



St. Anthony the Abbot Catholic Church

Courageously Living the Gospel

January 30, 2022 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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To proclaim
LIBERTY
TO CAPTIVES”

—
LUKE 4:18

Mass Weekdays:

Monday—Saturday
8:00 a.m.

Mass Weekends:

Saturday
4:00 p.m. Vigil
Sunday
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass

Reconciliation:

Saturday 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. or
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All Masses are Livestreamed at
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Mass Intentions and Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 29

4:00 p.m. Alverua & William Heintz †

Sunday, January 30

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

10:00 a.m. Pete Niemier

11:30 a.m. Michael Anthony Pedone, Sr

Monday, January 31

8:00 a.m. Daniel Segovia †

Tuesday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Michael Yack †

Wednesday, February 2

8:00 a.m. Clara Cuomo †

Thursday, February 3

8:00 a.m. Shirley Pia †

Friday, February 4

8:00 a.m. Agnes Redmond †

Saturday, February 5

8:00 a.m. Edward Gavarny †

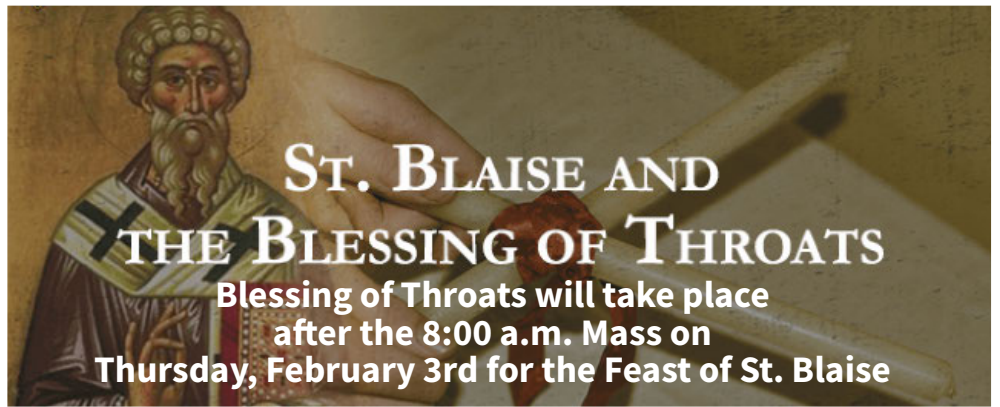
4:00 p.m. Jeanette Pepe †

Sunday, February 6

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

10:00 a.m. Dinis Chaves †

11:30 a.m. James & Adriana Bates
& Children



Born to a poor family in Italy, this patron saint of editors and laborers is considered one of the great social saints. Ordained a priest in 1841, he was sent to study theology in Turin, where he became a magnet for neglected youths during a turbulent period of rapid industrialization and revolutionary politics. Don Bosco, who once hoped to become a for-

eign missionary, founded the Salesians in 1854. The order sheltered more than 800 orphan boys, then opened workshops for shoemakers, tailors, bookbinders and other trades. Don Bosco was also a prolific writer, and co-founded a women's congregation to work among girls. When he died, more than 40,000 people in Turin filed past his coffin to show their love and respect.

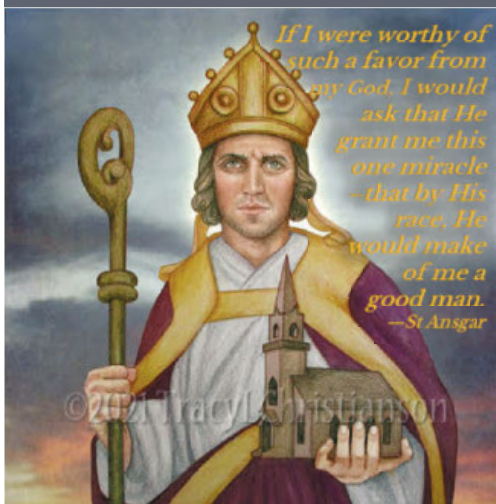


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Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

Sunday, January 30 Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 ;1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13;
Lk 4:21-30

Monday, January 31 Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 ;Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 1 Weekday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 2 Feast of The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10;;Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday, February 3 Weekday

[Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop]

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Ps 1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd ;Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 4 Weekday

Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51;Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 5 Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14;Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 6 Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

Weekly Message from Fr. Pecchie



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Many thanks to all who came out to celebrate Deacon Manny's retirement and farewell as he returns back to the Azores. Again, we are grateful for his 20+ years of service to our parish family. We wish him Joy

and Blessings as he begins this new phase of life.

Sometimes our Christ-like example is the best way to live out our mission as prophets, but sometimes we need to back up that example with words. The example of St James Intercisus proves the point. James was in high favor with King Yezdigerd I of Persia, who around the year 420 launched the second great persecution of Christians in Persia (modern day Iran).

James was a Christian, but he lacked the courage to give up his enjoyable place of honor in the king's court. So he let go of his friendship with Christ instead. His mother and wife were horrified and heartbroken. When the King died, they wrote him a letter filled with loving, passionate rebukes and warnings. James read it repeatedly amid his comfortable lodgings in the palace. Little by little, the words of the letter penetrated his heart, until finally he turned back to Christ. He stopped appearing at court from then on, renounced the honors that he had received, and publicly repented for his earlier betrayal of the faith.

Soon afterwards, the new king (Bahram) humiliated him and reproached him for his ingratitude towards all the honors Yezdigerd had lavished upon him. When James still defended the Christian faith, the King ordered his execution. The next day a huge crowd gathered to watch his public dismemberment. (That's how he earned his name, "Intercisus", which means "cut to pieces.") They tortured him 28 times, and each time he let out a prayer of praise to God, giving strength to his fellow Christians and a powerful witness to his persecutors.

James's wife and mother took their prophetic mission seriously. When their example of fidelity to Christ wasn't enough, they backed it up with words, even risking their relationship with

someone they loved. As a result, James saved his soul, the world was given another saint, and Jesus won back a friend.



Jesus has called us to be his prophets. That mission will give our lives the meaning we long for. Yet, it's hard to keep up a Christ-like example in life, and it's hard to say the right thing at the right time. It's hard, but it's not impossible. We can get steadily better at it, under three conditions.

First, we have to keep up our personal friendship with Christ: When we are separated from Christ, we are like unplugged Christmas tree lights: no matter how hard we try, we just can't shine. If, on the other hand, through a healthy prayer and sacramental life we stay plugged in to Christ, we'll shine without even trying.

Second, we always have to do our best. Apple trees show forth God's glory when they produce great apples. We can show forth God's glory when we develop our God-given talents. Christians should show forth excellence in every field of endeavor, from the factory to the ivory tower, because Christians do everything out of love for Christ, and love brings out the best.

Third, we have to bounce back from failures. God permits failures so that we stay humble, to remind us that we are not God. If we forget that and become arrogant, we become prophets of self, not of Christ. Keeping up our personal friendship with Christ, always doing our best, and bouncing back from failures are prerequisites for fulfilling our mission as prophets. But this week don't worry about all three - just worry about one. Now, as Christ renews his commitment to us, let's renew our commitment to him, to being his faithful prophets in word and example. Nothing will please him more.

Oremus pro Invicem

Fr. Pecchie

Ministry Information



Pastor's Class

Join Fr. Pecchie to study and learn as he shares the truths of God's Word, and enjoy the fellowship of other people like you.

Mondays 7:00 p.m.
Thursdays 9:00 a.m.



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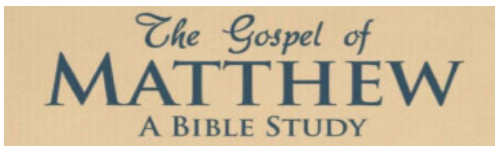
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Michele at the Parish Office
Tuesday - Thursday
(352) 796-2096, ext. 108



The Gospel of MATTHEW A BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.
Led by Jack Lavery

Please join us to study the Gospel of Matthew. Come and deepen your knowledge and understanding of Scripture. Studying Scripture helps to deepen your personal relationship with our Lord. The class meets in the parish hall on **Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.**. The only book you need for class is your Bible. Contact:

Jack Lavery, (813) 340-7343
jacklavery2014@gmail.com

For more information or to register, Jack sends out regular reminder emails to the class. Warning: Reading the Bible can be habit forming!

The Presentation of the Lord

FEBRUARY 2



We too are called to welcome Jesus who comes to meet us. To encounter him: the God of life is to be encountered every day of our lives; not now and then, but every day. To follow Jesus is not a decision taken once and for all, it is a daily choice."

—Pope Francis,
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord,
2019

The Presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior—the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messi-

ah, the "light of the nations" and the "glory of Israel," but also "a sign that is spoken against." The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ's perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation of God has "prepared in the presence of all peoples" (CCC, no. 529).



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All men invited!!
Join
Father Pecchie for

Faith and Ale

Learn about your faith and grow closer to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as you fellowship with Fr. Pecchie and other men like you.

Every **2nd Thursday** of the month at **7:00 p.m. at the Fire Pit.**



All women invited!!
Join
Fr. Pecchie for

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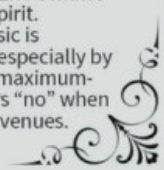
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—Maestro Allan Wilson,
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Ministry Information



OUR RESPONSIBILITY: *Protecting our children*

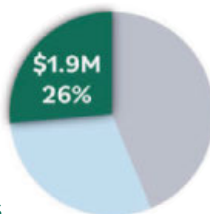
“Protecting our children is vital to our Catholic schools. We are entrusted with their safety, and we take that responsibility very seriously. And all I can say is “Thank you, Jesus for our diocesan Safe Environment Program!” The Safe Environment staff has saved our school the expense of operating the program and countless hours of extra work, while also alleviating an enormous amount of stress for our front office and administrative staff. The centralized fingerprinting service covers the cost of fingerprinting machines (which are anywhere from \$18,000 - \$20,000). All the records for fingerprinting are stored for 5 years in the Safe Environment office, not at the school, which saves us uncounted hours in paperwork and accountability issues with the state. We save money by not having to pay the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) fee of \$6 per print to retain fingerprints on our site. Last, but by no means least, our school is saved from the anguish and stress of a surprise audit by the FDLE and/or FBI which happen every few years! I pray we, as individual schools, NEVER have to take over this very serious responsibility”



— Mrs. Florence Ann Buono,
Principal Notre Dame Catholic School, Spring Hill

ACCOMPANYING *our* MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

The **Safe Environment Program** is one of 12 diocesan ministries that serve our clergy and lay leaders in their pastoral journey so they may continue offering our people the formation and foundation needed to bring God’s message, mission and ministry to our faith communities and world. Through the *Catholic Ministry Appeal*, this group of ministries will receive \$1.9 million of the total \$7.1 million appeal goal to carry out their good works.



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about these ministries!



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Jesus Christ is Lord!

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Let’s see how many dollars we can find with **J-, C- or L-**, and at the same time praise God and support the Church!



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Catholic Ministry Appeal

The Gospel is the Good News. It shows us the path to everlasting life. But sometimes it does this not just by showing us what to do, but also demonstrating what *not* to do. Today is a great example. Jesus preaches in Nazareth, where he grew up. The hometown crowd is expecting to hear some inspiring words, and maybe even see some miracles. But that’s not what Jesus has in store for them. Instead, he challenges them, pointing to their self-centeredness and their unwillingness to open-up to God. Definitely not the easy message they wanted to hear!

This is a moment of decision for his audience. Do they allow Jesus’s hard words to change them, leading to conversion and deeper relationship with God? Or do they put up walls, and respond with anger and stubbornness?

We know how they chose. The challenge for us is to choose differently when we’re confronted by a challenging message from Christ and His Church. One of those challenging topics in our parish today is the need to support the *Catholic Ministry Appeal*. It can be easy to react to this conversation by putting up walls or tuning things out. But the parish’s needs are real. What’s more important than whether we give or not is whether we allow ourselves to be challenged by the invitation to contribute, allowing ourselves to lower our defenses and to prayerfully listen and discern. Try it out, and see how the Lord prompts you.

Commitment weekend for the Catholic Ministry Appeal is next weekend, February 5 & 6. Your generous gift or pledge will help us reach our goal of \$60,158.00, as well as provide support for the ministries, programs and services within our diocese. Please make checks payable to Catholic Ministry Appeal.

Information

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 30 Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass
 9:30 a.m. RCIA Session
 10:00 a.m. Mass
 11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass
 Coffee and Donuts after all Masses

Monday, January 31

Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

8:00 a.m. Mass
 8:30 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena
 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Class

Tuesday, February 1 Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass
 8:30 a.m. St. Anthony of Padua or Infant of Prague Novena
 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
 11:00 a.m. Spanish Legion of Mary —Portable #7

Wednesday, February 2

Feast of The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Mass
 8:30 a.m. St Joseph Novena
 8:45 a.m. English Legion of Mary —Portable #7
 6:00 p.m. Faith Formation —Potluck for Parents, Students
 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation —Family Meeting

Thursday, February 3 Weekday [Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop]

8:00 a.m. Mass
 8:30 a.m. St. Jude Novena
 9:00 a.m. Pastor's Class
 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 4 Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass
 8:30 a.m. Holy Hour Adoration

Saturday, February 5 Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Mass
 10-11 a.m. Reconciliation
 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 6 Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

SVDP Collection
 8:00 a.m. Mass
 9:30 a.m. RCIA Session
 10:00 a.m. Mass
 11:30 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass
 Coffee and Donuts after all Masses



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"But if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and he will be given it."

JAMES 1:5



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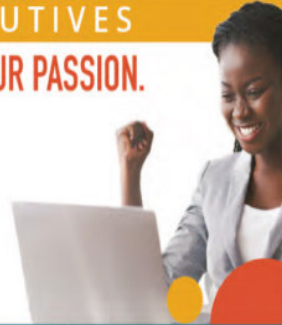
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