

# St. Anthony Journal



## St. Anthony of Padua Province

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### PROVINCIAL UNITY PRAYER:

Most High and Good Lord, we praise and thank You for our many blessings. You have chosen and called us to live and labor among Your people as followers of Francis of Assisi. As part of this call, You now lead us to blend our two Province histories into one new Franciscan Province. Bless our efforts with gifts of openness, generosity, growth in personal holiness, and provide us with new energy in the work You gave our Father Francis as builders of Your Church. Amen.

**IMMACULATE MARY, PRAY FOR US**  
**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRAY FOR US**

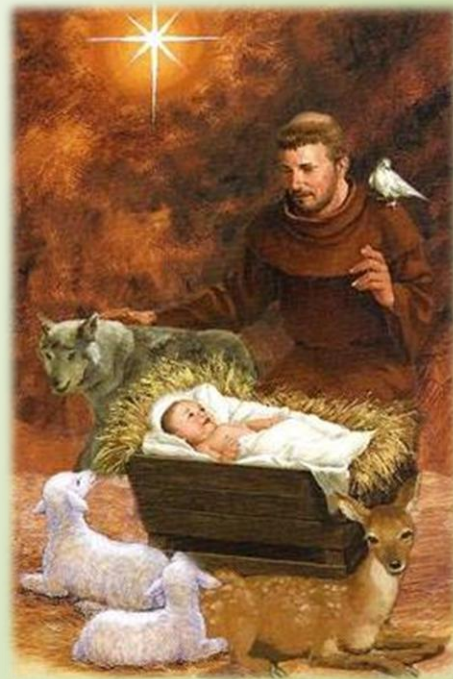
### Seasonal Prayers before Meals

#### Advent:

Father, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of your Son, prepare our hearts to receive him today and every day of our lives. You have blessed us with many wonderful things. As you nourish us with these gifts of the earth, nourish us further so that we may be effective witnesses of gospel life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Christmas:

Father, the good news of our Savior's birth was announced first to the poor shepherds. As we give you thanks for the fruit of the earth, make us aware of the cries of those who are poor and in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## ✠ **BISHOP JOHN JUKES, OFM CONV.** (August 7, 1923 – November 21, 2011)

•Nov. 5th Vespers: Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM Conv (Homilist), Assistant Minister General, Bishop Howard Tripp, Bishop Alan Hopes (Westminster), Fr. James McCurry OFM Conv (Presider), Archbishop Peter, Bishop John Sherrington (Westminster), and Bishop Pat Lynch



***Bishop John Jukes' Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. George Cathedral, on December 6th. Archbishop Peter was the principal celebrant. Concelebrants included the archbishops emeriti, auxiliary bishops, priests of the diocese, Franciscans, Cardinal Cormac, Archbishop Antonio Mennini, the Apostolic Nuncio, bishops and priests from England, Wales and Scotland.***

•Excerpt from Bishop Howard Tripp's homily:

“...Bishop John delighted in his religious name. A year or two after his Episcopal Ordination here in this Cathedral on 30th January 1980 he presided at the Feast Day Mass at St John's Seminary, Womersley, and revealed the fact that he was baptized Peter. He went on to say however that he was very happy to share the name of the beloved disciple with the Seminary. Bishop John was conscious that he was one beloved of God, and suggested to the students that they needed to realize and take to heart that they too were loved by God. It is not just our human love for God that should motivate us. We should be motivated in a strong response to the wonderful supernatural love that God first bestows on us.

John, the beloved disciple, made a place for Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in his home. In imitation Bishop John made a home in the Hermitage at West Malling for his own mother when she could no longer look after herself. And he found Mrs. Patricia Murphy to care for her and nurse her in her final illness. Pat then became his housekeeper and in these latter years has, through her nursing skill, enabled him to continue his life to the very end as a bishop and priest, offering Mass every day and serving the people of God in many ways even in his retirement. I offer our deep thanks to Pat for all she did for our Bishop John and express our sympathy with her in her great loss. Bishop John's family again has asked me to associate them with the Diocese in expressing sympathy and thanks to Pat. And that I am very happy to do.

In short, then my dear sisters and brothers, we see in the life of Bishop John faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love. It is in the life of a Christian that we should see scripture interpreted. Bishop John preached many sermons and the greatest of them was his own life.

...May our prayers and Masses aid Bishop John in his rapid passage through the waters of purgatory that made new, he may stand before the throne of the God who loved him, and out of whose love he loved all of us. Farewell, John, but not forever! Dear Brother.”



