

St. Anthony Catholic Church

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CLERGY

Rev. JohnBosco Duraisamy, Pastor Rev. Sylvère Baloza, Parochial Vicar Reginald A.T. Armstrong, Deacon Michael Woodall, Jr., Deacon Bruce A. Fortnum, Ph.D., Deacon Calvin Duncan, Deacon

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

MISSION STATEMENT

As a community of faith, we the members of St. Anthony Parish are committed to follow Jesus Christ through prayer and the sacraments, the study of His Word, the teachings of His Church, Evangelization, and through reaching out in service to our fellow human beings, parishioners and non-parishioners, with love, respect, and support.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

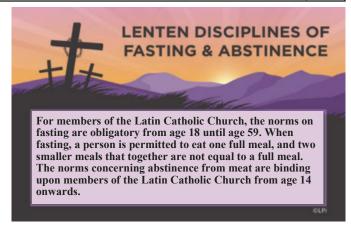
Saturday Vigil (Sunday Liturgy)	5 pm
Sunday	7:30 am (tiếng Việt) 9 am 11 am 1 pm (Español)
Monday	6:30 pm
Tues - Fri	7:30 am
Thursday	6:30 pm (Español)
Friday School Mass (when in session)	8:15 am
Saturday	9 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday (Español): 5:30 - 6:20 pm Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm Also available upon request.

PARISH & SCHOOL STAFF	
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Deacon Regi Armstrong	615-5639
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Facilities Manager, Tony Wherry	662-5674
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Music Director, Kevin Verbe	662-5674
School Principal, Kristine Galemmo	662-1910
School Financial Secretary, Shawnna Chrzanowski	662-1910
School Board Chairwoman, Kathleen Mazick	662-1910
Youth Ministry, Sarah Stephens	662-5674

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS/ COMMITTEES	
Adoration Coordinator, Georgette Falcone	621-2692
Altar Cloths	662-5674
Altar Servers, Dcn. Cal Duncan	250-4774
Bereavement Support Group, Sally Kenney	230-0291
Bible Study, Weds. AM, Dcn. Bruce Fortnum	662-5674
Disaster Relief Committee, Kevin Casper	662-5674
Embrace Your Neighbor, May Hinson	615-2263
Ecumenical Committee, Marjorie Busscher	667-0859
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Julie Manley	667-0040
Knights of Columbus, Philip Payment	904-708-8118
Lectors, Rick Caffrey	303-356-4573
Legion of Mary, Pat Srutkowski Legion of Mary, Kathy Lewis	843-230-5738 843-206-1631
Meals on Wheels, Suzanna Linton	496-5089
Ministers of Hospitality, Steve Srutkowski	317-1802
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), Dcn. Cal Duncan	662-5674
Parking Lot Mission	662-5674
Pastoral Council, Don Manley	667-0040
Prayer Shawl Ministry, Marjorie Busscher	667-0859
Senior Ministry, Silvia Jeanton	718-581-6844
Seven Sisters Apostolate, Suzanna Linton	496-5089
Sick & Homebound Ministry, Dcn. Bruce Fortnum	662-5674
St. Anthony Men's Club, Doug Amon	861-4586
Women's Guild of St. Anthony's, Robin Tange	260-4735
Young at Heart, Julie Manley	667-0040
Young at Heart, Georgette Falcone	621-2692
Youth Group - CYO, Sarah Stephens	662-5674



March 15-16

Offertory \$ 6,501.40 Online \$ 3,103.50 Total \$ 9,604.90

March 9 Parish Relief 2nd Collection-\$726.00 Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

April 6– Parish Repairs and Renovations

April 13– St. Anthony School and Palm Sunday



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Your help is needed to cover the open hours in our Adoration Chapel. Call the Church Office or Georgette Falcone @ 621-2692 for more information.

Sunday 6-7 am, 7-8 am, 8-9 am, 9-10am,

10-11am, 11-12 pm, 1-2 pm, 3-4 pm,

4-5 pm, 5-6 pm

Monday 5-6 am, 8-9 am, 1-2 pm, 3-4 pm

Tuesday 5-6 am, 12-1 pm, 3-4 pm, 4-5 pm

Wednesday 5-6 am, 11-12 pm, 1-2 pm, 2-3 pm

Thursday 5-6 am, 10-11 am, (3-4 pm, 4-5 pm,

5-6pm pew)

Friday 5-6 am, 7-8 am, 9-10 am, 12-1 pm,

2-3 pm, 3-4 pm, 5-6 pm

Saturday 5-6 am, 6-7 am, 7-8 am, 9-10 am,

11-12pm, 12-1 pm, 1-2pm, 2-3 pm,

4-5 pm, 5-6 pm

"Seek and you will find." -Matthew 7:7

A Word of appreciation:

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who attended the Lenten Mission led by Rev. Sr. Pamela Smith, SS.C.M., Ph.D. Your presence and participation made this spiritual journey meaningful. The Church continually reminds us that we are a pilgrim people, journeying together toward the heavenly Jerusalem. May the grace received during this mission strengthen us in our faith and deepen our commitment to Christ. Please prepare also for the Easter duty of going for a good confession. Lenten penance service is arranged to be held on the 8th of April 2025 at St. Anthony Church. Please make use of this opportunity.

A Call to Repentance and Fruitfulness

Once, in a village, heavy rains poured relentlessly for days, forcing the people to take shelter in a small community hall. As their food supply dwindled, fear took hold. They believed that God was punishing them for their sins. In desperation, they decided to identify the greatest sinner among them, believing that if this person was struck down by lightning, the rest would be spared. One by one, they stepped out into the storm to touch a tree and returned unharmed. The last man trembled with fear, convinced he was the guilty one. When he finally touched the tree, lightning struck—not him, but the community hall, claiming the lives of all inside. Was this man the only holy one? Were all the others sinners?

This story challenges a common but mistaken belief: that suffering and misfortune are direct punishments for sin. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that disasters should not be occasions for judging others but calls to personal repentance: "Unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did" (Luke 13:5).

Like the barren fig tree in the parable, we are given extra time—not because we deserve it, but because of God's mercy. This time is a gift, a chance to bear fruit. When we see tragedies in the world—earthquakes, accidents, or personal hardships—we must recognize that we, too, are in need of conversion.

This Lent, let us thank God for the "gardeners" in our lives—those who intercede for us, guide us, and help us grow: parents, teachers, pastors, friends, and even those who challenge us with criticism. Above all, we are grateful to Jesus, the Divine Gardener, who nurtures us with grace and calls us to repentance.

May this holy season be a time of renewal, reflection, and fruitful transformation.

Lord, grant us the grace to turn back to You and bear the fruits of love, mercy, and holiness. Amen.

In Christ.

Fr. JohnBosco Duraisamy, Pastor

IF YOU NEED A PRIEST FOR A SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY

Call the church office during normal business hours, M-F 8 am to 4 pm at 843-662-5674. After regular office hours, dial the same number and your call will be answered by our answering service. Emergency calls will be answered as soon as possible. If you are admitted into the hospital, please don't forget to declare yourself as Catholic, or have a family member do so.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

ILLNESS:

Deborah Altman, Regina Arde, Hsin Yi Armstrong, Pete Balotti, Gregorio Binuya, Martyna Brodecka, Adam Brodecki, Marjorie Busscher, Leah Carbonell, Harriet Dawkins, Bunnie Dezinno, Jamie Doulaveris, Yvette Emerson, Doris Fader, Jason Grantham, Marge Henry, Maverick Jones, Robert Killian, Pat Kull, Kathy Lewis, Judy Lin, Kristina MacPherson, Mary Lou Martinez, Michael Meggs, Silvia Mitchell, Ann S. Nichols, Betty Parks, Brenda Phelan, Marcello Pereira, Maritza Ramirez, Alejandra Rojas, Angie Roop, Vaughn Schweikart, Elizabeth Sun, Robin Tange, Linda Tarte, Marilyn Tilton, Ruth Todd, Elizabeth White, Deacon Mike Woodall

NURSING HOME / ASSISTED LIVING:

Veronica Butler, Sheila Herring, Linda Holloway, Vivian Matthews, Eileen Riley, Carmella Sansone, Marilyn Lee, Lorraine Mahoney, Alice Poston, Dennis Riordan

MILITARY SERVICE:

Austin Bull, Brad Linton, Sarah Casper Naletelich, Comdr. John P. O'Donnell, Edward Olszanowski, Jr., Cpt. Benjamin Galemmo

CANDLES FOR YOUR INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle is lit in honor of Mary Culleton's Birthday by Barbara Lewis.

If you would like the Adoration Chapel, Sanctuary Candle or Tabernacle candles lit for your intentions for one week, please visit or call the Church Office.

Welcome Visitors!
Interested in becoming a New Parishioner

Please take a moment and fill out this form. You can either drop it into the collection basket, bring it to our parish office, or mail it to us. If you are a current parishioner at St. Anthony but have had any changes to your residence, please call the office at 843-662-5674.

Would you like your new home to be blessed?

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Would you like your new home to be blessed?	
Please print:	
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Mass Intentions

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat. March 22 9:00 am	Special intentions of Fr. JohnBosco	
Sat. March 22 5:00 pm	Leonard Morris+	Davis Guerriero
Sun. March 23 7:30 am	For the People in the LA Fires	The Vietnamese Community
Sun. March 23 9:00 am	For the People	
Sun. March 23 11:00 am	Donald James Maher+	Dr. & Mrs. Glinski
Sun. March 23 1:00 pm	Juan Valencia+ Aaron Morales+ Candido Campos+	Hermila Ornelas Onate
Mon. March 24 6:30 pm	Len Morris+	Mr. & Mrs. Casper
Tues. March 25 7:30 am	Lorenzo Vergara+	Barbara Lewis
Wed. March 26 7:30 am	Juan Valencia+ Aaron Morales+ Candido Campos+	Hermila Ornelas Onate
Thurs. March 27 7:30 am	Altiva Lima Barbosa+	Elisa Horst
Thurs. March 27 6:30 pm	Wilmer Romero+	Moraima Romero
Fri. March 28 7:30 am	Sally Marie DePreker+	Supper Club
Fri. March 28 8:15 am	Johnny Guerriero+	Maura & Vince Rolland
Sat. March 29 9:00 am	Special intentions of Fr. JohnBosco	
Sat. March 29 5:00 pm	Robbie Elmore+	Heather Mills
Sun. March 30 7:30 am	Gioant and Pherô and all souls+	The Vietnamese Community
Sun. March 30 9:00 am	For the People	
Sun. March 30 11:00 am	Leonard Morris+	Marisa Keenan
Sun. March 30 1:00 pm	Luciano Sierra Ordinola+	Maria Sierra Rico



Readings for the Week

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7,

8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/

Lk 13:1-9

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or

4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/

Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10,

11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16,

19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/

Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/

Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5,

6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17,

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Weekend Ministry Schedule

March 22 5:00 pm Mass EMHĈ: Pat Kull

Lector: Christopher Davis March 23

7:30 am Mass

Lectors: Kieu Nguyen

Qiu Huynh 9:00 am Mass

EMHC: Kathleen Smith

Lector: Lloyd Flores

11:00 am Mass EMHC: Darlene Stowe

11:00 am Mass

EMHC: Doug Amon

Lector: Cecilia Meggs 1:00 pm Mass EMHC: Francisco R

Marisol Villegas Lector: Alba Sanchez

March 29 5:00 pm Mass EMHC: AJ Bloom Lector: Sonny Barnes Jr. March 30

7:30 am Mass

Lectors: Chi Nguyen Anh Tran

9:00 am Mass EMHC: Barbara Davis Lector: Rebecca Caffrey Lector: Andy Burkemper 1:00 pm Mass EMHC: Rae Anne M

Moraina M Lector: Olivia Mendoza



School Updates



Called to Action, Rooted in Christ





Matilda cast members spoke at all the Masses last weekend to promote our school play, Matilda Jr! They did a wonderful job! Thank you to Ms. Lewis and Ms. Davis for preparing them so well! Tickets are on sale now for \$7!

Purchase Shout-Outs HERE!

Matilda Jr Playbill space for only \$20!

Please complete this form to give a shout-out to your favorite cast member(s) or place an ad for your business. Then send your check (payable to St. Anthony Catholic School) to the school office with "Matilda Ad" in the memo section.



We were so excited to welcome back two of our amazing alumni, Kylie Pham ('17) and Andrew Spence ('17), who returned to share some of their knowledge and experiences with our middle school science classes!



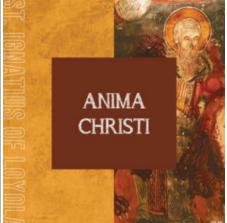


Mr. C showed off his festive spirit in his BEST St. Patrick's

Day attire. He was ready for some fun and to share in the joy of the day with our amazing students

Devotions, Explained!

Anima Christi, Explained



The Anima Christi prayer takes its name from its opening lines: Soul of Christ—"Anima Christi" in Latin. In this prayer, the faithful invoke the image of Christ crucified, calling upon the salvific elements of his wounds, his Body and his Blood to strengthen them, imploring him to

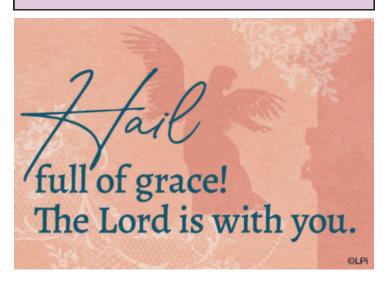
save them from "the malicious enemy" and to bring them, in their final hour, to his presence.

The author of this prayer is unknown, but it originated in the 14th century and was referenced in St. Ignatius' *Spiritual Exercises*. It is traditionally said after or before receiving the Eucharist.

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Join us for Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at 6:30pm in English and 7pm in Spanish in the Church.







Fish Fry: Fridays During Lent!

Fridays During Lent

4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Family Center Drive-Through Only

Adult (\$12) and Child's (\$8) Plate will be available.

Includes Fried Flounder, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies and the Knights Famous Tartar Sauce.

Desserts will also be available for \$1 each.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Why do we continue to climb that hill day after day for water, when we have been given everlasting water by the One who came to reconcile us to the Father? Those seeking to be cleansed in baptismal waters at Easter go through Scrutinies "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (RCIA 141). The story of the woman at the well speaks to all of us of everlasting water that heals us and gives us strength for the journey. There are those among us who long for this, but we who have been marked for Christ a long time ago already possess it. But too often we continue to climb high hills looking for something else to satisfy us. The Samaritan woman leaves behind her container at the well when she leaves, for there is no reason for her ever to return. You and I have left our vessels at the well also. Stop climbing that hill. Today, as you listen to the words of the Scrutiny prayers and ritual, let us be resolved to drink again from that everlasting water God has given to us.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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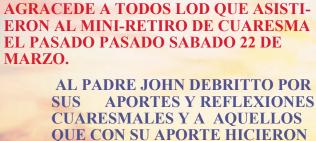
MEDITACION DEL EVANGELIO



En los desastres naturales, donde se pierden vidas humanas y algunos quedan vivos, nos sorprendemos y quizá pensamos, ¿Por qué estos se salvaron y los otros no? ¿Eran acaso mejores que los otros? ¿Fue un

castigo para los que perdieron la vida? Sin embargo, sabemos que no es así. Nos quedamos como al principio, no hay respuesta. El Evangelio de hoy tiene momentos de reflexión profunda que implica que el corazón se convierta. Y la Palabra de Dios ayuda a madurar interiormente. La conversión es un proceso de madurar poco a poco en la fe, para enseguida dar frutos. "La Cuaresma viene a despertarnos del letargo, de seguir adelante por inercia. Nos recuerda que podemos realizar algo nuevo en nosotros y en nuestro alrededor gracias a la bondad y misericordia de Dios, que siempre está dispuesto a perdonar" (Papa Francisco). Dios sigue esperando a que demos frutos buenos. Siempre nos tiene paciencia, una y otra ves nos espera. Cada año decide no cortar sino abonar y poner tierra nueva, y esperar. "Señor déjala un año más y mientas tanto cavaré alrededor y le hacharé abono. Puede ser que así de fruto en adelante y, si no, la cortas" (Lucas 13:8-9). Una nueva oportunidad para llevar a cabo lo que a Dios le gusta. Hacer justicia, hablar por los sin voz, dar tiempo de calidad a la familia y sobre todo ser menos irresponsables y menos violentos. Esas actitudes no nos llevan a ningún lado. ¡Dejemos que Dios nos abone en lo que necesitamos!









TERCERA SEMANA DE CUARESMA

— By Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS —

Quizás esta Cuaresma te estés esforzando por mantener tus devocionales, evitar las hamburguesas los viernes y combatir la tentación de los refrescos, ya que los dejaste por Jesús. Estás plantando semillas en tu vida espiritual con la esperanza de que se conviertan en algo hermoso y significativo. Sin embargo, llevas muchos años probando este enfoque, y es dificil decir que haya crecido mucho durante todo ese tiempo. Podrías deducir que lo que haces no vale la pena como creías. No hay fruto porque estas cosas no importan. O podrías analizar tu vida con detenimiento, ver dónde estás plantando esas semillas y finalmente darte cuenta de cuál ha sido el problema desde siempre: ¡MALEZA! Con demasiada frecuencia, plantamos semillas una y otra vez en un suelo pobre en nutrientes y lleno de maleza. La maleza ahoga cualquier crecimiento que pueda surgir de las semillas plantadas. Pensamos que añadir cosas buenas a nuestra vida la cambiará, y que no será necesario eliminar el pecado. Es como comer dos hamburguesas grandes y unas papas fritas grandes y creer que no subirás de peso por haberte tomado una

Coca-Cola Light. Como buenos administradores, llamados a discernir cómo respondemos al llamado de Jesucristo, debemos dedicarnos a arrancar la maleza de nuestras vidas para que las buenas semillas que sembramos puedan crecer. Para cada uno de nosotros, la maleza es diferente: dinero, ego, sexo, avaricia, etc. Si no analizamos honestamente nuestras vidas y tomamos decisiones difíciles, ninguna devoción ni buenas obras nos hará mejores discípulos. Simplemente esperaremos a la próxima Cuaresma para repetir lo mismo.









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