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MASS TIMES

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo has issued a decree removing the general dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day Mass Obligation effective Sunday, January 2nd, 2022.

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 9 AM

TUESDAY & THURSDAY | 6:45 PM

WEDNESDAY | 6 AM

SATURDAY | 10 AM & 5 PM

SUNDAY | 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM,
1 PM Español & 6 PM

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Whether it has been 10 years, or 10 months or 10 days, God is waiting for you. Come experience the mercy of a father who loves and forgives you.

Confession is an act of honesty and courage, an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. - St. John Paul II

WEDNESDAY | 6 - 8 PM English.

SATURDAY | 8 - 10 AM English & Español

ADORATION CHAPEL

All are welcome to visit Christ in the chapel. It is open :

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 7:30 AM-10 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available by scheduling an appointment. Contact : sdewlen@ap.church



WAYS TO GIVE



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to **77977**



Give through
General Offertory

DEC. 20TH - DEC. 26TH GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 117,789.89
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 14,313.93
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 11,150.50
CHRISTMAS	\$ 46,998.55
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 10,518.44
TOTAL \$ 200,771.31	<i>*Includes Online Giving</i>

DEC. 27TH - JAN. 2ND GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 186,703.99
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 13,512.70
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 6,526.70
DSF	\$ 9,910.00
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 9,315.64
TOTAL \$ 225,969.03	<i>*Includes Online Giving</i>

JAN. 3RD - JAN. 9TH GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 64,992.15
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 3,732.50
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 3,662.50
BISHOPS FUND	\$ 943.44
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 2,357.64
TOTAL \$ 75,688.23	<i>*Includes Online Giving</i>

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

The Diocesan Service Fund is an annual fundraising drive by our Archdiocese that supports over 60 Archdiocesan-wide ministries and services, all of which are essential to the greater mission of the church. Some of those ministries are dedicated to serving the retired clergy of the Archdiocese. The Clergy Pastoral Outreach Ministry and the Residence for Retired Priests continue to care and provide for these men. This was possible due to the generous gifts to support the Diocesan Services Fund.

Another ministry supported by the DSF is the Office of the permanent Diaconate. The Archdiocese is estimated to have the third most permanent deacons in the United States. The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is responsible for all aspects associated with the formation of deacon candidates and the ongoing formation and coordination of the Archdiocese's permanent diaconate community. Currently, the Archdiocese has 423 permanent deacons and 138 additional men that are considered "inquirers" as they discern the call to this vocation. Through DSF, Deacons can provide ministry outreach to the marginalized in the community, such as those in prisons and hospitals that would not be possible due to a shortage of priests.

You can make a gift to the DSF at ap.church/dsf. Thank you for your generosity and for helping St. Anthony's support our Archdiocese.

ST. ANTHONY OF THE DESERT

BIRTHDAY: Around 250 AD

BIRTHPLACE: Coma, A Village in Lower Egypt

DIED: Around 356 AD

FEAST DAY: January 17th

Saint Anthony of the Desert went by many names (St. Anthony of Egypt, St. Anthony the Great, St. Anthony Abbot, and more) but had a singular purpose - become a "lover of God" by resisting the Devil and yielding to Christ. He is a mysterious figure, with nearly everything we know about him coming from a biography written by Saint Athanasius titled "The Life of Saint Anthony the Great." But what we do know about him, is inspiring in our current day and age.

Anthony was born around 250 A.D. in the village of Coma, located in Lower Egypt to an extremely wealthy family. His parents owned three hundred acres of land, which Anthony inherited around the age of 20 when his parents died, leaving him with vast wealth and the care of his unmarried sister.

One day while attending Mass though, a reading from the Gospel of Matthew changed everything for the future Father of All Monks.

"If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven." – Matthew 19:21

While most would balk at the prospect of living out those words to their fullest, Anthony decided to do just that around the year 285: he gave away some of the inherited land to his neighbors, sold the remaining property, and donated all of the funds to the poor. Placing his sister in the care of a group of Christian virgins, he left the city and entered the desert.

Anthony was not the first monk or ascetic hermit, but he was notable for being one of the first to truly cut himself off from civilization. While most monastics chose to practice their lifestyle on the outskirts of cities, Anthony decided to head into the desert region called the Nitra, which was about 95 km west of Alexandria and filled with some of the most rugged terrain that could be found.

According to Athanasius' biography, Anthony remained in this area for 15 years, practicing a strict ascetic diet of only bread, salt and water, eating at most only once a day. He took up strenuous spiritual exercises, such as staying up all night, choosing sleepless nights of prayer over a restful night of sleep. He had discovered, as written in his biography, that "the mind of the soul is strong when the pleasures of the body are weak."

Trial would soon arrive at Anthony's doorstep, as the devil perceived the strength of this ascetic monk. Anthony, who had walled himself into a ruin in order to devote himself fully and perfectly to the Lord, was afflicted with boredom, laziness and even the phantoms of women as the devil attempted to break his focus. Anthony combatted these afflictions with the power of prayer, which would eventually form a theme for future Christian art.

Saint Anthony being assailed by demons became a popular subject in the history of art and literature in the 15th Century. The earliest depiction of him being attacked by demons can be traced to a wall painting in the atrium of Santa Maria Antiqua, a Catholic Church in Italy, from the 10th Century. Perhaps the most famous depiction was an engraving by Martin Schongauer titled "The Temptation of St. Anthony", which Michelangelo would later use to paint one of his earliest known paintings, "The Torment of Saint Anthony."

The calmness of Saint Anthony depicted in the artwork is hard to believe when reading the torments he endured, as recounted by Athanasius. The demons would assault him furiously, both physically and spiritually, but Anthony endured the attacks.

Despite being beaten to the point of unconsciousness, phantoms appearing in the form of horrid wild beasts, and repeated attacks, he persevered.

When he would see the wolves, lions, snakes and scorpions gathering in an attempt to attack, he would laugh at them scornfully and say, "If any of you have any authority over me, only one would have been sufficient to fight me."

At the age of 35, he wished to retreat to absolute solitude and relocated to an abandoned Roman fort for another 20 years of ardent prayer. Food was thrown to him over the wall, and he would not allow anyone to enter, but word of his devotion to the Lord spread, and gradually a number of would-be disciples would come to the wall to listen to his advice.

As the number of followers grew to the nearby caves and huts around the mountain, many begged Anthony to come out and be a guide for those wishing to imitate his spiritual life. Finally, around the year 305, Anthony emerged from his retreat. By this time, after decades of solitude, most expected him to have wasted away physically or been driven insane mentally, but who would emerge but a perfectly healthy and serene Anthony of the Desert, clothed in sackcloth and sheepskin but rippling with muscle.

Rejuvenated, he continued his mission to serve the Lord, even as his legend grew. He would soon found two monasteries for the great body of monks which had formed, and he wrote a rule of life in order to help guide them in the path of ascetism. These were reportedly the first monasteries ever founded, which led to the namesake "Father of All Monks", despite the fact Anthony himself was not in fact, the first monk to exist.

Anthony is noted for not allowing the attention or number of followers distract him from remaining solely focused on the Lord, both in his own personal life, and in the monasteries he was founding. It is written he had a disdain for "stately buildings and well-laden tables", so all of his efforts were rooted in a focus on Christ alone.

After his time guiding those seeking to practice self-denial and the hermetic life, he focused his efforts on aiding the Church amidst the persecution of Egyptian Christians in the early 300's. Word had spread to Anthony of the severe attacks by the Roman Emperor Diocletian, in which churches were razed, scriptures burned, and Christians martyred. He and several monks traveled to Alexandria, where they ministered to the persecuted. The Governor of Alexandria is reported to have ordered Anthony not to show up in the city and continue to comfort those imprisoned, but Anthony, in hopes that he would be tortured and martyred, refused. He was 60 years old at the time, and fearlessly exposing himself to danger in hopes of being an ultimate witness to the faith.

He spent the majority of his remaining years returning to solitude in order to pray, as well as share teachings with those who traveled to hear him. Occasionally, he would grow tired of visitors keeping him from his worship, so he eventually went further into the Eastern Desert of Egypt, finding a spring of water and palm trees. He created an inner monastery there, where he would often retreat to following trips to the desert to visit the brethren of monks. On the spot where he settled amid the palm trees now stands the Monastery of Saint Anthony the Great.

He traveled out of his desert solitude only one additional time, around the year 338 when the Arian heresy began spreading in Egypt. The former deacon Arius began swaying many Egyptian Christians with his teachings about how Jesus was not equal with God, and the leader of the church in Alexandria, Athanasius himself, called upon Anthony to join him in a campaign to champion the truth to the people of Egypt. The future saint provided an eloquent defense of the belief as Jesus being true God and true Man, which led to the eventual elimination of Arianism.

Anthony would live to be over 100 years old, but still miraculously maintain the appearance of youth. Eventually, Anthony felt that the day of his departure was nearing. He commanded his disciples with strict

instructions to give away his possessions (which consisted of a staff and two sheepskin cloaks) and to bury his body in an unmarked, secret grave, lest his body become an object of veneration.

He died around the year 356. He was 105 years old.

Saint Anthony was canonized Pre-Congregation and left no physical writings behind. A handful of his words are included in the Apophthegmata, a collection of sayings attributed to the early desert fathers and mothers, but he most likely only spoke his native language of Coptic, and almost certainly was illiterate.

But through the life of Saint Anthony of the Desert, we discover a great, divine paradox. He hardly ate, yet remained in perfect health. He grew extremely old, yet retained the appearance of youth. He lived in extreme isolation, yet grew agonizingly popular. He possessed so little, yet continually gave so much.

Saint Anthony, devoted to the Lord, persevering against afflictions, and emboldened in faith, was aware of his shortcomings, but rooted himself in what he knew to be his ultimate strength. When two Greek philosophers traveled to speak with Anthony, he questioned why they "wished to meet with a fool." They replied that they viewed him as no fool, but wise and prudent. In response, Anthony said: "If you think me prudent, become as I am, for we ought to imitate what is good. And if I had come to you, I should have imitated you; but if you to me, become as I am, for I am a Christian."

While those philosophers departed in silence, having no desire to be converted, may we have our hearts and lives converted by Saint Anthony the Great.



SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo has issued a decree removing the general dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day Mass Obligation effective Sunday, January 2nd, 2022, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

The Cardinal is asking the Catholic faithful of our Archdiocese to resume regular Sunday Mass attendance, but please note that the normal dispensations (those who find it impossible to attend Mass, due to illness, advanced age, caring for a sick person, or being at high-risk for contracting COVID-19) are still in place. Those who cannot attend Mass for one of these reasons are encouraged to watch our live-streamed Mass and to meditate upon the Scriptures at home.

Also noteworthy among the new protocols is the ability to resume the use of holy water at our parish. We will soon begin the process of refilling the Holy Water font and stoups.

For the time being, the suspension of receiving the Precious Blood from a common chalice remains in effect.

We are excited to celebrate our upcoming liturgies with you, as well as welcome everyone back to the parish in the new year. Together, let us continue to love and glorify the Lord in 2022!

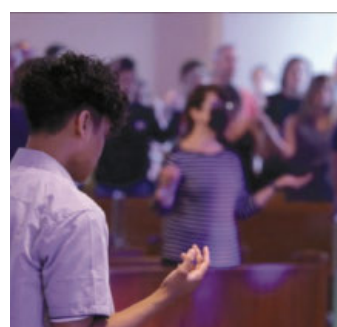
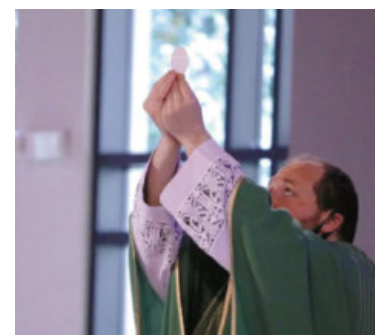
Cardenal Daniel DiNardo ha emitido un decreto que elimina la dispensa general de la obligación de asistir a la Misa dominical y en los días de obligación a partir del domingo 2 de enero de 2022, solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor.

El Cardenal está pidiendo a los fieles católicos de nuestra Arquidiócesis que reanuden la asistencia regular a la Misa dominical y en los días de obligación, tenga en cuenta que las dispensaciones normales (aquellos a quienes les resulta imposible asistir a Misa, debido a una enfermedad, edad avanzada, cuidado de una persona enferma o alto riesgo de contraer COVID-19) todavía están vigentes. Animo a aquellos que no pueden asistir a Misa por una de estas razones a que vean nuestra Misa en vivo y mediten sobre las Escrituras en casa.

También cabe destacar entre los nuevos protocolos, el de reanudar el uso de agua bendita en nuestra parroquia. Pronto comenzaremos el proceso de rellenar la Pila Bautismal y fuentes de Agua Bendita.

Por el momento, sigue vigente la suspensión de recibir la Preciosa Sangre de un cáliz común.

Estamos emocionados de celebrar nuestras próximas liturgias con ustedes, así como también darles la bienvenida a todos a la parroquia en el nuevo año. ¡Juntos, continuemos amando y glorificando al Señor en 2022!



LITURGY AND PRAYER

MASS READINGS

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- First Reading : Isaiah 62:1-5
- Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 96:1-2,2-3,7-8,9-10
- Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
- Gospel : John 2:1-11

Background on the Gospel

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what

these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us...
- *Loyola Press - Sunday Connection*

ALTAR GUILD

St. Benedict's Altar Guild at St. Anthony of Padua is a service organization formed to serve the priests, the deacons, and the parish by preparing the sanctuary for liturgical events and by caring for the wares necessary for our liturgies.

Volunteers in the ministry reflect the Catholic tradition of preparing the altar and sanctuary for Mass, caring for the vestments and altar linens, providing flowers in the sanctuary, taking care of the candles throughout the church, caring for the holy water fonts, polishing the brass appointments on the candles, and preparing for funerals.

We are always looking for new members. Training is provided. **Contact Brian Jones for more information: bjones@ap.church**

AROUND THE PARISH

STAOP CATHOLIC SCHOOL



St. Anthony of Padua
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Founded in 2001, recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2012, and distinguished as an Archdiocesan S.T.R.E.A.M. Synergy school in 2019, our parish school

serves students in Pre-K3 through 8th Grade. For more information visit: **AP.SCHOOL** or visit us on Facebook or Instagram **@apschooltx**.

JANUARY 29-30, 2022

National Catholic School's Week Second Collection Supporting St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School

FEBRUARY 3, 2022

Future Family Open House at 6:30 PM.

Our Future Family Open House will give you the opportunity to meet members of our faculty, learn about our academics and activities, and visit your future students' classrooms.

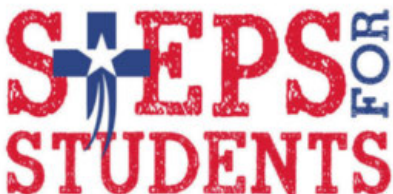
FEBRUARY 7-16, 2022

New Student Enrollment is from Feb. 7-16. Applications found at **ap.school/admissions**.

FEBRUARY 12, 2022

St. Anthony of Padua's **Steps for Students** team will be raising funds to fund a technology iPad cart to facilitate our new NWEA testing program. This is critical in allowing our testing to be conducted more efficiently among all grade levels. Thank you for supporting this effort!

Join or support our team at **runsignup.com/ap-school!**



PRISON MINISTRY INFO NIGHT

FEBRUARY 17 • 7:00PM • PLB ROOM 205

Deacon Lopez from Sacred Heart parish will present an informational meeting on how you can enrich the spiritual life of the incarcerated through leading bible studies and sharing faith based materials.

St. Daniel Prison Ministry is looking for volunteers to join a team to serve in our area.

Within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston there are 26 State Prisons, 10 County Jails, One Federal institution, and countless county jails. At any given time here are 60,000-70,000 people in these facilities and 28% of the incarcerated men and women are Roman Catholic.

HOW CAN YOU SERVE?

Each visit requires a team of 3 people to serve together. Couples are welcome to serve together with another solo person. Each team will work with ministry leaders, Diann and Stan Ross, until trained and comfortable leading a class. The current schedule is a Monday night bible study/teaching DVDs 6:00-8:00pm with 30 men attending and the 2nd/4th Saturdays are prayer and worship services.

VOLUNTEER PRE-QUALIFICATIONS

- Safe Environment Compliance
- TDCJ - TX Dept of Criminal Justice Compliance



FAITH FORMATION

INFANT BAPTISM

BAPTISM FOR INFANTS (0 – 6 Years Old)

It is always a joyful experience for us to welcome a new Christian into the Church and into our parish community. Through baptism, your child will be adopted into God's family, receive the grace of salvation won for us by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, and have life in the Holy Spirit.

- Is your child 6 years old or younger?
- Have the parents of the child attended a Baptismal Preparation class?
- Are the parents of the child registered parishioners of St Anthony of Padua?

If you can answer YES to all the questions above, you are ready for Baptism. If you and your spouse have not attended a Baptismal preparation class in more than 3 years, visit us at ap.church/baptism to check our calendar of dates, register for a Baptismal class or to obtain more information.

BAUTISMO PARA INFANTES (0 – 6 años)

No llena de gozo dar la bienvenida a un nuevo cristiano en la Iglesia ya nuestra comunidad parroquial. A través del bautismo, su hijo será adoptado en la familia de Dios, recibirá la gracia de la salvación ganada para nosotros por la muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo, y tendrá vida en el Espíritu Santo.

- ¿Tiene su hijo 6 años o menos?
- ¿Han asistido los padres del niño a una clase de preparación bautismal en los últimos 3 años?
- ¿Los padres del niño son feligreses registrados de San Antonio de Padua?

Si puede responder Sí a todas las preguntas anteriores, está listo para solicitar el Sacramento del Bautismo para su hijo. Si usted y su cónyuge no han asistido a una clase de preparación bautismal en más de 3 años, visítenos en ap.church/baptism para consultar nuestro calendario de fechas, registrarse para una clase bautismal u obtener más información.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Ministry Team wishes you a Merry Christmas and Joyous New Year! Programs are on break until the New Year. See our first 2022 Session Dates below:

- Life Teen Year 1 and UpperClass – January 16
- Anchor – January 18
- EDGE – January 18

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The Confirmation Retreat will be held February 4-6. Please pray for our Teens, Teen Assistants, Core Members, and Staff Members that the Holy Spirit will be upon us at retreat and reach the hearts of the teens preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. If you picked up a prayer card for a Confirmation teen and would like to send a note assuring them of your prayers and encouragement, please drop them off to the Parish Office by January 18.

STEUBENVILLE LONESTAR

Join us this summer for a road trip to the Dallas, Texas area for the Steubenville Lone Star Conference! June 24-26, 2022

The theme for the conference is FEARLESS. The goal of this conference is to strengthen and inspire teens in their journey with Christ. Amazing speaker lineup includes Fr. Joseph Espailat, Emily Wilson, Bob Lesnefsky, and Andrew Laubacher

Open to current (2021) 8th – 12th Graders. More information can be found at stanthonyyym.org/summer-trips



ADULT FORMATION

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Join other women at St. Anthony's this spring for a semester-long bible study! Weekly group sessions are on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM.

FEARLESS & FREE - STARTING FEB. 2ND!

Fearless and Free is a six-lesson Bible study based on the book of Ephesians. So many of us are wrestling through the reality that life isn't easy, even when we are doing the right thing. Suffering can slam into us from left field, leaving us reeling. This study provides a firm foundation to stand on no matter what life throws our way. Register today at : ap.church/aff

THE GREAT ADVENTURE

The heart of The Great Adventure is The Bible Timeline™ Learning System. The Bible Timeline™ Learning System ties all of Scripture together by following God's "family plan" from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. With its unique color-coded system, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. A Life-Changing Approach to Scripture!

This Spring semester, starting in January, we will have different classes offered morning, afternoon, and evening.

- **Revelation** - Tuesday Mornings
- **Prophets** - Wednesday Evenings
- **Prophets** - Thursday Mornings
- **1st Corinthians** - Friday Mornings

Registration is now open. For more info and registration: ap.church/aff



LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY

(LTMTTP) is a three-part prayer series, rooted in Ignatian spirituality. It helps deepen prayer life and offers ways to overcome dryness and obstacles in prayer. It introduces the methods of Ignatian prayer: meditation, contemplation, and Consciousness Examen

There will be two Part One Sessions available starting on January 19th. Sign up today!

Visit our website ap.church/events for more information and registration.



EL CAMINO

El Camino es un grupo donde poder redescubrir, crecer y fortalecer tu Fe en un ambiente amigable, respetuoso y sin presiones, que responde a la Nueva Evangelización a la que estamos invitados.

¡con un programa totalmente dinámico y actual, especialmente diseñado para ti! Este año estudiaremos el programa:

"PARA QUE TODOS TE CONOZCAN: INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA"

- Curso Gratuito. Todos los jueves de 6–8:30 PM
- Cada mes: 3 reuniones vía Zoom, y 1 reunión presencial en el AMR de St Anthony of Padua.
- A partir del 9/Septiembre/2021 (Zoom)

El Camino siempre tiene abiertas sus puertas para ti! elcaminostaop@outlook.com

Please visit our website at ap.church/aff for all the upcoming Bible Studies, Classes, and Community Groups in English and Spanish!

ADULT FORMATION

ST. MONICA'S SOCIETY

St. Monica's Society is for mothers of school age children. They share the joys and struggles of motherhood and learn more about how to apply their faith to their vocation. St. Monica's Society holds weekly Friday Meetings at noon.

This January-February they will be studying the book *Embracing Edith Stein-Wisdom for Women*. by Rev William P Saunders Ph D. For more information and to register. Contact Katie at mrsgreen.katie@gmail.com or Meg at mmv0818@comcast.net

SCRIPTURE & REFLECTION

All are welcome every Wednesday morning after the 6 AM Mass to gather for scripture reflections of the day.

There is no registration or sign up for this group and no cost. We use "The Word Among Us" booklet for daily readings and reflections. Readings and reflections are also available free in the Laudate app. Visit ap.church/aff for information.

THAT MAN IS YOU

That Man is You! is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.

Join us for coffee, fellowship and faith Friday mornings from 5:30 - 7 AM Parish Life Building room 205. All men are welcome. Visit ap.church/aff for info and registration.

YOUNG ADULTS

Are you a young adult in your 20s or 30s? Do you desire to meet other young adults? For info, contact Betsy Cole at youngadult@ap.church about our upcoming events.

SENIOR PALS

Anyone 50+ is invited to join our community! We host a multitude of events every month! There is a monthly meeting, trips, luncheons, and other activities to participate in. Check the website for the monthly meeting times (generally scheduled for 9:45am on the second Saturday of the month) and other events. For more information, **call Joan Sabino at 281-298-6683 or visit ap.church/organizations**

ACTS WOMENS RETREAT

ACTS Women's English Retreat offers an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ which fosters a desire for intentional discipleship. The Retreats begin on Thursday evenings and end with Sunday Mass in the parish. Utilizing prayer, service, and teaching, the ACTS Retreat meets people wherever they are on their Spiritual Journey.

Through the four pillars of the apostolate, adoration, community, theology, and service, retreatants are invited to prayerfully consider how they can respond to His love by spiritually surrendering to Jesus in order to have a new life with Him.

The retreat will take place **March 3-6, 2022** at Circle Lake Retreat Center. Registration is now open at ap.church/events

MEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Registration for St. Anthony's Annual Men's Retreat at Holy Name Retreat House on the weekend of March 4-6 is now open!

"Portrait of Christ: Encountering the Truth". The retreat will capture the reverence, excitement, and newness of an encounter with the TRUTH. It will serve as a historical canvas upon which a portrait and understanding of Christ are painted. Visit ap.church/events to find more information about the retreat and a link to register.

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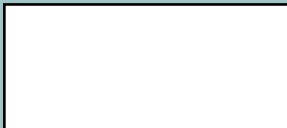
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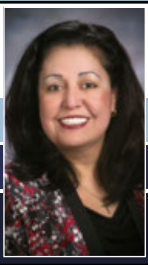
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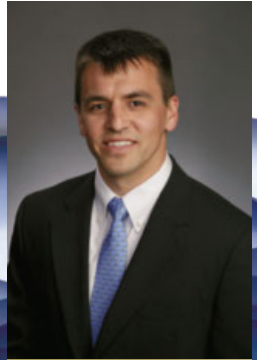
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PRO-LIFE EVENTS

TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE

JANUARY 22, 2022

2022 marks 49 years since Roe v. Wade. Join thousands of Texans to march in support of each human life at Austin at the annual event Texas Rally for Life.

Join St. Anthony's and Sts. Simon and Jude this year. Visit ap.church/events to register for your spot on the bus!

Questions? Contact Curt Locklear at 512-434-9829 Visit texasrallyforlife.org for specific information about the Austin event.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

- 8:30 AM - Mass at Sts. Simon and Jude
- 9:00 AM - Pick up riders at St. Anthony's
- 9:15 AM - Pick up riders at Sts. Simon and Jude
- 12:30 PM - Arrive in Austin, TX
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - March and Rally
- 3:30 PM - Return to bus.
- 6:30 PM - Drop off at Sts. Simon and Jude
- 6:45 PM - Drop off at St. Anthony's.

*****PLEASE NOTE** The Texas Rally consists of a one-hour March through downtown Austin, followed by a one-hour Rally at the State Capitol building. The March will proceed through downtown Austin, for a distance of 2-2.5 miles, some of which requires walking up and down hills. Persons having mobility issues or difficulty walking long distances are encouraged to take appropriate precautions and/or bring any assistive devices they may need on the bus. Rally attendees who are unable to participate in the March are welcome to proceed directly to the State Capitol grounds for the Rally following arrival in Austin.



PRO-LIFE NIGHT OF PRAYER

JANUARY 21 - 22, 2022

Join Catholics across the country in praying for the protection of the unborn on January 21st and 22nd. St. Anthony's will be hosting a Night of Prayer starting with a Holy Hour in the Church followed by adoration in the Chapel and culminating with Mass on Saturday morning.



PRO-LIFE NIGHT OF PRAYER AGENDA

- **HOLY HOUR** : Friday, January 21, 9 PM in the Church for the entire parish.
- **ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL** : Friday Night through Saturday Morning, 10 PM - 10 AM. Reservations for a holy hour can be made at ap.church/dayofprayer
- **PRO-LIFE MASS** : The Night of Prayer will culminate at Mass on Saturday, January 22, 10 AM for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on the 49th anniversary of Roe v Wade.

GENERATION VITAE

JANUARY 19, 2022

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