

Sunday, Feb 24, 2019
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Love without distinction

An enemy is defined as someone who’s against you. The word springs from the Latin “*inamicus*”—literally, “not friend.” If someone’s not interested in being your *amigo*, why should you be amicable in return? While contrary to instinct, loving enemies is one of the hallmarks of following Jesus, who chooses to lay down his life even for the sake of those who are killing him. Is it risky to open your arms to an enemy? Yes: see crucifixion, above. But if we refuse to love those who hate us, what makes us any different from those who hate?

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38 (81). “*Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.*”

Monday, Feb 25, 2019
Clean from the inside out

Most people may think they’ve left behind those old-fashioned notions of “unclean spirits” found in the Bible and religious texts of an earlier age, but have they really? Researchers have found that a lot of ancient associations about “clean” and “unclean” are still with us, only now we have translated them into the realm of science, health, or nutrition. Think of how concerned people are about the purity of their food and whether their environment is antiseptically clean. It’s all well and good to promote health and guard against disease, but don’t forget Jesus taught that purity and impurity ultimately are questions of the heart.

TODAY’S READINGS: Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29 (341). “*Everything is possible to one who has faith.*”

Tuesday, Feb 26, 2019
The last will be first

“*Will you let me be your servant? Let me be as Christ to you.*” The Richard Gillard hymn with this line has become familiar to many Catholics. Sung at funerals, weddings, Holy Thursday foot washings, and Sunday Mass, the lyrics touch human hearts in their eloquent call to humbly serve the needs of others. Pope Francis, who serves the poor in word and deed, calls us to share in this journey. How can I surrender my need for recognition? How can I serve the needs of others?

TODAY’S READINGS: Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37 (342). “*They had been arguing about who was the most important.*”

Wednesday, Feb 27, 2019
Respond to the need, not the creed

In a commentary a few years back, prelate Gerald Kicanas, former bishop of the Diocese of Tucson, addressed the question of whether Catholic organizations are still actually “Catholic” if they provide services to all people, Catholic or not. His response was clear and pastoral: “The heart of Catholic outreach and social doctrine has been that we are here to serve all, and don’t make distinctions. So in our Catholic schools there are young people who are non-Catholic. In our Catholic charities, we serve people who are in need.” May the measure of your service and outreach always be love.

TODAY’S READINGS: Sirach 4:11-19; Mark 9:38-40 (343). “*There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.*”

Thursday, Feb 28, 2019
Gone but not forgotten?

One of the most significant documents the American Roman Catholic bishops issued in the 20th century was *Economic Justice for All*. Issued in 1986, it calls fulfilling the needs of the poor the “highest priority” of economic policy and employment the “most urgent priority for domestic economic policy.” Economic rights are fundamental human rights, as much as freedom of speech and religion. Some on Wall Street responded: What can a group of bishops know of high finance? A living Christianity, however, will always speak economic justice to economic power. Speak up for human values as expressed in public budgets.

TODAY’S READINGS: Sirach 5:1-8; Mark 9:41-50 (344). “*Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ . . . will surely not lose his reward.*”

Friday, Mar 01, 2019
The graceful gift of friendship

The church’s current sacramental system designates seven ritual moments in the life of the church as occasions of particular grace. Any parochial school child can recite them: the initiating sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist; the healing rituals of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick; the vocations of Marriage and Holy Orders. But if there’s ever room for an eighth candidate, many might vote for a sacrament of friendship. Who hasn’t experienced their closest friends as occasions of grace? And didn’t Jesus “institute” this sacrament just as obviously in the choice of his companions from Galilee to Jerusalem? Express your gratitude to a friend today.

TODAY’S READINGS: Sirach 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-12 (345). “*Let your acquaintances be many, but one in a thousand your confidant.*”

Saturday, Mar 02, 2019
MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Mother, may we?

When parents today chauffeur their kids everywhere or buy them the latest fashion item or cell phone, it’s hard to fathom how invisible kids were in Jesus’ day. While he built an entire ministry on reaching out to the “least of these,” children were the “least of the least”—as we see from the perturbed reaction of the apostles. But Jesus says, “Let the children come to me.” Could it be that Jesus learned his technique at the knee of Mary, his mother and ours, who so often is depicted with her arms held wide to welcome us all?

TODAY’S READINGS: Sirach 17:1-15; Mark 10:13-16 (346). “*Let the little children come to me; for it is to such as these the kingdom of God belongs.*”

"... love your enemies,
do good to those
who hate you ..."
Luke 6:27



Saint Anthony Church
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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 24, 2019

Father Charles R. Danielson, Pastor
Deacon John P. Guarino

Bishop of Burlington: Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne

Parish Office

Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
11:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Closed on Wednesday

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM
Weekday: Monday & Friday 9:00 AM
Holy Days: Consult the parish bulletin

Rectory Chapel

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Religious Education

Coordinator: Mrs. Julie Hamilton, 295-3989, juliehamilton130@comcast.net

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 PM
Baptism: Parents must come to the rectory to get the necessary forms at least one month in advance.
Marriage: Couples must contact the parish at least six months in advance.

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 23	4:00 P.M.	Dorilla LaRose by Fleury, LaRose & Kramer families
Sunday, February 24	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Monday, February 25	No Mass	
Friday, March 1	No Mass	
Saturday, March 2	4:00 P.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Sunday, March 3	8:30 A.M.	Jerry Bachelder by Gary, Karleen and Cathy



Nicole Paro
Ruth Hebert
Richard Temple
Anne Rule
Peter Dailey
Sister Alice Vincent

"Aunt" Bunny Hurst
Patrick Kendall
Mike Temple
Frank Klymn
Theresa Lund

Please also remember others who are in need of our prayers.

Names will be published in our bulletin for one month. If you would like to renew your prayer request after one month, please contact the parish office.

Sanctuary Lamps will burn for:

Saint Anthony
Parishioners
& friends



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need: \$ 3,500.00
Offertory collection February 16 & 17: \$ 3,514.00

**Thank You for Your Support
of Saint Anthony Church!**

Message from Fr. Rick:

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend's Gospel contains some of the most challenging words in Scripture: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you ...".

While some have interpreted these words as a summons to passivity, in fact it is not a summons to passivity. In fact it is a summons to courage and boldness in the face of injustice and cruelty.

The story is told of South African Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu who walked along a sidewalk in South Africa when he met a white man who ordered him off the sidewalk into the gutter. "I don't step aside for a gorilla" the bully said. "Oh", said Tutu, "but I do" stepping off the sidewalk. This is not passive submission. Instead what it is is a sort of "in your face" response to evil by forcing the evil doer to recognize the evil of his action and thus moving him to reconsider his actions. Not by submitting but by confronting the evil directly without giving in to injustice.

Fr. Rick

Low Gluten Altar Bread: If you require a low gluten host for communion, come to the altar with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The celebrant will give you the consecrated low gluten host from a separate paten.

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Pauline McCarthy**, a parishioner who died last week and whose funeral was held here on Friday. May her sister Patti Castellini, and the rest of her family find solace in their faith and in the promise of eternal life with our heavenly Father.*

Parish Office: The parish office will be closed Thursday, February 28. We will open Friday, March 1 at 11:00 a.m.

No Daily Mass: Please note that there will be no daily Mass at St. Anthony Church on Monday or Friday this week.

RCIA: Our R.C.I.A. program meets every Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. Please keep those involved in the program, candidates and leaders in your prayers.

Second Collection: The diocesan second collection this weekend is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. From 1922 to 1991 the Ukrainian people lived under a repressive communist government that restricted both religious and cultural practice. Today Ukraine is still rebuilding from this difficult past. In Kharkiv, Ukraine, women who find themselves in unplanned pregnancies believe that abortion might be their only answer. Many of these women grew up as orphans. But you have given these women an option to protect life. For more information visit www.usccb.org/ceee. We appreciate your generosity. **Please make checks payable to St. Anthony Church.**

Third Order of Mary: The next meeting of the Third Order of Mary will be Sunday, March 3rd at 12:00 noon at the home of Marilyn White, 35 Stacy Lane, White River Jct. You are cordially invited to join us. We pray the Rosary, the Hail Mary, and the *Memorare* daily, as well as meditating on Sacred Scripture and the life of our Blessed Mother. We meet on the first Sunday of each month to pray the Rosary and other Marian prayers, and to support one another in our journey to take on the mind and heart of Mary. Please call Marilyn White (802) 295-3507 with any questions.

Almsgiving Collection: Ash Wednesday is March 6th. There will be a special collection that day to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered, including Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, Project Rachel, Residential Care Homes and the Bishop deGoesbriand Grants for Human Advancement. These grants are awarded to Vermont non-profits which are making a difference in the daily lives of people living in their communities. Please know that every gift, whatever the size, makes a difference. **Please make checks payable to St. Anthony Church.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap." Give the gift of your love to your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are March 15-17 in Isle La Motte, VT and March 8-10 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://www.mevtw.org/>.

Make Our Home, Your Home: Loretto Home and St. Joseph Kervick Residence, Rutland, VT has private rooms and suites available for individuals who require mild to moderate supervision and oversight with daily activities. The exceptional staff provides individualized care that you or your loved one requires to maintain the ultimate level of independence. For more information or to schedule a tour of the homes, please call (802)773-8840.

Haven Food Shelf: Saint Anthony Parish collects your weekly food donations in the basket at the entrance of the church. These are periodically delivered to the Haven Food Shelf. In 2018, our parish – you, our generous parishioners – contributed 1,266 pounds of food. On behalf of the Haven, we sincerely thank you!

Haven: The most needed food items this week are peanut butter, rice, black beans, oatmeal and tunafish. Any non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the top of the stairs. Thank you!

St. Anthony Parish would like to welcome all those who are visiting with us this weekend.