

# How to Really Love Your Enemies

Matthew 5: 38 – 48

I – Love Them With Actions

II – Love Them With Attitudes

But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence...

1 Peter 3:15



## St. Anthony Catholic Church Bulletin

February 19, 2023

Gospel:  
Matthew 5:38-48

## Offertory

Received week of 2/5/23 to 2/12/23	\$ 1,833
Weekly Budget Amount	\$ 2,194
Weekly Over/Under week of 2/5/23 to 2/12/23	\$ (361)
Year to Date Received 7/1/22 to 2/12/23	\$ 74,353
Year to Date Budget Amount	\$ 74,402
Year to Date Over/Under Budget Amount	\$ 1,951

(Amounts include online Giving Donations)  
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## Announcements



**Father's Vacation:** Father Joseph will be gone from February 6-21, returning for Ash Wednesday, 10 AM Mass, February 22.

**Visiting Priest:** Father Dillard will be visiting us during Father Joseph's absence. He will celebrate weekend Masses and hold confessions at the usual times; however, there will be no weekday Masses from February 7 until Ash Wednesday, February 22. After Mass on February 19, Father Dillard will have a brief talk on the Virtue of Silence.

**Ash Wednesday:** Mass will be at 10:00 am for this special day, the beginning of Lent.

**Stations of the Cross:** Each Friday of Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm. In past years, this was followed by **Soup Supper**, and we're happy to report this popular tradition will be reinstated this year. If you would like to contribute to our popular soup supper, please sign up in the vestibule.

**Bible Study on Ash Wednesday is canceled.**

**New this Year,** we are adding to our parish celebrations—Recovery Anniversaries. If you are recovering from alcoholism, drugs, gambling, food, or any other addiction, please let us know and share a bit about your recovery journey. Recovery anniversaries are milestones, something to be shared and celebrated. As a church community, we want to encourage and

support all recoveries. Your story may be the one that inspires another to begin their life-changing recovery journey.

**Testimony:** Please let us know how God has touched your life. Send your testimony to our office; you never know how your words may impact another's life.

**Anniversary and Birthday Boards.** Please let us know if you would like to be included. Congratulations to EDee and Dave Steckler on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and to Karen and Bill Eibner on their 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary. See below for their wedding stories.

## Our Lenten Journey with Jesus

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics. **-US Council of Catholic Bishops**

**From the Portland Diocese:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own sui iuris Church. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection. For those who desire it, Archbishop Sample has granted a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Friday 17th March 2023, the optional memorial of St. Patrick.

**Lenten Resources—thanks to Angela and Father for this list:**

**A wonderful article entitled, "Three Lessons on Prayer:"**

<https://www.thecatholicthing.org/2022/07/24/three-lessons-on-prayer/>

**"What are Penances and Lenten Obligations:"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6zc-37y5NE>

**Anything and Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Lent:**

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent/>

# FEbruary

Calendar

February Calendar is Here: <https://www.stanthonywaldport.org/calendar-1>

## Mass Intentions

**Sat. Feb. 18** Mai Shearer & Mercy Harris & ☩ Brian Haller

**Sun. Feb. 19** Gus Stucki & ☩ Emily Fox & ☩ Ralph and ☩ Edith Freitag

**Wed. Feb. 22** ☩ Matthew Gambee & Christian J. Johnston

**Thurs. Feb 23** Judith Winczewski & Steve, Lynn, and Sarah Fox

**Fri. Feb. 24** Denny Shearer Family & ☩ Serafino James Alonzi & Officer Veronica Iverson

**Sat. Feb. 25** Peter Grandich & Judith Winczewski & Steve, Lynn, and Sarah Fox & ☩ George Bleffert

**Sun. Feb. 26** Jacqueline McGeown and Family & ☩ Brian Haller & ☩ Ralph and Edith Freitag

*February 19, 2023  
Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
(Year A)*

## Loving Even Your Enemies

*“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.” Matthew 5:43–45*

Nowhere in the Old Testament does it say that we should hate our enemies. Note that Jesus did not say “It has been written...” Instead, He says, “You have heard that it was said...” So who said this? Some traditions among the scribes and Pharisees held this erroneous belief. Because some held that position, Jesus addressed it.

In this passage and in many others, Jesus calls us to a new depth of love that many thought impossible. In fact, even Jesus Himself acknowledged the height of His teaching when, at the conclusion of this passage, He says, “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Too often in life we settle for everything other than perfection. And though we may never achieve that level of holiness in this life, it must be our constant goal. In regard to our “enemies,” perfect love for them must become our daily mission.



So, who is my “enemy?” Though Jesus does not define this for us, we should consider it to be anyone with whom there is some form of tension or discord. Perhaps there is someone who hates or dislikes you and speaks ill of you or treats you poorly. Or perhaps there is someone whom you dislike and find yourself angry at or even judgmental toward. So, begin by trying to identify anyone with whom you have a lack of perfect affection. In truth, there might be many more people on that list

than on the list of those you “love.”

Once you identify those who fall into the category of enemy to one extent or another, consider whether you love them. One Church Father says that we love our enemy “when we are not sorrowful at his success, or rejoice in his fall.” This is a very helpful definition to consider. Ultimately, this is the definition of envy.

If someone whom you dislike succeeds in something praiseworthy, how do you react interiorly? If there is an immediate visceral reaction or if you find yourself trying to figure out why they should be congratulated, then you might struggle with this sin. Or consider what you think, say or feel if you hear that someone you dislike has some problem, gets into some trouble, or encounters some misfortune. The ideal response is empathy and a desire for their well-being. If this is not the response within you, then pay attention to that.

Jesus concludes His teaching by saying that His Father “makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.” In other words, God bestows His perfect love and mercy upon everyone equally. The only difference is that some people choose to accept that mercy and others reject it. As for ourselves, just like our loving God, we must offer love and mercy to everyone equally and as completely as we can. And though some may reject that love, just as they reject the love of God, it must always be offered and never rescinded. This is love of neighbor and love of our enemies.



Reflect, today, upon those with whom you struggle to love to perfection. Perhaps that list is long. Start with those you encounter most often or those to whom you have a strong negative reaction. As you call them to mind, pray for them, for their good and for God’s blessings upon them. Try to see some goodness in them. Try to thank God for them, and try to remove any disordered feelings or thoughts you might have about them. This is the first step in your mission to fulfill Jesus’ new command of love.

*My loving Lord, You love and bestow Your unlimited mercy upon all people, the good and bad alike. I pray that I may always be open to that love and receive it deeply into my own life. I pray also that Your love may shine through me into the lives of those who need it the most. Jesus, I trust in You.*

## What is Lent and Why is it Celebrated?



"The journey through Lent is hard when we go it alone. But if we are with Jesus, and He is with us, we will know the comfort of His Presence and be strengthened by His words and example as we move through these 40 days." - Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA

**SIGN UP TODAY FOR FATHER JOSEPH'S WEEKLY LENTEN MEDITATIONS**

<https://tinyurl.com/bdd4r7b2>

## God's House on Earth

### St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, Italy



This Roman Catholic Church is the seat of Papal power and is located in Vatican City, an enclave in Italy. This church was designed at the height of the Renaissance by the famous artist Michelangelo and has the tallest dome in the world measuring more than 136 meters. It has become the most famous church in the Vatican and one of the most popular tourist sites in Europe. This is the largest church in the world with an internal area of 15160 square meters that stretches over 186

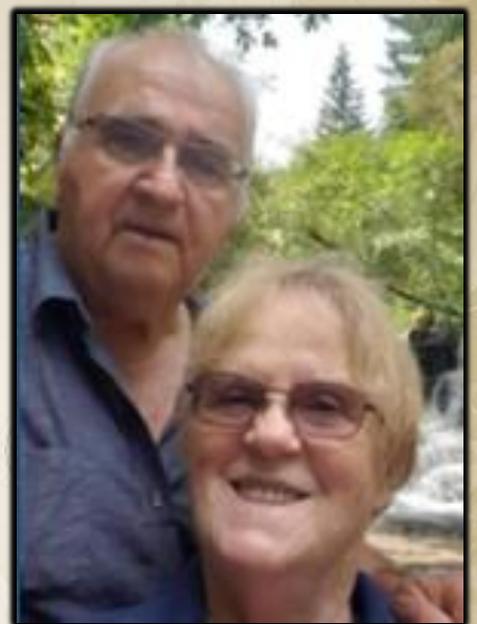
meters in length.

The largest Basilica of Christianity has a capacity of 60,000 people and there are many architects who have worked on the design of one of the most famous churches in the world that includes Donato Bramante, Raphael, Antonio da Sangallo the Younger, Michelangelo, Jacopo Barozzi da Vignola, Giacomo Della Porta, Carlo Maderno, and Gian Lorenzo Bernini. One of the finest examples of Renaissance architecture is considered to be the holiest Catholic shrines and "greatest of all churches of Christendom". For more photos and information:



# 50th Anniversary

*EDee and Dave Steckler*



Dave and I got married February 16, 1973 by a JP in Tacoma, WA as David had to report for duty. We later had a church ceremony at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dickinson, ND with a reception following at the American Legion in Dickinson, ND.

Since we got stationed in the Panama Canal Zone shortly after we were married, I told Dave that it was our honeymoon. A three-year honeymoon. What could be better than that!!



♥ Congratulations, Dave and EDee! ♥



# Heavenly 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, Bill! With All My Love, Karen



William Paul Eibner Jr. married me (Karen Sargent), officiated by Fr. James Schleicher at St. Bartholomew church in Ohio. Bill taught seventh and eighth grade science and religion at St. Thomas Moore School. We married Feb. 7th. 1970. We wanted to be married on Valentine's Day, but it fell during Lent, and the Church wouldn't marry anyone during that time.

One of the unique moments that happened, amongst a few others that day, was that Father told us, "No rice throwing...the birds eat the rice and get bloated stomachs." We made up these lovely long-stemmed rose blossoms out of fabric. All you had to do was flick them, and the bird seed would come flying out. Unfortunately, Bill forgot to tell his students, all of whom were invited to the wedding. They brought their own bags of rice and threw them overhand. "Ouch!" After five years of marriage, we were blessed with four sons, Jason (1975), Chad (1977), Erik (1980), and Kevin (1990). We had 31 years of happy marriage before Bill developed cancer and died Nov. 9th, 2000. He lives on through his four sons and their children.



# Other Online Resources

A Beautiful Video of "The Lord's Prayer:"

<https://www.andiesisle.com/thelordsprayer.html>

Formed Daily Reflections:

<https://watch.formed.org/formed-daily-reflections>

Daily Reflections on Divine Mercy:

<https://divinemercury.life/2022/04/22/reflection-113-an-offering-to-the-everlasting-father-2/>

Chant of the Mystics: Divine Gregorian Chant "O filii et filiae" (2 hours)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuK59jQ5bwU>

Beautiful Musical Videos

10 Popular Hymns to Mary:

<https://youtu.be/MeFJykg1h04>

Music of the Mass (1hour):

<https://youtu.be/aSrbU5kHbTU>

Exquisite rendition of Messiah (I know my Redeemer Liveth):

<https://youtu.be/aW6zJA8W-v8>

Peaceful Holy Hour (soft relaxing chants, 1 hour):

<https://youtu.be/s-ZWahol1Bg>

"Our Father" sung by Andrea Bocelli (you've never heard it like this!):

<https://youtu.be/elh2gnlHP-U>

Amazing web compilation of "Be Not Afraid" by Catholic singers:

<https://youtu.be/RF0DIpFOoBg>

Word on Fire with Bishop Robert Barron

<https://www.youtube.com/user/wordonfirevideo>

Catholic Prayers

<https://catholicity.com/prayer/prayers.html>

Catholic Online (Everything Catholic from A-Z)

<https://www.catholic.org/>

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

<https://www.usccb.org/>

St. Anthony Catholic Church Website: <https://www.stanthonywaldport.org/>

## St. Anthony Catholic Church Information

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Online Bulletin: <https://www.stanthonywaldport.org/bulletins-1>

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/StAnthonyWaldport](http://www.facebook.com/StAnthonyWaldport)

**MASS SCHEDULES as of September 12, 2021**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm; Sunday: 10:00 am

Holy Day of Obligation: TBA

Confession: Saturdays, 3:15 pm-3:45pm and after daily Mass by appointment

Daily Mass: 9:00 am Tuesday-Friday

First Friday Mass: 9:00 am, Anointing of the Sick (Adoration and Benediction)

All Friday Masses: 9:00 am Adoration and Benediction

**Saturday Mass:** 4:00 pm **Saturday Confession:** 3:30 pm

**Rosary:** 30 minutes prior to all 9:00 am Masses

**PRAYER CHAIN**

Email prayer requests to Bruce Buckley: [prayin4u@peak.org](mailto:prayin4u@peak.org).

Phone Prayer Requests to Cherylann Buckley: 541-563-2726.

Prayer Request Book is in the vestibule

**Mass Intention:** Go to our website or use envelopes available in the vestibule.

**DATES OF MEETINGS and SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Choir Practice:** Wednesday, 6:00 pm in the church – Tim Grady: 541-961-2713

**Bible Study:** Wednesdays in parish hall; 9:30 am– Father Joseph Hoang: 541-563-3246

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month after Mass

**Coffee and Pastries:** After Sunday Mass – Jerry Raveling: 541-961-1438

**Our Mission Statement:** Coming together in faith to pray and follow in the path of Jesus Christ, to serve as committed stewards of our Catholic faith through our parish, and to minister with compassion to each other and our community.

**St. Anthony Volunteers & Contact Information**  
**As of January 30, 2023**  
**(Contact Bonnie Rimola for additions/corrections)**

Office	Pam & Bill Lamphear – schedule varies Bonnie Rimola: Monday 8am–11am	541-563-3246 <b>Fastest Response:</b> (stanthonywaldport@gmail.com)
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Church Housekeepers and Custodians	Mary & Lloyd Wiser, Jan Korn, EDee Steckler, Jim Provance	Leave message at office: 541-563-3246
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