Sunday, March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings for This Sunday's Masses:

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Hebrews 5: 7-9; John 12: 20-33

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Weekday Masses
Monday to Friday
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Saturday Morning
9:00 am only (Church)

Sunday Masses
Saturday
5:00 PM (Church) ● 5:00 PM Spanish (Cafeteria)
Sunday
8:00 AM (Church) ● 9:30 AM (Church)
10:30 AM English (Cafeteria) ● 11:00 AM (Church)
12:45 PM Spanish (Cafeteria) ● 5:00 PM (Church)

Confessions
Saturday
4:00 pm - 4:45 pm (St. Anthony's Chapel)

Mission Statement of the Parish of St. Anthony
We are a Catholic community of faith in the Jesuit tradition gathered around Jesus Christ and centered in the Eucharist.
In a diverse and changing world we struggle to grow in our relationship with God and with one another.
Through our worship, our ministries and our promotion of peace and justice, we walk with Jesus of the Gospel who reveals God's love for all.

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Sunday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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Mass Intentions

Week of Monday, March 22 - Sunday, March 28

Monday, March 22
Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; John 8:1-11.
9:00 AM – CLARA WONG
12:00 PM – KRISTEN & GENE STOLOWSKI (L)

Tuesday, March 23
Num 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8:21-30.
9:00 AM – JAMES CONKLIN, SR.
12:00 PM – MICHAEL CROCCO

Wednesday, March 24
Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31-42.
9:00 AM – ANTHONY VASATURO
12:00 PM – JOSEPH CARBON

Thursday, March 25
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Is 7: 10-14; 8:10; Ps 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10: 4-10; Lk 1: 26-38.
9:00 AM – STEVEN BRANDOW
12:00 PM – FR. PAUL PALMIOTTO

Friday, March 26
Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 10:31-42.
9:00 AM – PHILIP TROIANI
12:00 PM – DOUGLAS VON BRAUNSBERG

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL FOLLOW THE 12:00 PM FRIDAY MASS EACH WEEK DURING LENT

Saturday, March 27
Ezek 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; John 11:45-56.
9:00 AM – SALVADOR & DENNIS PAJACIN, MARY SELITTI

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
At the procession: Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16.
Isaiah50: 4-7; Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Philemon 2: 6-11; Mark 14: 1-15:47

Saturday, March 27
5:00 PM – PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
5:00 PM Cafeteria (Spanish) –

Sunday, March 28
8:00 AM –
9:30 AM –
9:45 AM Cafeteria (English) –
11:00 AM –
12:45 PM Cafeteria (Spanish) – ENEDINA PENA
5:00 PM –
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Dedications of Altar Bread & Wine - Altar Candles

Week of Sunday, March 21 - Saturday, March 27

Bread & Wine:
In loving memory of DANIEL HAMILTON

Candles
In loving memory of DANIEL HAMILTON

Lector Assignments for March 27-28 Palm Sunday

Assignments will be arranged

Schedule at St. Anthony's for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 27

5:00 p.m.
Church
5:00 p.m.
Cafeteria (Spanish)

Sunday, March 28

8:00 a.m.
Church
9:30 a.m.
Church
9:45 a.m.
Cafeteria
11:00 a.m.
Church
12:45 p.m.
Cafeteria (Spanish)
5:00 p.m.
Church

Monday of Holy Week

March 29

Confessions
3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Church

Holy Thursday

April 1

8:00 p.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Church (English)
8:00 p.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Cafeteria (Spanish)

Good Friday

April 2

10:30 a.m.
Outdoor Stations of the Cross
--Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus starting at the Council--
3:00 p.m.
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
Church (English)
3:30 p.m.
Outdoor Stations of the Cross
(in Spanish)
5:00 p.m.
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
Cafeteria (Spanish)
8:00 p.m.
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
Church (English)

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 3

8:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil
Church (English)
8:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil
Cafeteria (Spanish)

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 4

8:00 a.m.
Church
8:15 a.m.
Cafeteria
9:30 a.m.
Church
9:45 a.m.
Cafeteria
11:00 a.m.
Church
11:15 a.m.
Cafeteria
12:30 p.m.
Church
12:45
Cafeteria (Spanish)

Offertory Report for March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent

St. Anthony's Parish Fiscal Year extends from September 1 - August 31

We are deeply grateful for your continuing generosity in support of the mission and ministries of St. Anthony's Parish.

	FY 2021	FY 2020	Variance
Weekly Collection	$8,603.00	$10,185.00	$(1,582.00)
Collection - YTD	**$230,715.37**	**$292,420.83**	**$(61,705.46)**
Faith Direct - YTD	**$60,971.95**	**$45,265.50**	**$15,706.45**
Total Offertory -- YTD	**$291,687.32**	**$337,686.33**	**$(45,999.01)**
Catholic Relief Svcs.	**$472.00**	**$144.00**	**$328.00**

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Enroll today. It will simplify your giving and make sure that St. Anthony's has your consistent financial support throughout the year, especially at this difficult time.

You can enroll at:
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Readings for Today's Mass

Sunday, March 21, 2021 -- Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and the house of Judah.
It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers
the day I took them by the hand
to lead them forth from the land of Egypt;
for they broke my covenant,
and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD.
But this is the covenant that I will make
with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD.
I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives
how to know the LORD.
All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD,
for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51: 3-4, 12-13, 14-15

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.
Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.
R. Create a clean heart in me, O God
A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.
R. Create a clean heart in me, O God
Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners shall return to you.
R. Create a clean heart in me, O God

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh,
he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears
to the one who was able to save him from death,
and he was heard because of his reverence.
Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered;
and when he was made perfect,
he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him

Verse Before the Gospel

John 12: 26

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.

Gospel

John 12: 20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast
came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee,
and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus."
Philip went and told Andrew;
then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.
Jesus answered them,
"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.
Whoever loves his life loses it,
and whoever hates his life in this world
will preserve it for eternal life.
Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there also will my servant be.
The Father will honor whoever serves me.
"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?
'Father, save me from this hour'?
But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.
Father, glorify your name."
Then a voice came from heaven,
"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."
The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder;
but others said, "An angel has spoken to him."
Jesus answered and said,
"This voice did not come for my sake but for yours.
Now is the time of judgment on this world;
now the ruler of this world will be driven out.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself."
He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

2021 MEMORIAL EASTER FLOWERS

We invite Parishioners to remember loved ones by contributing $25.00 for Easter Flowers that will decorate the altars in our Church and Auditorium during the 2021 Easter Season.
We will publish a list of donors and those being memorialized in several issues of the Bulletin.

Clip and return this coupon with your donation (in person or by mail) to the Parish Center.

--PLEASE PRINT: FILL IN THE INFORMATION BELOW--

Names of those to be remembered (Individuals, Couples, Families):

1. _____ **2.** _____

3. _____ **4.** _____

Donor Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ **Email:** _____

$25.00 donation: Up to FOUR memorials

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HYMNS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Lift High The Cross

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

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
Refrain

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Him who died.
Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised draw the world to Thee.
Refrain

Save Your People

Save your people, O Lord!
Show us the way to come home
We have been wandering far from your love
Save your people, O Lord!

One thing I ask, O Lord, this I seek:
To dwell forever in your house
That I may gaze on your loveliness
All the days of my life

Save your people, O Lord!
Show us the way to come home
We have been wandering far from your love
Save your people, O Lord!

For you will hide me in the shelter of your wings
And from the arrows of my foes
You set me high on a mountain top
Saved me from my distress

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
And close by You to stay.

As You with Satan did contend
And did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in You to fight,
In You to conquer sin.

As You did hunger bear and thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and always live
By Your most holy word.

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Unless a Grain of Wheat

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,
It remains but a single grain with no life.

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him;
If we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,
It remains but a single grain with no life.

If anyone serves me, then they must follow me;
Wherever I am, my servants will be.

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,
It remains but a single grain with no life.

Rincón Hispano -- La Parroquia de Saint Anthony

21 DE MARZO 2021 -- V SEMANA DE CUARESMA

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL
-Sábado a las 5:00 pm
-Domingo a las 12:45 pm
(Estas Misas se celebran en
el Centro Parroquial - Cafetería)

Señor, hazme justicia. Defiende mi causa contra la gente sin piedad, sálvame del hombre traidor y malvado, tu que eres mi Dios y mi defensa.

Primera lectura Jeremías 31, 31-34:
"Todos me van a conocer, desde el más pequeño hasta el mayor de todos".
Salmo 50: "Oh Dios, crea en mi un corazón puro."
Segunda Lectura Hebreos 5, 7-9:
"Hermanos: Durante la vida mortal, Cristo ofreció oraciones y suplicas, con fuertes voces y lágrimas."
Lectura del Santo Evangelio San Juan 12, 20-33:
"Ha llegado la hora de que el Hijo del hombre sea glorificado".

La intención de la misa del día de hoy es
Nelson Abreu
Para intensiones de la misa comunicarse con la Hna. Margarita Reyes telf. **646-399-3847.**

HORARIO PARA LECTORES

Misa Mar-21-2021: Lector: Natividad Martínez
Misa Mar-28-2021: Lector: Sonia Diaz
Misa Apr-01-2021: Lector: Carmen Rodríguez

ACTIVIDADES SEMANALES

ULTRELLA DEL CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD:
Todos los domingos en la cafetería. Horario de 11:15am a 12:15pm. Anímate a vivir esta experiencia profunda de vida cristiana… Aprenderas: 1- A conocerte mejor (encuentro contigo mismo). 2- Experimentaras la presencia y el amor de Jesucristo (encuentro con Dios). 3- Descubriras todo el bien que puedes aportar a tu comunidad cristiana atenta y afectuosa (encuentro con los demás). Luego, esa toma de conciencia suscita el deseo de ir más Adelante. Cristo Cuenta contigo.
Par información hablar con la Hna Luz María Abreu.

CENACULO DE LA LEGION DE MARIA:
Todos los sabados en la cafeteria horario de 2:00pm a 4:30pm

GRUPO CARISMÁTICO:
Todos los sabados en la cafeteria horario de 2:00 pm a 4:30 pm

El martes 8 de diciembre de 2020 el Papa Francisco publicó su carta apostólica Patris corde, con la que convocó el Año de San José para conmemorar los 150 años del decreto Quemadmodum Deus del Beato Pío IX, que declaró al padre adoptivo de Jesús patrono de la Iglesia universal. Dicho año culminará el 8 de diciembre de 2021.
Asi mismo, el Papa también ha convocado a un Año de la Familia, que se celebrará con motivo del quinto aniversario de la exhortación apostólica post sinodal Amoris laetitia entre el 19 de marzo de 2021 hasta el 26 de junio de 2022, con ocasión del X Encuentro Mundial de las Familias que se realizará en Roma.
"Necesitamos recrear permanentemente la familia como Dios mismo la soñó al crear al hombre a su imagen y semejanza, tal como la recibimos sustancialmente de nuestros padres y abuelos, y está en nuestras raíces culturales y religiosas".

CONFESIONES E INTENCION PASTORAL:
Los sábados a las 4:00PM en la Iglesia.

LAS PRÓXIMAS CLASES DE BAUTIZMOS Y DE RICA COMIENZAN EN SEPTIEMBRE: El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana es un proceso de conversión y crecimiento espiritual, que toma tiempo, en nuestra relación con Dios y la Iglesia. Es un camino de fe donde todos están totalmente bienvenidos en la Iglesia Católica. Si usted está interesado en la exploración de una relación con Jesucristo acérquese a nosotros y le ayudaremos para que pueda prepararse con los sacramentos del Bautismo, Primera comunión y Confirmación. Para información comunicarse con el **Hno. Ernesto de la Cruz** Telf. **646-725-3548**

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Comunicarse con **el hermano José González 516-706-9001**.

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Lecturas para la misa de hoy

21 de marzo 2021 -- V Domingo de Cuaresma

Primera Lectura

Jeremías 31, 31-34

"Se acerca el tiempo, dice el Señor,
en que haré con la casa de Israel
y la casa de Judá una alianza nueva.
No será como la alianza que hice con los padres de ustedes,
cuando los tomé de la mano para sacarlos de Egipto.
Ellos rompieron mi alianza
y yo tuve que hacer un escarmiento con ellos.

Ésta será la alianza nueva
que voy a hacer con la casa de Israel:
Voy a poner mi ley en lo más profundo de su mente
y voy a grabarla en sus corazones.

Yo seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo.
Ya nadie tendrá que instruir a su prójimo ni a su hermano,
diciéndole: 'Conoce al Señor',
porque todos me van a conocer,
desde el más pequeño hasta el mayor de todos,
cuando yo les perdone sus culpas
y olvide para siempre sus pecados".

Salmo Responsorial

Salmo 50, 3-4. 12-13. 14-15

R. Crea en mí, Señor, un corazón puro.
Por tu inmensa compasión y misericordia,
Señor, apiádate de mí y olvida mis ofensas.
Lávame bien de todos mis delitos,
y purifícame de mis pecados.
R. Crea en mí, Señor, un corazón puro.
Crea en mí, Señor, un corazón puro,
un espíritu nuevo para cumplir tus mandamientos.
No me arrojes, Señor, lejos de ti,
ni retires de mí ti santo espíritu.
R. Crea en mí, Señor, un corazón puro.
Devuélveme tu salvación, que regocija
y mantén en mí un alma generosa.
Enseñaré a los descarriados tus caminos,
y volverán a ti los pecadores.
R. Crea en mí, Señor, un corazón puro.

Segunda Lectura

Hebreos 5, 7-9

Hermanos: Durante su vida mortal, Cristo ofreció oraciones y súplicas, con fuertes voces y lágrimas, a aquel que podía librarlo de la muerte, y fue escuchado por su piedad. A pesar de que era el Hijo, aprendió a obedecer padeciendo, y llegado a su perfección, se convirtió en la causa de la salvación eterna para todos los que lo obedecen.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio

Juan 12, 26

R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.
El que quiera servirme, que me siga,
para que donde yo esté,
también esté mi servidor.
R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

Evangelio

Juan 12, 20-33

Entre los que habían llegado a Jerusalén para adorar a Dios en la fiesta de Pascua, había algunos griegos, los cuales se acercaron a Felipe, el de Betsaida de Galilea, y le pidieron: "Señor, quisiéramos ver a Jesús".

Felipe fue a decírselo a Andrés; Andrés y Felipe se lo dijeron a Jesús y él les respondió: "Ha llegado la hora de que el Hijo del hombre sea glorificado. Yo les aseguro que si el grano de trigo, sembrado en la tierra, no muere, queda infecundo; pero si muere, producirá mucho fruto. El que se ama a sí mismo, se pierde; el que se aborrece a sí mismo en este mundo, se asegura para la vida eterna.

El que quiera servirme, que me siga, para que donde yo esté, también esté mi servidor. El que me sirve será honrado por mi Padre.

Ahora que tengo miedo, ¿le voy a decir a mi Padre: 'Padre, líbrame de esta hora'? No, pues precisamente para esta hora he venido. Padre, dale gloria a tu nombre". Se oyó entonces una voz que decía: "Lo he glorificado y volveré a glorificarlo".

De entre los que estaban ahí presentes y oyeron aquella voz, unos decían que había sido un trueno; otros, que le había hablado un ángel. Pero Jesús les dijo: "Esa voz no ha venido por mí, sino por ustedes. Está llegando el juicio de este mundo; ya va a ser arrojado el príncipe de este mundo. Cuando yo sea levantado de la tierra, atraeré a todos hacia mí". Dijo esto, indicando de qué manera habría de morir.

Símbolo de los Apóstoles

Creo en Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra.
Creo en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, nuestro Señor,
que fue concebido por obra y gracia del Espíritu Santo,
nació de santa María Virgen, padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato, fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado, descendió a los infiernos,
al tercer día resucitó de entre los muertos, subió a los cielos
y está sentado a la derecha de Dios, Padre todopoderoso.
Desde allí ha de venir a juzgar a vivos y muertos.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo, la santa Iglesia católica,
la comunión de los santos, el perdón de los pecados,
la resurrección de la carne y la vida eterna. Amén.

We ask that you pray for those who have died and for the consolation of their families:

MARY JANET ALVITI • LOUIS BAIMUNDO • STEVEN E. BRANDOW • GEORGE-ANN CASEY • THOMAS CASEY • LENA CLOUGHER • LUCILLE COLEMAN • ELEANOR COLUCCI • RICHARD DEANGELIS • ANTONIA DECAROLIS • JORGE GASPAROTTI • STANLEY GLOGOWER • PATRICIA GRIEBELL • JOHN E. HAGLUND • MARIA LOURDES HIJUELOS • PHILIP M. LEADEN • RYAN BENJAMIN LENNOX • AUDREY LUSSORO • MARGARET ANN MC CUE • ALICE MC TIGHE • MICHELE MONTEFINISE • GLORIA O'CONNOR • FRANCES MARGARET PARKER • JAMES CRAIG PARUCH • RICHARD B. PARUCH • KRIS POLANCO • JOAN PREZIOSO • LOUIS ROMANO • MARGARET K. RYAN • BRIDGET SURDICH • MURIEL TOBIN • JEAN TOY • JAMES VILLELLA • THOMAS VIRZI • RONALD WALSH •

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We ask for your prayers for the comfort, healing and well-being of parishioners who are ill:

STACY BELL • TINA BERTOLLI • JOE & PAT BOOK • PAUL BRIENZA • P. BROWN • MARIE BRUNO • FRANK CICCONE • ELIZABETH COMBS • ANTONIO CORSO • GREG DEMETRIOU • GEORGETTE FAYE • BROOKE FERRETTI • ANTHONY GAGLIARDI • JOSEPHINE GEBBIA • FRANCESCA GIORDANO • GLORIA GONZALEZ • NISETTE GUILLOU • MARY GUNTHER • BABY HAILEY • PATTY JACKSON • PAT KELLY • BOB LARSEN • FRANCIS PASQUALINO • EDITH RIGBY • PETE RODRIGUEZ JOAN ROMANO • DOLORES STORMO

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To add or remove someone from our listings of Prayer Requests for the Sick and Deceased, please call the Parish Office at **516-764-0048** *or email your request to*

Bulletin@Sacli.org

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NOVENAS AND DEVOTIONS AT ST. ANTHONY'S

Monday
MIRACULOUS MEDAL
Follows the 9:00 am Mass

HOLY ROSARY
Follows the 12:00 pm Mass

Tuesday
ST. ANTHONY
Follows the 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

First Saturday of Each Month
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8:00 am -- Music and Veneration
8:15 am -- Holy Rosary
9:00 am -- Mass

Please Keep in Your Prayers All Those Who Are Currently Serving in The U.S. Military

Dominick Albanese, IS2, Navy •
Candace L. Bonsignore, Staff Sergeant, Marines •
Ryan Calkin, Corporal, Marines •
Doug Callagy, Corporal, Marines •
Michael Connell, Sergeant, Marines •
Paul Joseph Delaney, Marines •
Kayla Curtis DeLuca, Captain, Marines •
Nicholas J. DeLuca, Captain, Marines •
Ray Christian Demafiles, Crew Chief, ANG,•
Edward Durkin, GMC, Navy •
Iralys Estevez, Lance Corporal, Marines •
Christopher Kear, ETN, Navy •
Matthew Kear, CTR, Navy •
Timothy R. Kear, CTT, Navy •
Christopher Kapp, Specialist, Army •
Robert Koehler, Lance Corporal, Marines •
Carl A. Misitano, Lieutenant., Navy •
William C. Misitano, Lieutenant, Navy •
Mark Montaruli, Lieutenant Commander, Navy •
Christopher L. Morales, Specialist, Army •
John Nitti, CPO, Navy •
Connor Paul, Sergeant, Marines •
Ryan Reilly, PO, Navy•
Sanghu Richards, Captain, Army •
Timothy Richards, Captain, Army •
Tom Shanley, PO2, Navy •
Christopher Smith, First Lieutenant, Army •
William Stuber, SN, Navy •
Michael Summit, PFC, Army •
Nikolas Vidic, Lance Corporal, Marines •

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Please help us keep this listing up to date.

Are there parish members and relatives of parishioners who are currently serving in the military who should be included in our prayer list?

Are there others currently on the list who have completed their service?

Have there been changes in rank?

Please notify us by e-mail at **Bulletin@Sacli.org**

Good Friday/Holy Saturday: Special Events
Friday, April 2 & Saturday, April 3, 2021

Father Joseph O'Connell
Knights of Columbus #3431 of Oceanside, NY

Please Join us as we prepare to celebrate Easter!

Good Friday at 10:30 AM April 2nd
for Outdoor Stations of the Cross
Starting at O'Connell Gardens

Holy Saturday at 10:30 AM
April 3rd
Blessing of Easter Baskets &
Easter Egg Hunt for children
On the grounds of St. Anthony's Church
by the Mary Gazebo

Preparation for Baptism

CLASSES FOR PARENTS WHO ARE PLANNING THE BAPTISM OF THEIR CHILDREN

All classes meet in
St. Anthony's Church
110 Anchor Avenue, Oceanside NY 11572

Classes are held on the
First Wednesday of the Month
Class begins at 7:00 pm

2021 Schedule of Classes

April 7 ● May 5 ● June 2 ● July 7
August - No Class
September 1 ● October 6 ●
November 3 ● December 1

Contact St. Anthony's Parish Office to arrange your participation in a class:
516-764-0048

We ask that you follow the directions of ushers and clergy.
Please wear face masks and maintain social-distancing.
(Couples are permitted to sit together.)

ST. ANTHONY'S MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

An Invitation to all the Men of Our Parish

-- PRESENTING OUR 2021 SERIES --

Making This Lent Count

JOIN WITH US TO MAKE LENT THIS YEAR A TIME TO REFRESH YOUR FAITH AND REFOCUS YOUR PRIORITIES

Final Session: Next Saturday

April 3rd

8:30 am - 10:00 am

Tabor Retreat Center
at St. Anthony's
Dining Room
60 Anchor Avenue, Oceanside NY

Each session will inspire open, practical discussions of challenges facing Catholic men today. Videos, scripture reading and fellowship will help focus our intentions during this Holy Season of Lent.

Together, let's make Lent this year really count: What we have in common far outweighs our differences.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS,
CONTACT ANGELO MARCHICA
Email: angelomarch@optonline.net

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR MEETING SPACE SAFE FOR EVERYONE:

-Wear a mask
-Bring a beverage,
- but no food, please
-Kindly maintain social distancing

Sister Ave Clark, O.P. presents

Heart to Heart Ministries

Sunday Afternoon Retreats at St. Anthony's

Tabor Retreat Center
Presentation Room
60 Anchor Avenue
Oceanside, NY 11572

March 21st, 2021
"Walking Together In Friendship"
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

April 25th, 2021
"How Do We Live In Alleluia"
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

June 27th, 2021
"You Are My Sunshine"
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

$20.00 fee for each Retreat

Fee will be accepted on the day of the retreat
(Check or Cash Only)
To reserve your place, please call
St. Anthony's Parish Center
516-764-0048 - Extension 2510

Sister Ave Clark, O.P. *is the coordinator of Heart to Heart Ministry. She is a pastoral counselor and a member of the Amityville Dominican sisters who serve in Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island.*

Heart to Heart *is a ministry of love and healing that began as an inspiration to share prayer moments in many creative ways almost 25 years ago.*

In addition to retreats, Sister Ave offers a range of programs through the Heart to Heart Ministry: Holy Video Night, women's retreats, faith-sharing groups, spiritual brunches, prayer services and individual counseling.

St. Anthony's Church Fundraiser: Help offset losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic

St. Anthony's Fathers Club

World Wine Tasting Tour

Saturday, April 24, 2021 @ 7PM via Zoom

Virtual Wine Tasting - 3 different wines from Italy, New Zealand & California

Scan Me for a Digital Form

WHEN: Virtual Zoom Event **Saturday, April 24** at **7:00 pm**

COST: **$65.00 total fee** (includes $20 donation + $45 for 3 bottles of wine from **The Wine Cellar** & guided tasting)

HOW:

1. **Sign up** using one of the options detailed below.
2. **Pick up** your 3 bottles of wine at The Wine Cellar, 3179 Long Beach Rd. **between April 10 – 24**.
   NOTE: Please wait 48 hours after payment before picking up your wine.
3. You will receive a Zoom call invitation at the email address you provide on your sign-up form.
   Please download Zoom and set up an account if you do not have one.
4. **Log on** to the Zoom call **before 7:00 pm** on Saturday, April 24.

FRIENDS & FAMILY OPTION: Want to share this entertaining evening with friends and family? Choose the Breakout Room option on the sign up form. You provide the name of the Group & the people in it; we provide the Zoom Breakout Room!

SIGN UP: Scan the QR code at the top of this page; go to **https://world-wine-tasting-tour.cheddarup.com**; or fill out the form below & return it along with **$65.00** via one of the following methods:

- Deliver to Parish Office in envelope labelled "Virtual Wine Tasting";
- Give to a St. Anthony's Fathers Club member outside Church on April 10-11;
- Mail to: Matt Prendergast 2439 Parkview Pl, Baldwin, NY 11510; or
- Scan and e-mail to **stanthonysfathersclub@gmail.com**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS: Contact **stanthonysfathersclub@gmail.com**.

--YOU MUST BE 21 YEARS OR OLDER TO PARTICIPATE--

SIGN UP FOR ST. ANTHONY'S VIRTUAL WORLD WINE TASTING TOUR

Please print legibly to ensure invitation to Virtual Tasting

Name: _____ **Name on Zoom Screen:** _____

Email: _____

Event Fee is $65.00. Includes $20.00 Donation and $45.00 for 3 Bottles of Wine

Select Your Payment Option: ☐ Credit Card ☐ Cheddar Up ☐ Cash ☐ Check

--If you are paying by check, please make your check payable to: **St. Anthony's—**
-- If you are paying by credit card, please fill in the information below --

Name on Credit Card _____

Card Number: _____ **Expiration Date:** ____ / _____ **CVV Number:** _____

Friends/Family Breakout Room Name (if applicable): _____

Other Participants in Your Friends/Family Breakout Room (if any): _____

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Please provide additional contact information in case we encounter any difficulties in reaching you through email:

Home Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ **Cell Phone:** (_____) _____ - _____

Home Address: _____

"May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need."

- Pope Francis

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs.

And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One good way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help feed people in our community each year through both Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach Centers.

Please help our parish meet and exceed our goal again this year. Each parish who meets their goal receives 20% of the funds received up to the goal and 80% of the funds received above the goal as a rebate. Last year despite the pandemic, our parish received a much needed rebate of almost $40,000. The CMA is the second largest fund raiser in our parish exceeded only by our FEAST.

Please participate with any amount!

Thank you!

St. Anthony's 2021 Appeal Goal: $77,700

To make a pledge: complete a pledge card or pledge envelope that you find in the pews, use the pledge envelope you received in the mail from the Catholic Ministries Appeal or clip and use the coupon on the following page.
Return the pledge form with your check (if you are including any payment) in the collection basket or at Parish Center.
Make checks payable to **Catholic Ministries Appeal**.
You can also mail your pledge to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal, Diocese of RVC, PO Box 4000, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9801.

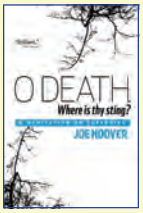
NOTE: You do not have to include a payment when you make your pledge. The CMA office will send you reminders.

Each and every gift, regardless of size makes a difference!
Please Participate—No Gift Is Too Small!

Ignatian Spirituality Programs at St. Anthony's

Contact Karen with questions/comments/feedback or to register.
E-mail: ksuero@sacli.org / Phone: 516.459.9386
For Zoom meetings: A link will be sent in advance to those who register.

CURRENT & UPCOMING PROGRAMS



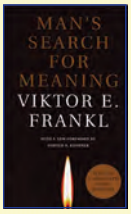
Tuesdays
March 9 and 23
Book Discussion
O Death Where Is Thy Sting?
by Joe Hoover

Facilitated by Joe Hoover

7:00pm – 8:30pm
Via Zoom

Joe Hoover, SJ is a Jesuit brother working as a playwright and actor, as well as poetry editor at America Media. He is from Omaha, attended Marquette University and lives in a Jesuit community in Brooklyn, New York.

Attendees are required to purchase the book, read it and come prepared to discuss the book on March 9th. This book is available from Amazon.com or from the publisher, Orbis Books.
https://www.orbisbooks.com/o-death-where-is-thy-sting.html



Tuesday
March 30, 2021
Book Discussion
Man's Search for Meaning
by Vickor E. Frankl

Co-Facilitated by
Betsy Selman Babinecz, LCSW, DCSW, BCD
and
Vincent Biagi, S.J.

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Via Zoom

Attendees are required to purchase the book, read it and come prepared to discuss the book on March 30th.
The book is available from Amazon.

FREE WILL DONATIONS
will be accepted at all in-person programs at Tabor Retreat Center.
For Zoom-streamed programs, participants are asked to mail donations to:
St. Anthony's Parish
c/o Karen Signoracci Suero
88 Anchor Avenue, Oceanside NY 11572.
--Make checks payable to St. Anthony's Parish--
Thank you for your continued support of our Ignatian Spirituality Programs at St. Anthony's.

Thursday April 15
Ignatian Spirituality in the Spirit of St. Teresa
Facilitated by Joan McGovern
9:30am – 11:30am
Tabor Retreat Center
St. Anthony's Community Room

Fridays April 23, April 29, May 7
All of Our Losses
Facilitated by Joan McGovern, Irene Rush and Sister Thomas More
9:30am – 11:30am
Venue To Be Determined
Tabor Retreat Center – St. Anthony's Community Room
or Via Zoom

Thursday May 6
Mothers Day Prayer Service
Facilitated by Irene Rush and Sister Thomas More
10:00am – 12:30pm
Mass will be held at 12:00pm as the conclusion of the service in the Chapel at Tabor Retreat Center

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St. Anthony's 2021 Parish Goal:

$77,700

Your participation makes a a difference!

"No Gift is Too Small"

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

Complete this form and place it with your check (if any) in an envelope. Drop it in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Center.
Make your check payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal.
--PLEASE PRINT--

Pledge $ _____ **Initial Payment $** _____ **Balance $**_____
Name _____
Address _____
City_____ **State**_____ **Zip**_____
Phone_____ **Email**_____

If a balance is due on your pledge, the Catholic Ministries Appeal Office will send you a monthly reminder with a return envelope. Please send your payments to the CMA Appeal office.

A Guide to Giving

Pledge	10 Installments
$ 1,500	$150
$ 1,200	$120
$ 1,000	$100
$ 800	$ 80
$ 500	$ 50
$ 250	$ 25
$ 100	$ 10
$ 50	$ 5

Other $ _____

St. Anthony's Parish Outreach

Meeting the Needs of the Oceanside Community since 1991

Antoinette Teague - Director
St. Anthony's Parish Center
110 Anchor Avenue, Oceanside, NY 11572
Phone: 516-764-0048 ext. 2530

CHANGES IN PROCEDURES EFFECTIVE MONDAY, 3/23/2020 -- UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ALL REQUESTS FOR FOOD MUST BE **CALLED IN** TO THE FOLLOWING NUMBER:
516 764-0048 EXT. 2530
OR EXT. 2532

ORDERS TAKEN WILL BE READY FOR PICK-UP ON:
FRIDAYS FROM
10AM TO 1PM

WHEN YOU CALL PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME AND
A TELEPHONE NUMBER
WHERE YOU CAN BE REACHED.

YOU MAY ALSO CALL OCEANSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE ON ALTERNATE WEEKS FOR PICKUP OR DELIVERY:
516 678-6152

Please Note:

OUR CLOTHING ROOM IS NOT ACCEPTING DONATIONS AT THIS TIME.

FOOD PANTRY

Food donations may be dropped off in the Parish Center lobby 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday- Friday.

Please help us serve people in need in our community. We especially appreciate donations of these always in-demand non-perishable items:

--Coffee (regular and decaf)
--Ketchup
--Mayonnaise
--Peanut Butter
--Shelf Stable Milk
--White Rice

Please contribute REUSEABLE Shopping Bags so that we can eliminate single-use bags in our program.

CAMBIOS EN LOS PROCEDIMIENTOS EFFECTIVO de 3/23/2020 -- HASTA NUEVO AVISO

TODAS LAS SOLICITUDES DE ALIMENTOS DEBEN LLAMARSE AL SIGUIENTE NÚMERO:
516 764-0048 EXT. 2530 OR EXT. 2532

PEDIDOS TOMADOS ESTARÁN LISTOS PARA RECOGERSE:
VIERNES DE 10AM A 1PM

CUANDO LLAME POR FAVOR DEJE SU NOMBRE Y UN NÚMERO DE TELEFONO DONDE PUEDE SER LLEGADO.

TAMBIÉN PUEDE LLAMAR AL SERVICIO COMUNITARIO DE OCEANSIDE ENSEMANAS ALTERNATIVAS PARA RECOGIDAO ENTREGA:
516 678-6152

Tenga en cuenta:

NUESTRA SALA DE ROPA NO ACEPTA DONACIONES EN ESTE MOMENTO.

Voice of the Poor

"Our stewardship of the earth is a kind of participation in God's act of creating and sustaining the world."

-U.S. Catholic Bishops, *Faithful Citizenship*, 1999

National Council of the US Society of St Vincent de Paul

LEARN MORE: https://www.svdpusa.org/members/Programs-Tools/Programs/Voice-of-the-Poor

For more information about how you can help the St. Vincent de Paul Society on Long Island, please call 516-400-2910

FATHER JOSEPH O'CONNELL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #3481 / OCEANSIDE NY

PLEASE HELP US COLLECT ITEMS
TO MAKE EASTER BASKETS

BASKETS WILL BE DONATED TO KIDS IN NEED

BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE BOX IN
THE COUNCIL LOUNGE
STARTING FEBRUARY 13th THRU MARCH 28th
LADIES AUXIILIARY WILL COLLECT DONATIONS
AND CREATE BASKETS

SUGGESTED DONATIONS:

SMALL COMPLETED BASKETS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED!

CANDY/JELLYBEANS/PEEPS
STICKER/COLORING BOOKS * CRAYONS/MARKERS
SMALL SPORT BALLS * STUFFED ANIMALS
MAD LIB/PUZZLE BOOKS
BUBBLES * FINGER PAINTS
*****GENDER NEUTRAL*****

ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!
DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED UP TO SUNDAY, MARCH 28

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
SK PAUL KAHL, DK 516-860-8858

"Takeout Project"

Buy a gift card or certificate from Oceanside restaurants or eating establishments & donate it to Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Anthony's Church "Takeout Project"

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GIVE ALMS THIS LENTEN SEASON?

Help support our local small business restaurants. Help a family eat in or take out a meal that would be out of their reach.

MAIL OR DELIVER TO:

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Anthony's Church"Takeout Project"
110 Anchor Ave.
Oceanside, N.Y. 11572

TO DONATE A CERTIFICATE
For more information:
Call/Text: (516) 400-2910
Email: svdpofoceanside@gmail.com
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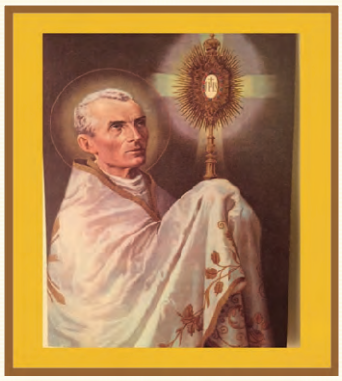

INTERCESSORY ADORATION & PRAYER FOR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

to join the bi-annual tradition of praying for priests and seminarians of the Rockville Centre Diocese. Every priest and seminarian's name will be read aloud. Adoration and silent prayer will take place on

Tuesday, April 13, 2021
OPEN HOURS
6:00 PM—10:00 PM

Prayer participants are welcome to come and go at these participating parishes

Cure of Ars, Merrick
Holy Name of Jesus, Woodbury
Maria Regina, Seaford 4-8pm ONLY
Our Lady of Poland, Southampton 6-8 pm ONLY
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst
St Agnes Cathedral, RVC Holy Cross Chapel
St Aidan, Williston Park, 2-4 pm ONLY
St Anthony, Oceanside
St. Anthony of Padua, East Northport
St Barnabas, Bellmore 3-7pm ONLY
St Dominic, Oyster Bay
St Isidore, Riverhead 6-8 pm
LIVE STREAM: saintisidoreriverhead.org
St. Mary of the Isle, Long Beach
St Rosalie, Hampton Bays

Please pray along with your fellow parishioners of the Diocese of RVC and help make praying for priests a regular devotion two times every year.
every Tuesday before ALL SOULS DAY
and every Tuesday after
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Events at O'Connell Gardens

Saturday, April 17

NOTE: Lower price -- $65.00 Per Person
Corrected from last week's Bulletin

Father Joseph O'Connell Council #3481
Knights of Columbus
2985 Kenneth Place Oceanside, NY 11572

Community Services

Senior Community Center at St. Anthony's Parish
For ages 60 and over
Monday-Friday, 9AM-1:30PM
516 764-9792

Meals on Wheels
This program is dedicated to delivering nutritious meals to home-bound seniors in Nassau County.

You are eligible if you are:
--Over 60 years of age --Homebound
--Having difficulty cooking and shopping
--Living alone or with a spouse with similar needs
If you or someone you know would benefit from the services that Meals on Wheels provides, please call **516-377-2691**

Alzheimer's Association

Offers the following services **free of charge:**
Round-the-clock information and support at their 24/7 HELPLINE: **1-800-272-3900**
--Caregiver Training and Community Education
--Support Groups
--Online Services: alz.org/longisland

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a United States-based suicide prevention network of 161 crisis centers that provides a 24/7, toll-free hotline available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress.
Call 1-800-273-8255

Mental Health Hotline

Call 1-844-863-9314

Literacy (ESL, GED, Citizenship Preparation)
New Horizons Program
145 Merle Avenue
Oceanside, NY 11572
516 678-7577
(No fee to Oceanside Residents)

Literacy Nassau
187 Smith Street
Freeport, NY 11520
516 867-3580

Legal Representation
Nassau County Volunteer Lawyers Project
1 Helen Keller Way, 5th Floor
Hempstead, NY 11550
516 292-8100

United Way 211
https://www.211ct.org
Dial 2-1-1 connects callers, at no cost, to critical health and human services in their community.

Helpful Links

Diocese of Rockville Centre
https://www.drvc.org/
http://catholiccharities.cc/
https://www.svdpli.org/

Local Hospitals
https://mercymedicalcenter.chsli.org/
https://www.southnassau.org/sn

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

March 2021

Rev. James Donovan, S.J.

One Minute Meditations

The Eucharist is now

During the celebration of the Eucharist, the past action of Jesus becomes present. It is a liturgical representation of His sacrifice. Not merely a commemoration, Mass makes the sacrifice truly present. When we participate in the Eucharist, the past becomes present to us and we are present at the saving event.

Live generously

In a world that judges people based on their accumulated wealth, it is easy to notice what we don't have and to wish for it. Lent, however, invites us to live in gratitude for what we do have. Gratitude then gives rise to generosity – sharing God's love and gifts with others. Generous people are encouraging, positive, and appreciative. During Lent, notice and appreciate God's gifts and share them with others.

Always ready

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy" (Pope Francis).

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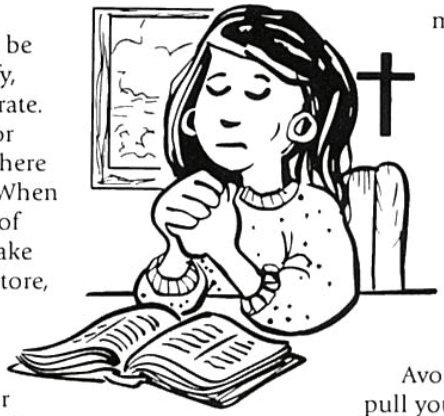
Refocus in the desert

Lent may be a time of penance and sacrifice but it doesn't have to be a time of sadness. In fact, the season brings an opportunity to become the people God created us to be. This time in our spiritual desert can be a chance to simplify, focus, and concentrate.



Simplify. Look for areas in your life where there are excesses. When we have too much of something, it can take extra time to sort, store, and maintain the supply beyond what we need. For example, is your clothes closet packed too tightly? Is your pantry overstocked? Can you clean out and give some gently used items to the poor? You'll spend less mental and physical energy if you keep only what you need.

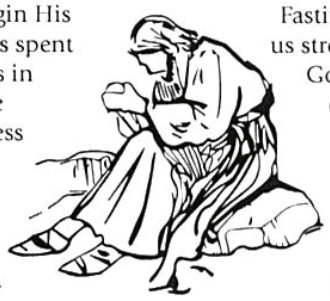
Focus. During Lent, we are called to spend more intentional time with God. To help, consider fasting from distractions. Limiting social media exposure, controlling time spent working, or turning off the cell phone for periods of time can help you find space to add more prayer and Scripture reading to your day.

Concentrate. Avoid influences that pull you away from God. *"... But worldly anxiety, the lure of riches, and the craving for other things intrude and choke the Word, and it bears no fruit"* (Mark 4:19). Resolve to live a life that pleases God.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics fast and abstain?

In preparing to begin His public ministry, Jesus spent forty days and nights in the wilderness of the desert. In the starkness of the desert, He strengthened His connection to his Father. God's love was all Jesus needed.



Fasting and abstinence also help us strengthen our connection to God. They are ways of expressing sorrow for the ways we stray from God's friendship. By denying ourselves material comforts, we increase our dependence on God and our appreciation for His gifts.

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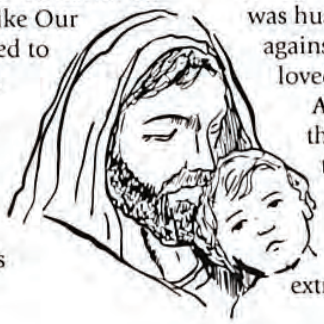
St. Joseph – ordinary or extraordinary?

Why did Jesus choose Joseph to be His father on Earth? St. Joseph wasn't rich, powerful, or even sinless like Our Lady. Born ordinary, virtue and grace combined to make Joseph remarkable. In fact, by choosing him, Jesus gave us a model we can follow.



A man of faith. In spite of persecution and societal pressure, Joseph answered the call to live the two greatest commandments. He put God first and did all that He asked, no matter how incredible. And, Joseph put his family's needs before his own.

A husband. He respected that his primary vocation was husband to Mary. In fact, public opinion was against him when took pregnant Mary as his wife. He loved her anyway.

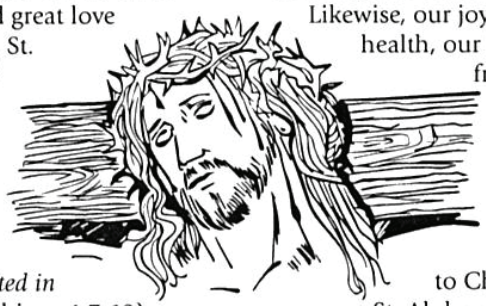
A father. As a devout Jew, he knew the psalms and the law of Moses. He didn't just teach his son a trade, Jesus was taught to be a faithful Son of God.

Like us, St. Joseph began ordinary but cooperated with God's grace to become extraordinary. That is possible for us, too.

from Scripture

Mark 14:1-15, 47, Make Jesus' Passion our own.

It's even more important to share in his suffering and great love during his Passion. St. Paul said, *"We hold this treasure in earthen vessels … always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body"* (2 Corinthians 4:7-10). He means that everything that happens in our lives – the good and the bad – can be part of our bond with Jesus.



Every day our frustrations, our fears, our loneliness and temptations can become ways in which we share in the suffering and death of Christ.

Likewise, our joys, our good health, our family and friends are all important ways to share in the joy of his Resurrection. The point is to offer everything to Christ.

St. Alphonsus wrote, "We should consider not so much the sorrows Jesus suffered as the love with which he bore them." Disciples of Jesus can have the same attitude toward suffering as he did and can share in his joy of Resurrection.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 1 – St. David of Wales (c. 600). St. David is the patron saint of Wales. He was born into Welsh nobility, but instead chose to become a priest. He was later consecrated a bishop. He is best known for founding an ascetic monastery and ridding the area of the Pelagian heresy.

March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (c.461). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having established the Church there.

March 19 – St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (1st Century). Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 25 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

Q & A What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Wouldn't it be amazing to be face to face with Jesus? Imagine sitting with Him, talking together, thanking Him for His gifts, asking for favors. In many churches throughout the world, Catholics are able to do just that in Perpetual Adoration.

Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion that offers the opportunity to be in the presence of Jesus, under the appearance of the Eucharistic Host – the Blessed Sacrament. Placed in a monstrance for display, all can see and pray in the presence of Our Lord. Parishes with Perpetual Adoration chapels are able to host adoration twenty-four hours a day. Other parishes offer periods of time adorers can worship in person.

"Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil" (*CCC*, #2628). There are many ways to adore God, but in Adoration, we are truly in Jesus' presence adoring him in person.

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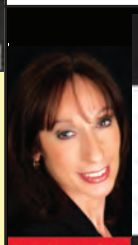

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