The night is advanced, the day is at hand!* We hear said in today's reading. It reminds me of the expression: *It's always darkest before the dawn!* Astronomically speaking, it's darkest at midnight since the sun is furthest from the earth at that point. But it is certainly coldest right before the dawn and the night will have passed it's longest duration at that point. In winter time we will have passed many hours in a long cold night before the flickers of dawn appear!

But our duty is certainly to stand and watch. To watch in joyful expectation of the coming of the Lord. Day in and day out we are called to pray, be vigilant and live in a way that represents our expectation of the Lord.

It is not for us to know the time or the place, the Son of Man does not even know, but only his Father in Heaven (Mt 24:36).

It is for us to stand and be vigilant, doing our duty each day by praying, fasting and expecting. The beauty of it all is that in this way we experience the first fruits of heaven and the wealth of a rich interior life!

God bless you all in this Advent Season!

Fr Rob

## Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Daily 9am  
Saturday: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 10am  
In Elk: Saturday at 4pm

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## EVENTS

7@7 Prayer Group  
with Fr Rob - Mondays at 7pm  
on Zoom7

Bible Study - Tuesdays at 10am

Men's Lunch at Patterson's -  
Thursdays at Noon

Rosary in Church -  
Weekdays at 8:30am

Knights of Columbus Meeting -  
1st Wednesday of the Month  
At 6:30 pm

K of C Pancake Breakfast -  
2nd Sunday of the Month  
8am - Noon

Games and Ping Pong Night  
Thursdays at 6:30pm

Silent Meditation Group -  
Wednesdays at 4pm

### Check out these Holiday Events at St Anthony's

- **Advent Service - Wednesday December 10th at 6:30pm** - We have a wonderful musical lineup for this year's Advent Service! Several local churches go together to put on Advent Services on successive Wednesdays during the Advent.
- **Christmas Dinner - Saturday December 13th at 6:30pm** - Our wonderful annual Christmas dinner put on by the Knights of Columbus will take place again this year! Tickets will be available after this weekend's Masses for \$30 each.
- **Children's Christmas Pageant - after weekend Masses on December 19th and 20th** - once again the children of our Parish will put on their annual Christmas play. Always a great event!

### Community Advent Services



Wednesday's at 6:30pm  
With Reception following  
Free of charge

December 3rd  
St Michael's Fort Bragg

December 10th  
St Anthony's Mendo

December 17th  
Mendocino Presbyterian Church



*"For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed"*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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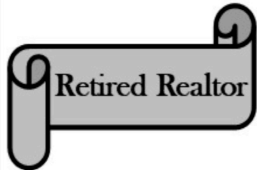
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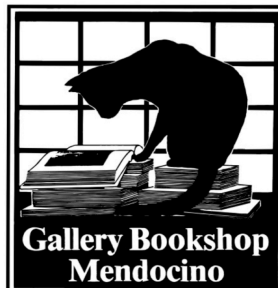


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