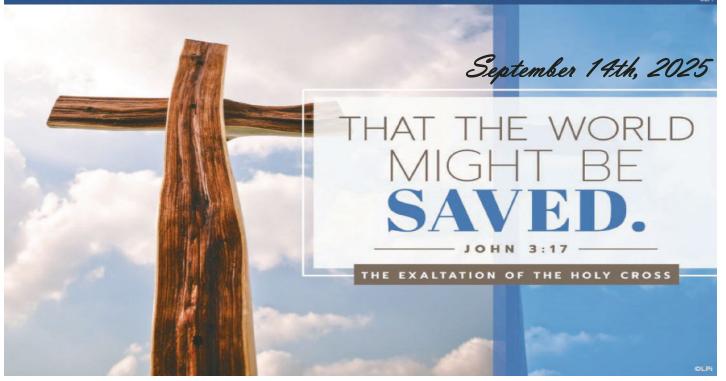


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Rev. JohnBosco Duraisamy, Pastor Rev. Sylvère Baloza, Parochial Vicar Rev. David Hoc Phan, OFM, Vietnamese Vicar Reginald A.T. Armstrong, Deacon Michael Woodall, Jr., Deacon Bruce A. Fortnum, Ph.D., Deacon Calvin Duncan, Deacon

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

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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 (wh in session)	en 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.

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Business Manager, Barbara Lewis	662-5674
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Kathleen Smith	
Facilities Manager, Warren Harvey	662-5674
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Moraima Romero & Alex Villalobos	227
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School Board Chairwoman, Kathleen Mazick	662-1910
Youth Ministry, Elizabeth Sun	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
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Embrace Your Neighbor, May Hinson	615-2263
Ecumenical Committee, Marjorie Busscher	667-0859
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion,	667-0040
Julie Manley	
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Lectors, Rick Caffrey	303-356-4573
Legion of Mary, Pat Srutkowski	843-230-5738
Legion of Mary, Kathy Lewis	843-206-1631
Meals on Wheels, Suzanna Linton	496-5089
Ministers of Hospitality, Steve Srutkowski	317-1802
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(OCIA), Dcn. Cal Duncan	
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,	662-5674
Dcn. Bruce Fortnum	
St. Anthony Men's Club, Doug Amon	861-4586
Women's Guild of St. Anthony's,	260-4735
Robin Tange	
Young at Heart, Julie Manley	667-0040
Young at Heart, Georgette Falcone	621-2692
Youth Group - CYO, Elizabeth Sun	662-5674

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it. The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we live the mercy which has saved us?

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Aug. 30-31

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Offertory \$ 8,029.63 Online \$ 4,263.50 Total \$ 12,293.13

Offertory \$ 6,988.30 Online \$ 4,326.00 Total \$ 11,314.30

St. Anthony School \$1,231.00

Sept. 6-7



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

"We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." (Nm 21:7)

Psalm:

Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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Baptisms

Parents who wish for their children to be baptized are asked to be currently registered, or to become registered parishioners for six months in advance of the baptism. If you belong to another parish and are requesting to have your child baptized at St. Anthony for family reasons, we must have a letter of permission from your parish to celebrate the baptism. If you wish to schedule a Baptism for your child, please contact Julia Lewis in the church office at 843-662-5674 for more details. All dates for Baptisms and classes will be confirmed after all necessary paperwork has been completed and returned. If you would like to schedule your child's Baptism in Spanish, please contact Moraima Romero.

Dear Parishioners,

"Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore His sacred name."

This hymn captures the spirit of today's feast, the Exaltation (or Triumph) of the Holy Cross, a celebration with both historical and spiritual depth.

The feast recalls the discovery of the True Cross by St. Helen, mother of Emperor Constantine, in 326 AD. Tradition tells us that the authenticity of the Cross was confirmed through miracles of healing and life restored. The Patriarch of Jerusalem, St. Makarios, then lifted high the Cross for the faithful to venerate, and soon after, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built on the site of Calvary and the Tomb of Christ, consecrated on September 13, 335. From then on, the Church annually marked September 14 as the feast of the Holy Cross.

For us, the Cross is not a mere ornament or historical relic—it is the very heart of our faith. As St. Paul proclaims, Christ "humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him? (Phil 2:8-9). The Cross is both shame and glory, suffering and triumph, death and life.

In our daily lives, the Cross is a call to discipleship. Jesus tells us: "If anyone wants to be my disciple, let them deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow me" (Lk 9:23). This means more than wearing a crucifix; it is a way of life—a life of love expressed in sacrifice, service, and faithfulness. Love is measured by how much we are willing to give of ourselves for God and for

The world often associates the Cross with defeat, but for Christians it is the sign of victory. On the Cross, Jesus conquered sin and death, transforming suffering into redemption and despair into hope. When we carry our daily crosses with faith, we share in His victory and proclaim His love to the world.

Today, as we gaze upon the Cross, let us see more than wood—we see the **power of God's love lifted up for all to behold**. Let us renew our commitment to "lift high the Cross" in our own lives, proclaiming through words and deeds that Christ's love saves, heals, and gives life.

"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world."

God bless you,

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, Hsin Yi Armstrong, Pete Balotti, Gregorio Binuya, Martyna Brodecka, Adam Brodecki, Leah Carbonell, Kevin Casper, Harriet Dawkins, Bunnie Dezinno, Jennifer DeMaggio, Jamie Doulaveris, Yvette Emerson, Doris Fader, Jason Grantham, Marge Henry, Kathleen Higgins, Maverick Jones, Robert Killian, Pat Kull, Jim Lewis, Kathy Lewis, Judy Lin, Kristina MacPherson, Julie Manley, Mary Lou Martinez, Michael Meggs, Silvia Mitchell, Betty Parks, Brenda Phelan, Marcello Pereira, Maritza Ramirez, Alejandra Rojas, Angie Roop, Lindsay Shaffer, Vaughn Schweikart, Elizabeth Sun, Robin Tange, Linda Tarte, Marilyn Tilton, Ruth Todd, Elizabeth White, Deacon Mike Woodall

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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 I parish office, or mail it to us. If you are a current iges

parishioner at St. Anthony but have had any char to your residence, please call the office at 843-662-5674.
Would you like your new home to be blessed?no
Please print:
Name
Address
Phone number
Email address

Mass Intentions

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat. Sept. 13 9:00 am	Special intentions of Fr. JohnBosco	
Sat. Sept. 13 5:00 pm	Shirley Pace+	Young at Heart
Sun. Sept. 14 7:30 am	Joseph & Ana Maria+	The Vietnamese Community
Sun. Sept. 14 9:00 am	Reed Brandis+	The Culleton Family
Sun. Sept. 14 11:00 am	Sal & Mickey Scaturro+	Gene & Jo Tassoni
Sun. Sept. 14 1:00 pm	For the People	
Mon. Sept. 15 6:30 pm	Special Intentions of Elizabeth Sun	Den. & Mrs. Fortnum
Tues. Sept. 16 7:30 am	Healing of Elisa Horst	Den. & Mrs. Fortnum
Wed. Sept. 17 7:30 am	Samuel Lee+	Dcn. & Mrs. Fortnum
Thurs. Sept. 18 7:30 am	Joseph Hogan+	Theresa Munger
Thurs. Sept. 18 6:30 pm	Rafael Romero Sarmiento+	Moraima Romero
Fri. Sept. 19 7:30 am	Thomas Lammers+	Ceci Megga
Fri. Sept. 19 8:15 am	Leonard Morris+	The Women's Guild of St. Anthony
Sat. Sept. 20 9:00 am	Special intentions of Fr. JohnBosco	
Sat. Sept. 20 5:00 pm	Dr. Stephen J. Naso Jr.+	Ann Naso
Sun. Sept. 21 7:30 am	Thanksgiving and prayers for the souls	The Vietnamese Community
Sun. Sept. 21 9:00 am	For Our Catechists	
Sun. Sept. 21 11:00 am	For the People	
Sun. Sept. 21 1:00 pm	Wilmer Romero Rua+	Moraima Romero

esus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might

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Readings for the Week

Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday: **Our Lady of Sorrows**

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,

Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab,

5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Wednesday:

Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the

Church

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/

Lk 7:31-35

Thursday:

1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/

Lk 7:36-50

Friday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18,

19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Saturday:

Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions,

Martyrs [M]

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/

Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Catechetical Sunday

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/ Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Weekend Ministry Schedule

September 13 5:00 pm Mass

EMHC: Don Manley Lector: John Hoffman Jr. DO

September 14

7:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass EMHC: Silvia Jeanton Lectors: Kieu Nguyen

Thai Nguyen

EMHC: Barbara Davis

Lector: Andy B 9:00 am Mass 1:00 pm Mass

> EMHC: Rae Anne M Moraima R

Lector: Ann Squires Lector: Alba Sanchez

September 20 5:00 pm Mass EMHC: Julie Manley Lector: Rebecca Caffrey September 21

7:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass Lectors: Suong Dang EMHC: Doug Amon

Huan Nguyen

Lector: Cecilia Meggs

9:00 am Mass 1:00 pm Mass EMHC: Patrick Peters

EMHC: Olivia Mendoza Teofilo Juarez

Lector: Roslyn Collins Lector: Alejandra Sierra



School Updates

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September 27th 2025

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Volunteers Needed Desserts Needed

Contact Marie Glinski 803-422-6664

Please join us for our annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, September 27, after the 5 pm mass. It is a joyful evening of fellowship, laughter, and delicious food! It's a beautiful way to come together as a parish family, show support for our school, and help provide for the necessities that keep our mission strong. Bring your family, invite a friend, and share in the gift of community!



We're hiring! Saint Anthony Catholic School is seeking a dedicated and passionate 4th Grade Teacher to join our team this school year. If you're ready to inspire young minds in a faith-filled learning environment, we'd love to hear from you!

For more information, please contact our school office at 843.662.1910

Help Needed: Altar Server Vestments

We are looking for a few volunteers to help care for our altar server vestments by washing them once a month on a rotating schedule. This is a small but meaningful way to support our liturgical ministry and keep our sacred space beautiful.

If you're willing to help or would like more information, please contact Rae Anne Malvagomes at ramalvagomes@gmail.com

Thank you for considering this quiet but important act of service!



















St. Anthony Catholic Church Ministry Fair

Thank you all for participating in the Ministry Fair. If you were unable to attend, or did not get one at the event, please take a Ministry Survey from the church and turn it in to the office

REGULAR PARISH EVENTS

BIBLE STUDY Classes meet on Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00 am in the gathering area from Sept to May.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, this group may be able to help you through their camaraderie. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month in Classroom A at 1 pm.

CCD Wednesdays from 6pm to 7pm.

CYO Meetings are on Sundays from 5-6:30 pm in the Family Center from Sept to May.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5194 For more information on meeting times or general information, please contact Kevin Cook at 843-858-9264.

LEGION OF MARY meets Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the large meeting room . Call Kathy Lewis at 843-206-1631 or Pat Srutkowski at 843-317-1802 for more information.

OCIA meets Wednesdays at 7:15pm in the big meeting room.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY (Knitting and Crocheting) Meets every Thursday from 1:00 - 2:30 pm in Classroom A. Items for the sick or for new arrivals are available by calling the Church Office.

ST. ANTHONY MEN'S CLUB Meets at 7 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month in classroom A. For more information, please contact Doug Amon at 843-861-4586

SENIOR'S BINGO Meets in the large meeting room on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. For more information contact Silvia Jeanton at 718-581-6844

YOUNG AT HEART Meets every third Wednesday at Stefano's Restaurant. For more information, contact the Church Office.

WOMEN'S GUILD Typically meets on the second Saturday of the month, from Sept. to May, at 10:30 am in the large meeting room. Contact Robin Tange, retange@gmail.com or

843-260-4735 for more information.





MEDITACION DEL EVANGELIO:



LA EXALTACION DE LA SANTA CRUZ

"La Cruz es el camino que conduce de la tierra al cielo. Quien se abraza a ella con fe, amor y esperanza se siente transportado a lo alto, hasta el seno de la Trinidad" (Santa Benedicta de la Cruz). También decía en sus escritos: "La Cruz es el símbolo de la transformación de la debilidad en la fuerza". Muchas personas llevan en su pecho una cruz y, muchas veces, la lucen tan solo porque es de oro y luce bonita. Pero, ¿sabes lo que significa? ¿Qué respeto tienes por ella?

"Hoy, 14 de septiembre, la Iglesia celebra la fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz. Alguna persona podría preguntarnos: ¿Por qué exaltar la cruz? Podemos responder que no exaltamos una cruz cualquiera, o todas las cruces; exaltamos la cruz de Jesús, porque en ella se reveló al máximo el amor de Dios por la hu-

manidad. Es lo que nos recuerda el evangelio de Juan en la liturgia de hoy: 'Tanto amó Dios al mundo que entregó a su Unigénito' (3:16). El Padre dio al Hijo para salvarnos, y esto implicó la muerte de Jesús, y la muerte en la cruz. ¿Por qué? ¿Por qué fue necesaria la cruz? A causa de la gravedad del mal que nos esclavizaba. La cruz de Jesús expresa ambas cosas: toda la fuerza negativa del mal y toda la omnipotencia mansa de la misericordia de Dios" (Papa Francisco). Por la señal de la santa cruz.

¿ORACION DIARIA VERSUS MISA?

Pregunta: Tengo una amiga que dice que no necesita ir a misa porque reza a Dios todos los días. ¿Qué opinas de esta justificación?

Respuesta: Si la única razón para ir a la iglesia fuera hablar con Dios, tu amiga podría tener razón. La oración no se limita a un lugar físico, ni siquiera a un lugar sagrado. Si el único propósito de la Iglesia fuera la oración, sería un propósito muy limitado. La Iglesia es una comunidad de creyentes, formada por «un solo Señor, una sola fe, un solo Bautismo». Es un signo visible de nuestra fe en Dios, instituida por Cristo, y el propósito de la Iglesia es darnos la gracia, es decir, participar en la vida de Dios.

Asistir a misa no es realmente por Dios, sino por nosotros mismos. Si creemos que Jesús está verdaderamente presente en la Sagrada Eucaristía, entonces querremos estar en su presencia. Querremos ser alimentados por él. Nuestra oración diaria y nuestras buenas obras se fortalecen con nuestro encuentro auténtico con nuestro Señor. Para los católicos, es en la misa donde celebramos la fuente y la cumbre de nuestra fe. Si esto fuera cierto, ¿por qué nos abstendríamos de asistir? ©LPi

¿Por qué ir a MISA los DOMINGOS?

Oración de Amor

Querido Dios, Amplía mi corazón de nuevas maneras hoy, para que comprenda el amor que me tienes, para que lo acoja profundamente y actúe desde ese amor. Amén. ©LPi



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