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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

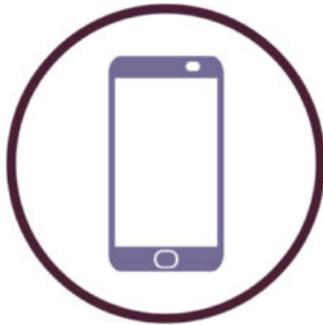
The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available by scheduling an appointment. Contact : [sdewlen@ap.church](mailto:sdewlen@ap.church)



# WAYS TO GIVE



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## 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
<b>TOTAL   \$ 75,688.23</b>	<i>*Includes Online Giving</i>

## JAN. 10TH - JAN. 16TH GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 84,580.13
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 3,156.50
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 3,471.50
BISHOPS FUND	\$ 1,299.94
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 1,503.00
<b>TOTAL   \$ 94,011.07</b>	<i>*Includes Online Giving</i>

## JAN. 17TH - JAN. 23RD GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 82,751.14
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 5,166.50
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 3,159.16
BISHOPS FUND	\$ 4,837.54
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 7,702.00
<b>TOTAL   \$ 103,616.34</b>	<i>*Includes Online Giving</i>

## ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS LOOKING FOR AN ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENT?

If we have an EMAIL address for your profile in the PushPay system, you will receive an ELECTRONIC statement by email delivery. **Statements were emailed on January 20, 2022** to donor accounts with \$250 or more in annual giving to the email address found on your PushPay account profile with a from address of **no-reply@pushpay.com**.

*If we do not have an email address for your profile in the PushPay system, but we do have a USPS mailing address, you will receive a PAPER statement by postal mail delivery IF the total contributions are greater than \$250.*

A PushPay account is created for ALL donors regardless if the gift is made by cash or check or card or bank transfer. For information on how to access your PushPay account, visit **ap.church/statement**.

## ORGAN DONORS NEEDED

Our beautiful church organ broke over the Christmas season. We are seeking donations from our music loving community to help breathe new life into the organ before Easter. Please consider supporting the music ministry at St Anthony! Note: Any funds over our goal will support music and liturgical programs. **ap.church/organ**

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

**BIRTHDAY:** Unknown

**BIRTHPLACE:** Unknown, Likely Galilee

**DIED:** Likely around 72 AD

**FEAST DAY:** July 3rd

*"My Lord and my God."*

Those five words together form one of the clearest declarations in scripture of the divinity of Jesus Christ, resurrected and standing in front of one incredulous apostle – Saint Thomas.

Thomas was one of the closest followers of Jesus during His time on Earth and is most famous for being "doubting Thomas" – the result of an untimely absence on the first Easter Sunday that caused him to be skeptical upon hearing of the supposed resurrection of Jesus.

But while he may have a rough reputation for requesting physical proof of Jesus returning, he should be equally known for his courage as a follower of Christ.

Little is known about Saint Thomas. He is mentioned in every gospel, as well as Acts of the Apostles, but he only speaks in the Gospel of John. His exact birthday and date of death are unknown, but most historians agree he was most likely born to a Jewish family in Galilee. There's no indication he was a fisherman, although he is among the apostles fishing in John 21 when Jesus appears on the shore prior to a miraculous catch.

We don't know how Thomas became a follower of Jesus, but from the very first time in the Gospel of John that he speaks, it's clear that he is a dedicated, passionate follower of Christ.

In John 11, Jesus announces His intention of returning to the town of Judea to visit his friend Lazarus, who He and the apostles had recently been told was sick. The majority of the apostles were less than enthused at the prospect of this trip ("...the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?") but Jesus was undeterred.

"Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up," Jesus said. Displaying their trademark lack of understanding that the apostles often had when Jesus spoke with a deeper meaning, they replied, "'Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better."

These moments occur frequently throughout the gospels and while Jesus was fully divine, he was also

fully man, and quite capable of growing frustrated at their moments of dragging their feet. "Lazarus is dead," Jesus spoke plainly in John 11:14, "and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

Placing yourself in the shoes of the apostles, it is not hard to understand their hesitancy. Jesus had ruffled feathers in Jerusalem when he had been pressed to tell plainly of His divinity, but instead chose to respond, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep." Narrowly escaping a stoning, the apostles were likely still trying to grasp the words of Jesus about The Good Shepherd and His Sheep (John 10) and "the Father is in me, and I in the Father" (John 10:38).

But ringing clear through any grumbling or dissent was Thomas, showing a rare glimpse of courage not often displayed by the apostles prior to Pentecost.

*"Let us also go, that we may die with him."*

The second instance of Thomas speaking in the Bible shows him to be an inquisitive follower of Christ, sharing his desire to know the way to following Him more ardently. Through his question, we ultimately hear one of the most profound truths of the ministry of Jesus in response.

As Jesus is seated with His disciples around the table of the Last Supper, he speaks to them in hopes of comforting them. He had just predicted His betrayal, as well as Peter's denial of Him, and tensions were likely running high.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas, taking the concept of the travel and direction of Jesus to remain earthbound, replied, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" The answer by Jesus is one we have heard countless times and likely was imprinted onto Thomas' heart:

*"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

Lastly, we reach the upper room, where behind

locked doors, the disciples, unsure of what to do next, remained in fear of the Jewish leaders. Mary Magdalene had recently told them the heart-stopping news that she had seen Jesus, raised from the dead, but they were still in awe when he suddenly appeared among them. "Peace be with you!" He said to the overjoyed apostles – but Thomas was not with them.

The cause of Thomas' absence is unknown, but when he returned and heard that the Lord had just been standing in that very room, back from death itself, he insisted on physical proof.

"Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

It can be argued that the actions of Thomas in this moment weren't even those of true "doubt." Jesus – the man whom he fervently wished to follow, even unto the point of death – had died on the cross. Thomas had given Jesus his heart and his hope, so when Jesus entered the grave, Thomas didn't doubt in the sense of simply wavering or hesitating; he did not believe at all. He refused to acknowledge the possibility of the risen Lord, refused to offer his heart to be crushed again, until he was close enough to put his fingers in Jesus' wounds.

What did Jesus do? He didn't reappear with a thunderous rumble to rebuke Thomas for his disbelief. He didn't leave him hanging and return back to His heavenly kingdom. Instead, one week later, he returned again to the apostles with the same greeting – "Peace be with you!"

Then, speaking directly to Thomas, Jesus said, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Incredulously, Thomas felt the fatal wounds that had taken the Lord away from him, only to see Him now mere inches away.

Falling at the feet of Jesus he exclaimed, "My Lord, and my God!"

This profound realization of truth ultimately led Thomas to be the first person to explicitly acknowledge the divinity of Jesus.

Following his encounter with the resurrected Lord, we lose track of a clear path of Thomas. We know he embarked on a missionary journey somewhere in the world, but most accounts are unreliable. According to many Christian traditions, Thomas traveled over to India, where he established numerous churches and preached the gospel all along the Malabar coast.

Thomas is recognized as the founder of the Church of the Syrian Malabar Christians (also known as Christians of St. Thomas), of which there are more than 3,000

parishes around the world.

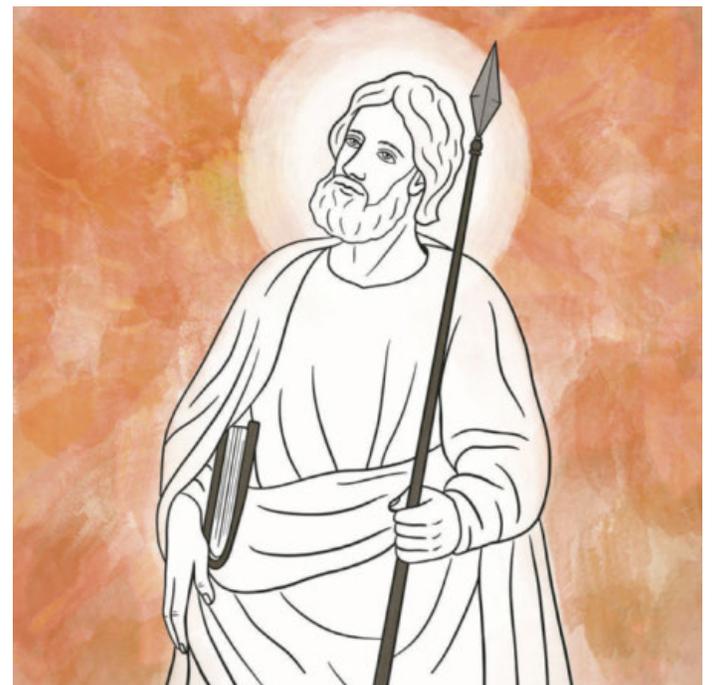
According to Syrian Christian tradition, Thomas was martyred at Madras, a city in India now known as Chennai. Exact details are scarce, but most historians tell of Thomas coming into conflict with the king of Mylapore or the Hindu priests of Kali and Thomas eventually being killed by a spear.

The spear wounds of Jesus were the evidence Thomas needed to truly believe, but it was his own spear wounds that would become the ultimate evidence of his own faith.

Today, Saint Thomas is known as the patron of architects, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and theologians. The name "Thomas" remains popular among the Syrian Christians of India, and there are roughly 5 million Catholics belonging to the Syro-Malabar Church.

Saint Thomas stands out among the apostles for his prominent questioning of what we all were taught to believe without question – that Jesus Christ died and rose again. But amidst what must have truly been a terrifying time for the apostles, having just seen their leader brutally murdered upon a cross, it's perfectly understandable for Thomas to desire proof. Ultimately, he represents what we all desire; to have our love and faith of Jesus surpass all doubts and skepticism that can be heaped upon our Catholic beliefs.

Jesus did not pick worthless men to be His disciples. Their hesitancy to follow Him to Judea, their lack of understanding in His deeper meanings and their abandonment upon Golgotha doesn't point towards foolish followers – it proves that their human weakness did not disqualify them from holiness or sainthood, and neither does ours.



# LITURGY AND PRAYER

## MASS READINGS

### 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- First Reading : Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19
- Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 71:1-2,3-4,5-6,15,17
- Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13
- Gospel : Luke 4:21-30

### Background on the Gospel

This Sunday we read from the Gospel of Luke, continuing immediately from last week's Gospel. Recall that in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah and announced that this Scripture was now fulfilled. In today's Gospel, we learn that the people of Nazareth are impressed by Jesus' words, and yet they seem surprised. They still think of Jesus as merely Joseph's son. They do not expect such words from someone they believe that they know.

This Gospel is about who Jesus is and who people believe him to be. The story of Jesus' preaching and rejection at Nazareth is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels. In Luke's Gospel, this incident is told in a way that foretells Jesus' passion and death and helps explain the inclusion of the Gentiles in the promise of salvation. In Luke's Gospel this incident appears at the beginning of Jesus' ministry; in Matthew and Mark, this event is placed considerably later, after Jesus has preached and taught elsewhere. Only Luke identifies the content of Jesus' teaching in any detail, telling us that Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue. In Mark and Matthew's Gospels, Jesus teaches in the synagogue in Nazareth, and the townspeople take offense because Jesus is only the son of a carpenter. They reject his authority to teach them. In Matthew and Mark, it is only after Jesus is rejected that he observes times when Israel has rejected prophets.

In Luke's Gospel, the people are surprised but not immediately offended by Jesus' words in the synagogue. It is the words that follow his reading from the prophet Isaiah that seem to offend them. Jesus challenges and provokes the people of Nazareth by referring to examples in which Israel rejected the prophets. He also challenges

them to respond to his message, the message of a prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors. This call for a new response leads to his rejection.

It is helpful to consider the historical context of Luke's Gospel. Luke has witnessed the acceptance of the gospel message among many Gentiles. He endeavors to explain why the Good News of Jesus has not been as well-received by his Jewish contemporaries. Luke's report interprets the cause of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth in the context of this later Christian history. Just as the people at Nazareth did not welcome the Good News that Jesus announced, so too many among the people of Israel will not accept the preaching of the gospel.

After Jesus' words of challenge, Luke reports that there was a movement to kill Jesus by throwing him over a cliff. This differs from the reports found in Mark and Matthew's Gospels, where Jesus is said to be unable to perform miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Luke says that Jesus walks away from the crowd that intended to kill him; it is not yet his time. The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of Luke's Gospel for the cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all.  
- 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](mailto:bjones@ap.church)**

# LITURGY AND PRAYER

## CANDLEMAS

**Come and celebrate Candlemas (also known as the Presentation of our Lord or the Purification of St. Mary the Virgin) with us on Wednesday, February 2nd at 6AM & 9 AM Mass.**

In this celebration of the Liturgy, we will include the Blessing of Candles that are to be used throughout the liturgical year. Parishioners may bring unused candles to be blessed for use during the year. Parishioners will be assisted before Mass in bringing their candles to tables near the lectern to be blessed.

*"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle." - St. Francis of Assisi*

## ST. BLAISE

**On Thursday, February 3 at the 9 AM and the 6:45 PM Masses we will celebrate feast of Saint Blaise.** Candles blessed the day before at Candlemas are used for the blessing of throats after all Masses.



**St. Michael the Archangel**, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**San Miguel Arcángel**, defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestro amparo contra las perversidad y asechanzas del demonio. Reprímale Dios, pedimos suplicantes, y tu príncipe de la milicia celestial arroja al infierno con el divino poder a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malignos que andan dispersos por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amén.

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022 • ~ 9:45 AM**

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alcoque (1647-1690), a French nun in the Visitation Order, and gave her the special task to spread devotion to His Most Sacred Heart at a time when religion was growing cold in the hearts of mankind.

## COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAY

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022**

**8:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

The Communal First Saturday provides a way of fulfilling Our Lady of Fatima's request for the First Saturdays and thereby helping bring about world peace and the salvation of souls. For the schedule of the morning, please visit [ap.church/events](http://ap.church/events)

## VOCATION MINISTRY

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022 • ~ 10:45 AM**

Join Fr Jesse after the 10am Saturday Mass on February 26 in the Paduan Center to learn more about discerning how God is calling you to live out your vocation. Men and women of all ages are welcome to attend. No registration needed.

The primary mission of any parish vocation ministry is to help all parishioners discern God's will in their lives, no matter the calling. Focus on this goal, and in God's time, vocations will flourish, leading to more seminarians, religious men and women in formation, and holier marriages. A vocation ministry must pray and implement uplifting and encouraging activities that create a fertile environment so God can plant the seed and the Holy Spirit can water that seed in the hearts of individuals.

Questions? Contact Sue Dewlen at [sdewlen@ap.church](mailto:sdewlen@ap.church) for more information.

# 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](http://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](http://ap.church/baptism) para consultar nuestro calendario de fechas, registrarse para una clase bautismal u obtener más información.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### 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 [stanthonym.org/summer-trips](http://stanthonym.org/summer-trips)



## LITTLE SAINTS

The Little Saints Program is a ministry of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. The primary responsibility of Little Saints is to provide a quality, developmentally appropriate experience for young children in a Christian environment. Ages: 18 months – 5 years. Hours: 9 AM – 2 PM

- In-house registration for the 2022-23 school year: January 24th – February 2nd
- New family open house: February 3rd at 6:30pm
- New family registration for the 2022-23 school year: February 7th – 17th

Now accepting tours M-F, between 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM or by appointment.

**Contact : 832-381-2093 • [LittleSaints@ap.church](mailto:LittleSaints@ap.church)  
More information at [LittleSaintspreschool.org](http://LittleSaintspreschool.org)**

# 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](http://ap.church/aff)

## PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP

Prayer and Life Workshops are a new form of Evangelization. More alive and with a positive vision. It's a more vibrant and active presentation of Jesus, which possesses a greater ADAPTATION to the necessities of TODAY'S SOCIETY and what people really need.

**Every Sunday from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM in PLB Room 203. The workshop semester starts 02/06/2022 and ends 06/05/2022. There is no cost to sign up.**

Prayer and Life Workshop is an all In-Person ministry which is offered in both English and Spanish sessions. This spring semester will be offered in English.

**Questions? Contact Monica Lozano at [mlozano0804@gmail.com](mailto:mlozano0804@gmail.com) or Cecilia Brossard at [brossard\\_cecilia@yahoo.com](mailto:brossard_cecilia@yahoo.com)**



## 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](http://ap.church/organizations)**

## 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](mailto:youngadult@ap.church) about our upcoming events.

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Circle of Friends is open to all adults who are single, widowed, divorced or separated. People from any Parish and Faith are invited to participate in Ministry Activities. Please visit our webpage at [ap.church/cof](http://ap.church/cof) for details on more Events.

## 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.

El Camino siempre tiene abiertas sus puertas para ti! [elcaminostaop@outlook.com](mailto:elcaminostaop@outlook.com)

# PRISON OUTREACH MINISTRIES

## KOLBE RETREAT

**St. Anthony's Kolbe Prison Ministry will be hosting a 3-day retreat on April 21-23, 2022 for the incarcerated men at the Ferguson Unit in Huntsville, Texas.**

If you are interested in serving as an on-site or off-site team member, you can meet some of the current Kolbe volunteers and sign-up to receive more information next weekend in the pizza after each mass. For more information visit [ap.church/events](http://ap.church/events)

Kolbe Prison Ministries is an apostolate to those incarcerated in Texas prisons. We run three day retreats in multiple state prison units, proclaiming the Gospel to hundreds of men each year. Other opportunities to help at the Ferguson Unit with a) Bible Timeline Program, b) RCIA classes or c) Monday "lay-in" sessions.

## ST. LEONARD SOCIETY

St. Leonard Society makes specially designed rosaries for incarcerated men and women in prisons throughout the state of Texas.

Even though rosaries may be readily available to us, those who are imprisoned have to request one, and can wait up to two years to get it due to the lack of supply. SLRG has provide 9000 plus rosaries over the last four years. .

Visit our website at [ap.church/outreach](http://ap.church/outreach) if you are interested in helping with this ministry even from the comfort of your own home!

***For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; 36 naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me... Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did it for Me. - Matthew 25:34-40***

## ST. DANIEL 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



# 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

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### JANUARY 29-30, 2022

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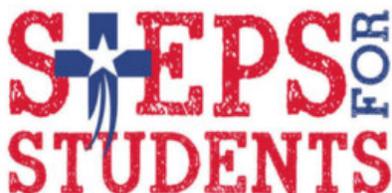
### FEBRUARY 7-16, 2022

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!

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## CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE

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Contact Dcn. Tom Vicknair **tvicknair@ap.church** with any questions.



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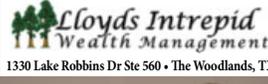
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# SUNDAY OBLIGATION

**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!

