



# St. Anthony the Abbot Catholic Church

*Courageously Living the Gospel*



Dec.8 2020 — Dec.8 2021

St. Joseph Diligent protector of Christ, pray for us

August 22, 2021 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

“JESUS THEN SAID TO THE TWELVE, *Do you also want to leave?*”



SIMON PETER ANSWERED HIM, *Master, to whom shall we go?*  
**YOU** have the words of **ETERNAL LIFE**.  
*We have come to believe and are convinced that*  
**YOU** are the *Holy One of God.*”

JOHN 6: 67-69

**Mass Weekdays:**  
Monday—Saturday  
8:00 a.m.

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Sunday  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.  
11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass

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# Mass Intentions and Weekly Readings

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 21

4:00 p.m. Christopher Strmensky †

### Sunday, August 22

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased  
Members of St. Anthony  
the Abbot Parish

10:00 a.m. Jeanette Pepe †

11:30 a.m. Doug Bonin †

### Monday, August 23

8:00 a.m. Gladys & Earl Wiegand †

### Tuesday, August 24

8:00 a.m. Heather Wall

### Wednesday, August 25

8:00 a.m. Ed Belliner †

### Thursday, August 26

8:00 a.m. Terri Cangelosi

### Friday, August 27

8:00 a.m. Edward I. Beyer †

### Saturday, August 28

8:00 a.m. Jeannie McCann †

4:00 p.m. Clem Johnson †

### Sunday, August 29

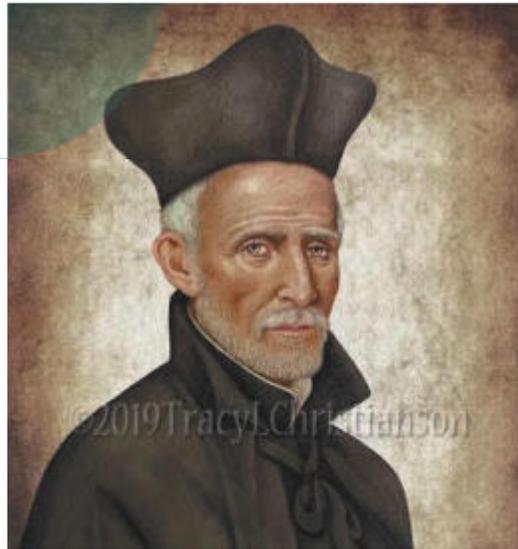
8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased  
Members of St. Anthony  
the Abbot Parish

10:00 a.m. Beth Shields

11:30 a.m. For Deacons & Religious

## Saint Joseph Calasanz

DATES: 1556-1648 FEAST DAY— AUGUST 25



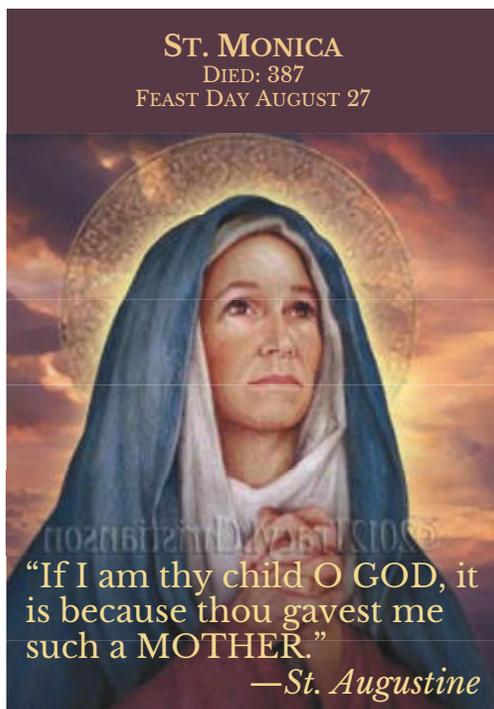
“As Scripture says, ‘Those who instruct many in justice will shine as stars for all eternity.’

They will attain this more easily, if they make a covenant of perpetual obedience and strive to cling to Christ and please Him alone because, in His words, “What you did to one of the least of my brethren, you did to me.”

—Saint Joseph Calasanz

This Spaniard studied law at the University of Leida and was ordained a priest in 1583, despite his father’s hope that he would be a soldier. He became vicar general of a Spanish diocese, but in 1592 left for Rome, where he joined the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and worked with neglected children. In 1597 he established the first free

school in Rome with three other priests. This work led him to found the Clerks Regular of the Religious (or Pious) Schools, known as Piarists. He overcame internal and external opposition and served as superior general of the order. He was canonized in 1767, and in 1948 Pope Pius XII named him the patron saint of Christian schools. He is also a patron of students.



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## Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

### Sunday, August 22, Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

### Monday, August 23, Weekday [Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin]

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22

### Tuesday, August 24, Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

### Wednesday, August 25, Weekday [Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest]

1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

### Thursday, August 26, Weekday

1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51

### Friday, August 27, Memorial of Saint Monica

1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13

### Saturday, August 28, Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

### Sunday, August 29, Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## Weekly Message from Fr. Pecchie



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Testing doesn't always come in ways that we expect. We tend to think of difficulties, injustices, struggles, and suffering as the usual challenges to our faith. But sometimes success and prosperity can be equally challenging. That's what hap-

pened to Joshua and the people of Israel in today's First Reading.

This passage from the Book of Joshua is part of what is known as the Pact of Shechem. Shechem was centrally located in Palestine, and therefore a good meeting place for the different tribes. It also had religious significance. Abraham had built an altar there, and Jacob had bought land there and buried some left-over Mesopotamian idols there.

When Joshua called the tribes together at Shechem, therefore, it was an important event. It took place at the end of Joshua's long and successful career as Israel's leader. Joshua had taken over after the death of Moses, leading the people into the Promised Land and then masterminding their conquest of that land. Under his rule, Israel had experienced political, economic, and cultural prosperity and success. Yet, as he feels death coming on, Joshua considers it necessary to call a gathering of all the tribes.

At that gathering he challenges them to consciously renew their commitment to God. He knows that prosperity can breed arrogance and laziness. He knows that the idol worship of the nations they had conquered, the nations they now inhabit, was still seductive. He recognizes that if the Israelites are going to keep their faith alive and strong in this new chapter of their history, they need to make a firm, conscious renewal of their most deeply held convictions. In our lives too, when all is going well and smoothly, we need to make our own pact of Shechem, reaffirming our commitment to serve Christ, not just to seek success and comfort.

When faith grows in the heart of a Christian, a lot of other virtues start growing too: wisdom, courage, humility, hope, and Christ-like love. If we want to grow in these virtues, our faith has to become more conscious, more mature. But how can we help that to happen? The same way that Peter and the other Apostles did. This moment of crisis occurred after they had been living and traveling with Jesus for two years. During that time they had gotten to know Jesus in a personal way.

The Lord was not distant or abstract; the Lord was their companion, leader, and friend; they had a personal relationship with him. So, when the moment of crisis came, the moment in which their faith was challenged, they were ready to respond. Even when they couldn't see the whole picture themselves, they believed that Jesus could, and they knew that Jesus, the good shepherd, the "Holy One of God," would guide them well.

Sooner or later, every Catholic faces a religious crisis, a situation in which our faith is challenged, in which we don't understand fully why God does what he does or asks what he asks. That is the moment when we can rise to a new level of spiritual maturity, but only if we have been nourishing our faith by getting to know Jesus Christ, the person, through a conscious life of prayer and sacramental life. If our Catholic faith has been reduced to following a list of rules and routines, it will be much harder to survive and thrive in those moments of testing. Certainly, God will never give up on us, but unless we have a real relationship with him, we may end up giving up on him. And there is no greater tragedy in life than that.

Our Lord is asking us what he asked the Twelve: "Do you also want to leave... as so many others have done?"

*Oremus pro Invicem*

*Fr. Pecchie*



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## Are You Interested in Inquiring About The Catholic Faith?

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If you have been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith through the RCIA process.

**Sessions are held from September through May** and include an in-depth study of THE CREED: WHAT WE BELIEVE. We always welcome and encourage you, or others that you may wish to invite, to ask those perplexing and difficult questions about the Church.

Sessions are held in the Parish Hall, on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. (fellowship 11:15 a.m.).

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- Returning Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while

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For more information, you may call Michele in the Parish Office at (352) 796-2096, ext. 108.

**What is God calling you to do?**



## CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

**At St. Anthony the Abbot Catholic Church  
Consecrate yourself to St. Joseph.**

### What does it mean for a person to be consecrated to Saint Joseph?

Well, it basically means that you acknowledge that he is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him. To show it, you entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so that he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy. Total consecration to St. Joseph means you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God. The person who consecrates himself to St. Joseph wants to be as close to their spiritual father as possible, to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness. Saint Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance.

### If you have already consecrated yourself to the Virgin Mary, can you be consecrated to St. Joseph, as well?

The answer is a resounding "Yes!" God desires that all children be committed to the care of a mother and a father. You are not a member of a single-parent spiritual family. Mary is your spiritual mother, and St. Joseph is your spiritual father. The spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph is extremely important for your spiritual growth. Total consecration to Mary is not diminished by total consecration to St. Joseph. Mary wants you to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph! Jesus wants you to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph! Everything you have given to Jesus and Mary can also be given to St. Joseph. The hearts of Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph are one.

### CONSECRATION OPPORTUNITY

**Throughout the Journey, we will be using the book "Consecration to St. Joseph" by Fr. Donald Calloway, available for purchase (\$15) at Pastor's classes on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 9:00 p.m..**

Journey Begins **Thursday, September 30, 2021**

*Consecration Day*

**Monday, November 1, 2021**

Solemnity of All Saints

**Mass at 6:30 p.m.**

Potluck Dinner in hall after Mass

*\*Further reflections and study with Father Pecchie on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. beginning on Tuesday, October 5th.*

## Ministry Information



### SERENE ATTENTIVENESS TO GOD'S CREATION

When we fall in love, become parents, or enter into any significant relationship, it is not uncommon to experience a shift in worldview that shapes our actions.

Consider parents holding their first newborn son or daughter. While there is no instruction manual for all the possible circumstances they may encounter, their guiding framework is the loving, parental relationship with their child. With his encyclical *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis invites us to understand more deeply our relationships with God, one another, and the rest of creation, and to live accordingly. "Everything is connected," he reminds us (LS 91).

God uses creation to bring us into loving relationship with himself, most notably through the sacraments. We experience this most powerfully in the Eucharist, the true body and blood of Christ, received under the appearance of bread and wine, where "all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation" (LS 236). God invites us to embrace creation on this deeper level through our worship of himself (LS 235). Our relationship with Christ—strengthened by receiving him worthily in Holy Communion—helps us understand our relationships with one another and with creation.

Pope Francis warns against placing ourselves "at the center," thinking we don't need God and lacking concern for other creatures (LS 122, 68-69). But he also rejects the view that "the presence of human beings on the planet should be reduced and all forms of intervention prohibited" (LS 60). The Holy Father affirms, instead, that human beings possess "a particular dignity above other creatures" and share a distinct responsibility for the world entrusted to us (LS 119, 242). When any of our relationships are out of balance—with God, one another, or the rest of creation—all our relationships suffer.

We see evidence of this imbalance on a large scale today. Building upon the teaching of his

predecessors, the Holy Father discusses in great detail the disrepair apparent in creation. Our distorted relationship with God has infected our relationship with the earth, evidenced by pollution, lack of clean water, toxic waste, and immense material waste. For example, "approximately a third of all food produced is discarded, and 'whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor'" (LS 50).

What the Holy Father often calls a "culture of waste" or a "throwaway culture" even goes so far as to see and treat human life as disposable. The elderly are marginalized, and the lives of persons with disabilities are deemed less worth living (LS 123). The fundamental truth that "the inalienable worth of a human being transcends his or her degree of development" is forgotten—leading to the destruction of unwanted babies in the womb and experimentation on embryonic

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children in the lab (LS 136, 123). Sometimes, even efforts to alleviate the suffering of certain populations lead to offenses against human life. Pope Francis warns, for example, against international pressure which makes the promotion of contraception, abortion, and other harmful practices a condition for economic aid.

At times, efforts seeking to protect the environment and other creatures disregard or even attack the particular dignity of human beings. Although we are called to care for creation, the Holy Father makes clear that this approach is not only inconsistent, it "compromises the very

meaning of our struggle for the sake of the environment" (LS 91). Quoting Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Charity in Truth*, Pope Francis explains further:

Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion. How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties? "If personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away" (LS 120).

Pope Francis isn't endorsing a secular environmentalism—he has a broader idea in mind—one that echoes the sentiments of another predecessor, Pope St. John Paul II. In his 1990 World Day of Peace message, the great saint reminded us that "no peaceful society can afford to neglect either respect for life or the fact that there is an integrity to creation" (7). He later addressed Catholics directly, reminding us of our "serious obligation to care for all of creation" (16).

If we are filled with the love of God, a culture of encounter and solidarity will begin to bloom. Pope Francis stresses, "We are speaking of an attitude of the heart, one which approaches life with serene attentiveness, which is capable of being fully present to someone without thinking of what comes next" (LS 226). With this attitude of heart, we neither treat other humans as disposable, nor neglect to care for God's creation at any level. Through a conversion of heart, repairing our relationships with God, one another, and all of creation, we can combat the many pollutants that poison our hearts and our world.



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Volunteers are needed for **St. Vincent de Paul of St. Anthony the Abbot Parish**. If interested, please call **(352) 797-4898**.

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Volunteers are also needed for **St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store and Food Pantry**, 1291 Kass Circle, Spring Hill. If interested, please call **(352) 688-3331**. Proceeds from the thrift store are divided among the SVDP conferences in Hernando and Citrus Counties.

God Bless each of you, and thank you for your support.

## RESPECT LIFE ST. ANTHONY THE ABBOT respect · love · protect

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Join us for Guest Speakers Meeting

Respect Life Meeting on **Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m.** in our parish hall.

Agenda:

1. **Hernando County Sheriff** will discuss crime in our area and how it affects our children.
2. **Hernando County School Board Representative** will discuss current teaching and Critical Race Theory—CRT in our local schools.
3. **Knights of Columbus Grand Knight** will speak on the Knights and Respect Life 365.

Any questions, please email Marie Brown, St Anthony the Abbot Respect Life Coordinator at [mariebrown2005753@yahoo.com](mailto:mariebrown2005753@yahoo.com)

# Information

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, August 22, Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass  
10:00 a.m. Mass  
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8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

### Saturday, August 28, Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mass  
10–11 a.m. Reconciliation  
11:00 a.m. Spanish Legion of Mary  
—Portable  
4:00 p.m. Mass

### Sunday, August 29, Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass  
10:00 a.m. Mass  
11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass  
Coffee and Donuts after all Masses

## Pastor

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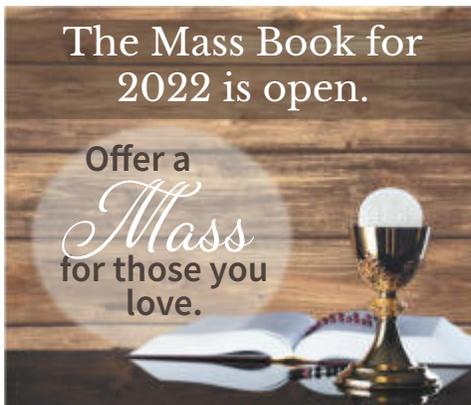
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