

**COVID-19: The Pope’s closeness to those who are suffering**

The Pope’s intentions were “For the many people who are not succeeding in coping and remain in fear because of the pandemic”:

*“May the Lord help them to have the strength to cope for the good of society and the entire community.”*

*“For the elderly who are alone in nursing homes, or hospitals, or in their own homes, and don’t know what will happen. The fear of those who don’t have regular jobs and are thinking about how to feed their children. They foresee they may go hungry. The fear of many civil servants. At this moment they’re working to keep society functioning and they might get sick. There’s also the fear - the fears - of each one of us. Each one knows what their own fears are. We pray to the Lord that He might help us to trust, and to tolerate and conquer these fears.”*

The Pope has expressed his admiration for medical personnel and those who risk their lives caring for coronavirus patients:

*“I received the news that in these days, a number of doctors and priests have died, I don’t know if there were a few nurses. They were infected ...because they were serving the sick. Let’s pray for them, for their families. I thank God for the example of heroism they give us in caring for the sick.*

Pope Francis prayed that we might “hand over our fears” to the Lord, so that “He can conquer them”:

*Because this is God’s strength; turning to the good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.*

*Excerpts from Vatican News*

**Bill Gate’s views on the Corona Virus**

I’m a strong believer that there is a \*spiritual purpose behind everything that happens\*, whether that is what we perceive as being good or being bad.

As I meditate upon this, I want to share with you what I feel the Corona/Covid-19 virus is really doing to us:

- It is reminding us that \*we are all equal,\* regardless of our culture, religion, occupation, financial situation or how famous we are. This disease treats us all equally, perhaps we should to. If you don’t believe me, just ask Tom Hanks.
- It is reminding us of how \*materialistic\* our society has become and how, when in times of difficulty, we remember that it’s the \*essentials that we need\* (food, water, medicine) as opposed to the luxuries that we sometimes unnecessarily give value to.
- It is reminding us of \*how important our family and home life\* is and how much we have \*neglected\* this. It is forcing us back into our houses so we can rebuild them into our home and to strengthen our family unit.
- It is reminding us that \*our true work\* is not our job, that is what we do, not what we were created to do. Our true work \*is to look after each other, to protect each other and to be of BENEFIT to one another.\*
- It is reminding us to keep our \*egos\* in check. It is reminding us that no matter how great we think we are or how great others think we are, a virus can bring our world to a standstill.
- It is reminding us that the \*power of freewill is in our hands.\* We \*can CHOOSE\* to cooperate and help each other, to share, to give, to help and to support each other or we \*can CHOOSE\* to be selfish, to hoard, to look after only our self. \*Indeed, it is difficulties that bring out our true colors.\*
- It is reminding us that we \*can be patient, OR we can panic.\* We can either understand that this type of situation has happened many times before in history and will pass, or we can panic and see it as the end of the world and, consequently, cause ourselves more harm than good.
- It is reminding us that this \*can either be an end OR a new beginning.\* This can be \*a time of reflection and understanding\*, where we learn from our mistakes, or it can be the \*start of a cycle which will continue until we finally learn the lesson we are meant to.\*
- It is reminding us that this \*Earth is sick.\* It is reminding us that we need to look at the rate of deforestation just as urgently as we look at the speed at which toilet rolls are disappearing off of shelves. \*We are sick because our home is sick.\*
- It is reminding us that after every difficulty, there is always ease. \*Life is cyclical, and this is just a phase\* in this great cycle. We do not need to panic; \*this too shall pass.\*

Whereas many see the Corona/ Covid-19 virus as a great disaster, \*I PREFER to see it\* as a great corrector. It is sent to remind us of the important lessons that we seem to have forgotten and it is \*UP TO US if we will learn\* them or not.



**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**  
As a Catholic Church Family, we respond to Christ’s call, evangelize, and welcome all generations to the Holy Eucharist.

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



**PARISH MOTTO**

*St. Pius X adopted the motto of St. Paul for his work as Pope, “to restore all things in Christ, so that Christ may be all in all.”*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**ST. ANTHONY:**

Tuesday: Mass 7:00 a.m.  
Mass & Novena 4:00 p.m.  
Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Rosary:**

Monday: 7:00 p.m.

**ST. PIUS X:**

Saturday: 5:30 p. m. (Vigil)  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

St Anthony Tuesdays  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**RCIA:**

St Anthony Rectory Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

**Confessions:**

Before weekend Mass or by appointment.

**Baptism:**

Second Sunday of the month. The Seminar is the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the rectory for forms prior to seminar.

**Marriage:**

Please contact Fr. Luke six months prior to desired ceremony date.

**Funeral:**

Please contact Fr. Luke before final arrangements of funeral.

**Anointing of the Sick:**

Available upon request.

**C.C.D. Classes:**

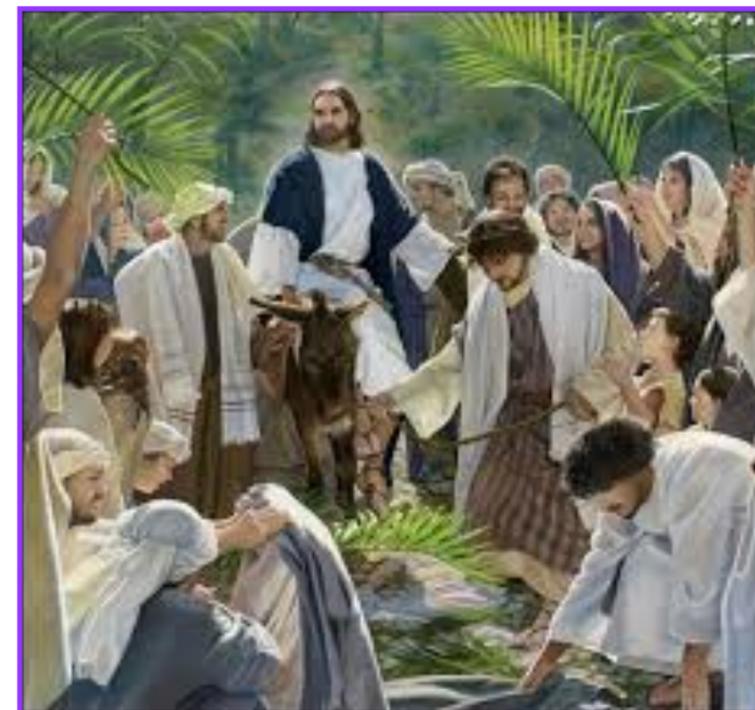
Sunday’s grades 10 &11, Monday’s grades 1-9

**Ministry to the Sick and Shut In:**

Parishioners unable to attend mass and receive communion, please call the rectory.

**Scripture Outline & Reflection**

Jesus humbling himself out of love for us (2), did not shield his face from buffets and spitting (1), but offered his life on the cross (3). He relied on his Father’s love (Ps).



The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying:  
‘Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.’”

*Matthew 21:9*

**HALL RENTAL**

The St. Anthony and Joseph Halls (St. Pius X) are available to rent for special occasions. For information please contact the Rectory **689-4101**.

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For announcements please contact the Rectory **689-4101**.

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**ONLINE GIVING**

Online giving now available. Visit our parish website to sign up.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection during mass will be collected following the first collection. This will allow time for reflection after communion.

**ST. ANTHONY/ST. PIUS X**

To place flowers on the altar, have the Sanctuary Lamps burn or have Special Mass Intentions held in honor of a loved one please notify the rectory **two weeks prior to date**, envelopes for this purpose can be found at the entrance of the church.

**ST. PIUS X**

The Church will be locked at all times except during Masses. We have installed a punch button lock box. For access code, please call the rectory.

**SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK**

FOURTH Friday of each month @ St. Anthony Parish Hall at 9:00 A.M.

**PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL**

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen**



**OFFERTORY**

We gratefully acknowledge all that God has given to us. In gratitude, we have returned to Him:

Collections March 28th & March 29th

	<u>ST. ANTHONY</u>	<u>ST. PIUS X</u>
1st Collection:	\$ 960.00	\$
2nd Collection:	\$ 230.00	\$

Children's Collection \$

This weeks Online Giving \$205.00

**Total Weekly Offerings \$1,395.00**

<u>ST. ANTHONY</u>	<u>ST. PIUS X</u>
Electric Bill (February) \$ 1,440.08	Electric Bill (February) \$ 450.77

**MASS ATTENDANCE**  
*ST. ANTHONY ST. PIUS X*

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally. Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and united myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**ST. ANTHONY**

April 4 7:00 a.m. Jules Caulfield  
4:00 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory  
Especially our deceased members

April 5 8:00 a.m. Jules Caulfield  
11:00 a.m. Geraldine Favaloro  
Cecile Robin  
Ida Mayfield Alexie  
Joseph Bourgeois

April 6 7:00 a.m. All Souls  
April 7 7:00 a.m. All Souls  
April 8 7:00 a.m. All Souls  
April 9 7:00 a.m. All Souls  
April 10 7:00 a.m. All Souls

**ST. PIUS X**

April 4 5:30 p.m. Jules Caulfield  
April 5 9:30 a.m. All Parishioners

Lord God, give us the courage to hear your passion as though for the first time. Grant that we might for this moment stand in the darkness that enveloped the world before you redeemed it,

**LITURGY (From leiturgia - people service)** The main religious activity performed not for private goals, but for the sake of the people.



Every cross we. Have brings us closer to the Lord, because it detaches us. It's easy to have faith when times are good. It's in the cross that our faith is proven.

*Mother Angelica*

**Lily's for Easter**



Remember your loved ones for Easter by placing an Easter Lily on the Altar



The cost is \$14.00  
Envelopes are available at the Church Entrance

**St. Anthony Sanctuary Lamps**

*In Memory of*  
**All Deceased Parishioners**



**St. Pius X Sanctuary Lamps**

*Will burn in memory of*  
**Emery Catherine Bordelon and that**



**Shawn Chauppette Bordelon feels the Healing Power of Jesus, Mary and St. Jude**

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

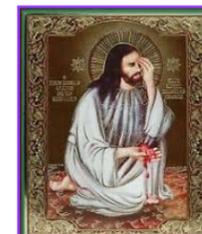
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