



Saint Anthony's



Second Sunday of Advent

December 7th, 2025

MESSAGE

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John the Baptist in today's Gospel tells us that he baptizes in water for repentance, but there is one who will come after him who will baptize in the Holy Spirit and in fire. The symbolism here is very important. We know that water serves to cleanse. Most people cleanse their bodies with water. We wash ourselves every day. We take showers. We take baths. We wash our clothes. We even wash our cars. We wash so many things with water!

But John the Baptist here is saying that we also wash our souls. We cleanse our souls from their impurities, iniquities and sins. We know that through Baptism we are washed free from Original Sin and from all actual sin. So we see the deep symbolism of John the Baptist who offers a Baptism of water for the repentance and the cleansing of souls; for turning hearts back to God; and for beginning a new way of life.

But John the Baptist says that someone will come after him who will baptize in the Holy Spirit and fire. We know that he is talking about Jesus and that Jesus will leave us his Spirit - the Holy Spirit. But the Holy Spirit is like a fire that devours us. He wants us to grow in fervor and devotion so that each day that we may burn like a living flame of love. As the flame of the fire rises higher and higher, likewise when we are devoured by the Holy Spirit, we rise higher and higher. The flame of the Holy Spirit lifts us up into the regions of God where we can encounter the mystery of the Holy Trinity in deep personal prayer. Thus it is for us to be always open to the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives. May he guide us in all ways. May he help us see clearly what we are to do. And may he give us the strength and the force to always do it.

May God bless you all!
Father 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 Zoom

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

Second Collection Next
Weekend for Retirement Fund
for Religious

- **The Special Advent Service is this Wednesday at 6:30pm** at St Anthony's. This is one of the most beautiful events of the year and people from throughout the community look forward to it. I just wish more people from St Anthony's would experience the beauty of this occasion! Please do your best to come. What a great way to prepare for Christmas!
- **Christmas Dinner** - This the last weekend to get your tickets to the Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 13th at 6:30pm. There are a few free tickets available if needed - please see Fr Rob
- **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!
- **The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is Monday, December 8th.** A Holy Day of Obligation, Mass will be celebrated at 9am and 5:30pm.

Mid-Week Advent Services

Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm
St. Michaels' & All Angels Episcopal Church
201 E. Fir St, Fort Bragg

Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30 pm
St. Anthony's Catholic Church
10700 Lansing St, Mendocino

Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30 pm
Mendocino Presbyterian Church
44831 Main St, Mendocino



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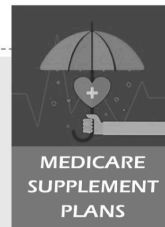


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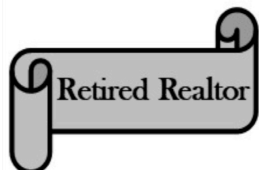
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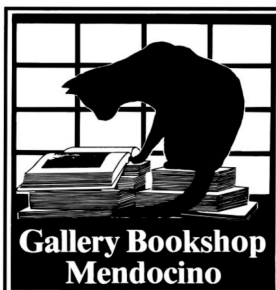


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