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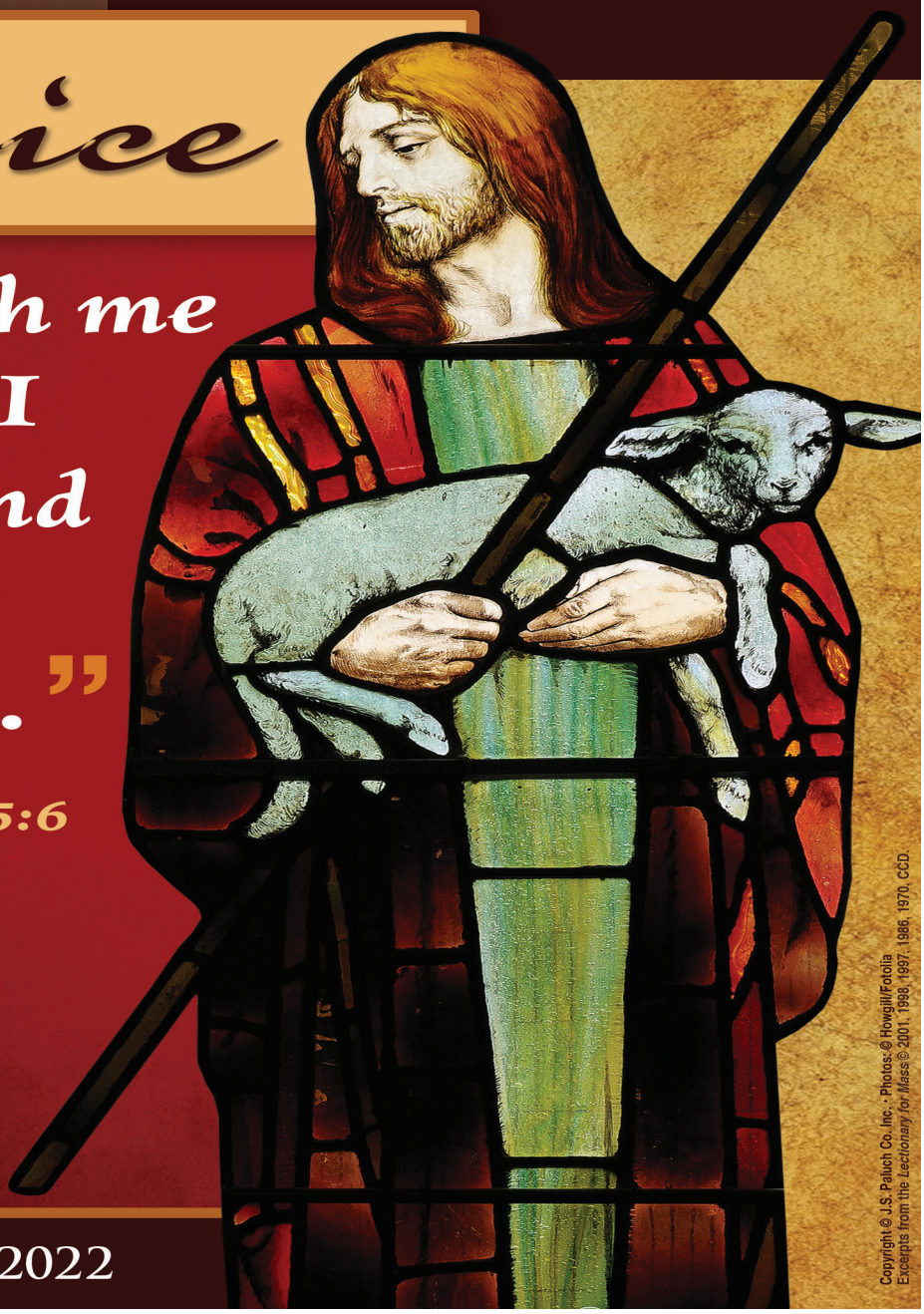
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep."

Luke 15:6



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We pray for your peace as we remember the terrorism attacks of 9/11. May our suffering from these attacks awaken in us an awareness of the pain and fear that so many around the world live with each day. May we know how to pray for those who struggle against oppression and injustice. Amen.

Mass Times

"BIG CHURCH" MCKEAN RD

Sunday Mass:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass:

"LITTLE CHURCH" BERTRAM RD

Saturday Vigil:
4:00 P.M.

We welcome visitors and newcomers to St. Anthony Parish. We encourage new parishioners to register as parish members and become active in our parish community. Registration forms are available on Web Site.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday we have reflected on such an important and beautiful theme called a “commitment” that is understood as an agreement or a pledge to do something in the future.

You might remember that our faith and our church need all of us to be committed in one way or another.

Out of a commitment for the continuation of our religious education at St. Anthony’s, we are in process of hiring Joe Caruso who will gather high schoolers around him by creating a Youth Group in our parish. Joe introduced himself to all our community members and was available to answer any other questions you might have had. We hope that there will be a good number of young people who will sign up for that new and exciting group. We are also looking for some people who would be willing to come forward and teach our youngest ones. Here we need someone who would agree or pledge to help us in the area of our Catholic education.

Speaking of commitment, I appeal to all of you this coming Sunday to please, remember, that we will have a special Offertory Basket with the inscription: “Offering for the Repair of Pipe”. The pipe responsible for delivering water to our fire sprinklers in the church broke down and the cost of repair is $16,000. When you come on Sunday to our church, the pipe will already be repaired. But it will need to be also paid for. I humbly ask all of you to please, set aside some amount of money for this coming Sunday that you can afford and put it into that particular offertory basket. May this donation express your commitment to our St. Anthony Church.

Last Sunday, those of you who have been in the church, have seen me saying some special prayers of blessing in front of the painting that we call the Divine Mercy painting. This painting is very important for our community for several reasons. One of them – maybe most important – that we are a church where more funerals are held than weddings and baptisms.

The Divine Mercy painting with its message shows us that there is an incredible power and potential in prayer. It is through prayer that we invite God of the Universe into a situation and into our lives.

We know about the Divine Mercy Chaplet because of a Polish nun named St. Faustina. Jesus appeared to St. Faustina several times and revealed the Divine Mercy chaplet to her. Through a series of miracles, Jesus showed her the saving power that comes from praying the chaplet of Divine Mercy. He told her: “Write that when they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful Savior” (Diary, 1541).

Aside from the Mass and the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is the most powerful prayer we have. In praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, we offer the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus, which unites our intentions to the sacrifice of the Mass. In other words, the Divine Mercy Chaplet is like an act of Spiritual Communion. Through this chaplet, we obtain forgiveness and intercede for the salvation of souls. Jesus grants plentiful graces to those who pray the chaplet. When someone prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet for a dying person, especially a dying sinner, that person’s soul will find peace, and their hour of death will be a happy one. Jesus promises that “No soul that has called upon my mercy has been disappointed or brought to shame.” (In the vestibule you will find some rosaries with instructions how to pray that prayer).

Let us look with hope at the painting of the Divine Mercy and commit ourselves to praying for the salvation of the souls of our loved ones by saying: “For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world”.

Blessings,
Fr. Tad

Mass Intentions ~ September 10 - September 16

Saturday, Sept 10	4:00 p.m.	Open
Sunday, Sept 11	8:30 a.m.	Bertha and Henry Wadors †
Sunday, Sept 11	10:30 a.m.	Kay Banchero †
Tuesday, Sept 13	8:00 a.m.	Open
Wednesday, Sept 14	8:00 a.m.	Open
Thursday, Sept 15	8:00 a.m.	Open
Friday, Sept 16	8:00 a.m.	Open

Joanne McMillen, Denzil Rout Jr, Stephanie Procker, Barbara Holtsnider, Mary Morrison, Heidi, Preston, Jeff Verne, Dustin Taylor, Kathy Thrash, Colleen Denver Walczykowski, MaryAnn Fox, Mary Jane Dias, Chris Thrash, Roger Rayundo, Mrs. Niem Nguyen, Todd Ericson, Mary Sheehan, Charles Roig, Tony Elliot, Diego Pelayo, Juanita Elizabeth Croker, Luca Colacino, Janice Page, Tracy Riffe, Carolyn Hackett, Kathy Zwibelman, Sean Banchero, Dale Anderson, Rose Flowers, Sally Pfeiffer, Matt Cesario, Jack Williams

To add a name to the Prayer List, please contact the Parish Office: churchstanthony@dsj.org

ANOINTING & CARE OF THE SICK

† If you or someone you know is preparing for surgery, received a recent serious medical diagnosis, or is experiencing the burden of years, please call the Parish Office for Anointing of the Sick.

† Communion can be brought to anyone who is ill or homebound through our Pastoral Care Ministers **or every First Friday of the month by Fr. Tad**, please call the Parish

CELEBRATION OF LIFE - FRIENDLY REMINDER

As Catholic Christians, our funeral and memorial celebrations enable the Christian community to mourn, as well as to hope by focusing on the mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ.

Please, first contact the Parish Office or Fr. Tad if you are planning a Funeral Mass or a Memorial Mass for a loved one at St. Anthony Church.

You will be provided with our necessary guidelines which are established to assist in effectively preparing the funeral rites with individuals and families.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Patriot Day; Grandparents' Day
Monday:	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Tuesday:	St. John Chrysostom
Wednesday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thursday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Friday:	Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Saturday:	St. Robert Bellarmine; St. Hildegard of Bingen; Blessed Virgin Mary

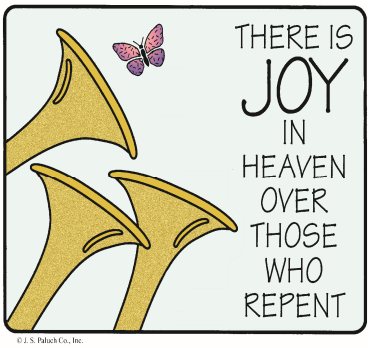
PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

SAFETY

No one is safe by their own strength, but they *are safe* by the grace and mercy of God.
—St. Cyprian



September 11, 2022

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 | 1 Tm 1:12-17 | Lk 15:1-32 or Lk 15:1-10

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I think I lose more things than the average person. Car keys. That magic security card that gets me into my office. My son's birth certificate (the night before the driver's test). And my wedding ring, more often than I care to admit. I can't rest until I find them. Oh, the elation when the missing item turns up! So this is one parable I think I "get." Of course, these items pale in comparison to our value as human beings – sons and daughters of God. Even – or perhaps especially – us sinners. As Jesus tells us, "There will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." What good news for all of us! Rather than wallow in our failures or close ourselves off to God, we are challenged to follow Paul's example and turn to God for our strength – we can turn to him knowing we are loved, valued, and cherished.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I confess I sometimes feel unworthy to become very active in my parish. I've made more mistakes than I can count; so, no, I'll pass on volunteering to be a lector or a catechist. That's a job for the "good Catholics." As we see time and again in Scripture, ours is a Church of sinners. As was the case with Paul, "once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant," the Lord has mercy upon us, and his grace is abundant. Just as he considered Paul trustworthy to lead the Church, he trusts us; we need only trust ourselves. Gaining our strength from God, we can share our gifts through ministry and service. What's more, we can actively reach out to those on the fringes of our parish or those who have left the Church feeling as though they don't belong. Jesus reminds us that all are welcome at his table.

ENGAGE At Sunday Mass, make a point of welcoming newcomers and strangers with a smile or greeting. Consider getting involved in a parish ministry.

That Doesn't Make Sense!

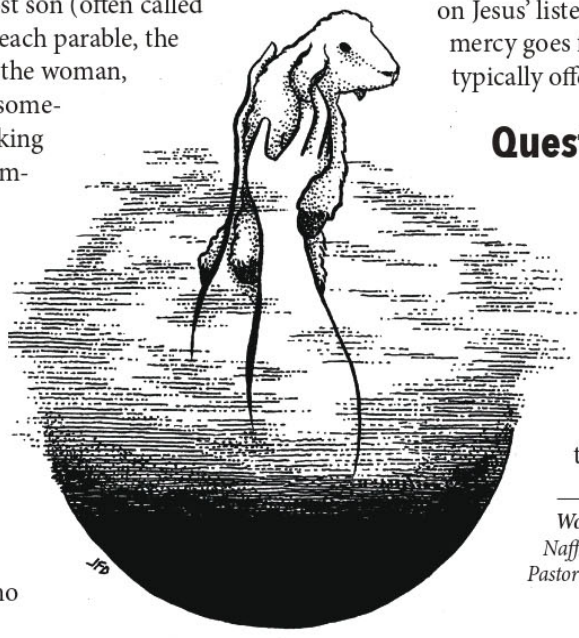
This Week's Readings at Mass

- Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 - The golden calf
- 1 Timothy 1:12-17 - Paul's gratitude
- Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10 - The prodigal son

The first two readings today are a precursor of the Gospel reading. The Exodus reading shows a courageous Moses challenging God to show mercy to the "stiff-necked" Israelites, which God chooses to do. In the letter to Timothy, Paul calls himself the foremost of sinners and relates how Christ dealt patiently and mercifully with him. Jesus then tells three stories of someone seeking someone or something that is lost and celebrating when they are found. These stories are so familiar to us we may not realize how ridiculous and shocking they would have been to Jesus' original listeners. Put together, all of these stories point to God's almost unbelievable love and mercy.

As the Gospel story opens, some good and righteous people are grumbling because of Jesus' choice of company. Once again, Jesus is found hanging around with some shady characters and ne'er-do-wells of whom the religious folks don't approve. To call them on their judgments and teach them about God's ways, Jesus tells three parables that would have left them incredulous: the parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son (often called "the Prodigal Son"). In each parable, the "seeker": the shepherd, the woman, and the father, suggest something about God's shocking mercy and joy in welcoming back sinners which go far beyond what the Pharisees and scribes assumed about God.

"What man among you having a hundred sheep ... would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert ..." Jesus begins, knowing full well that no shepherd in his right mind would risk the safety of the majority to save just one. "Or what woman having ten coins and losing one..." he continues, knowing that typically women wouldn't spend more than the lost coin was worth to celebrate with her friends and neighbors when she finds it. Finally, he tells the famous Prodigal Son story, which today still riles up "older brothers" about God's fairness. Put together, the three parables are meant to have a shock effect on Jesus' listeners, leaving no doubt that God's mercy goes far above and beyond what humans typically offer to each other.



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"Rejoice with me for I have found my lost sheep."

Sheepish Question:

Hmm...how can I be a good shepherd?

Questions of the Week

1. When have you shown someone mercy when others might not have approved of it?

2. When have you been on the receiving end of forgiveness and mercy even though you didn't deserve it?

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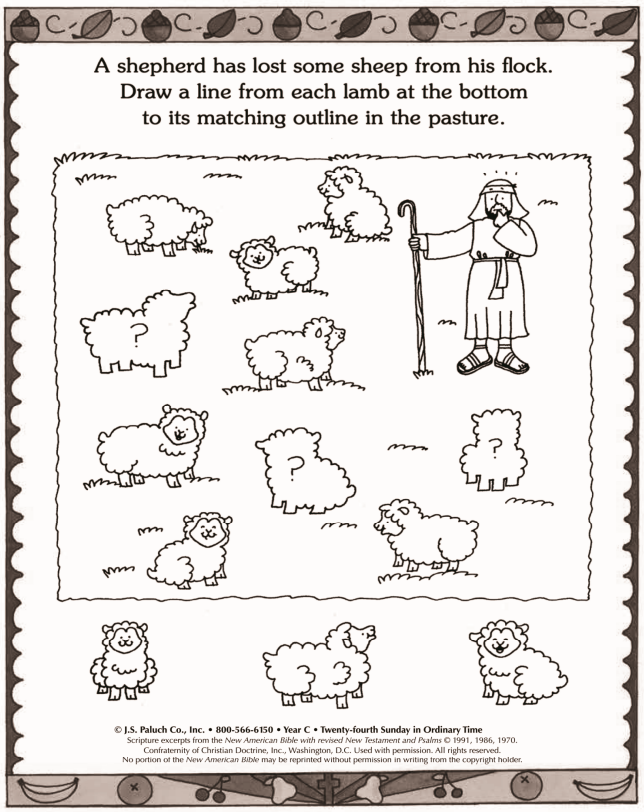
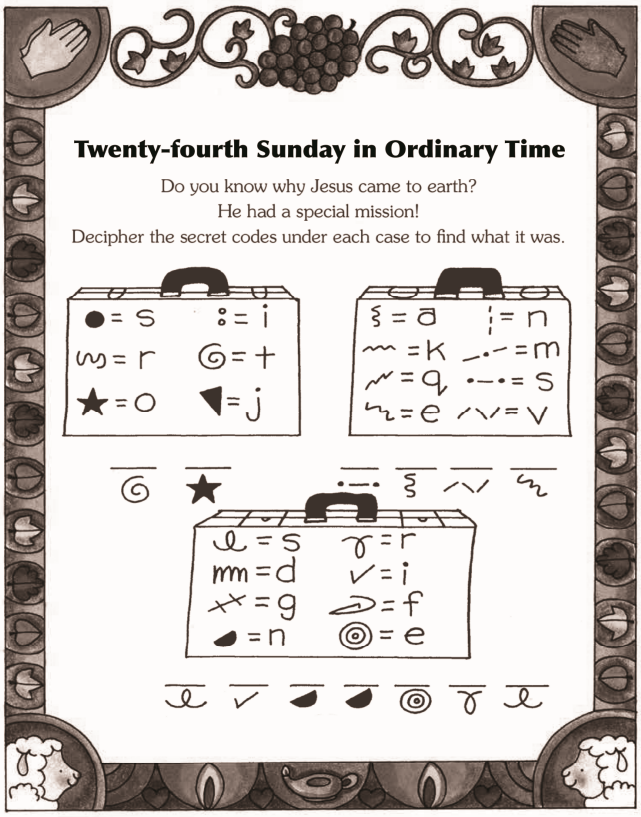
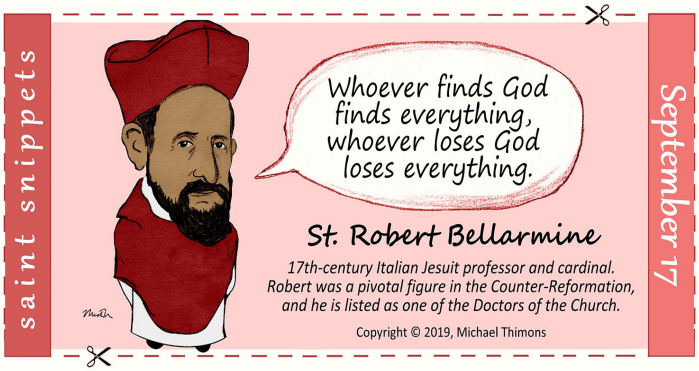
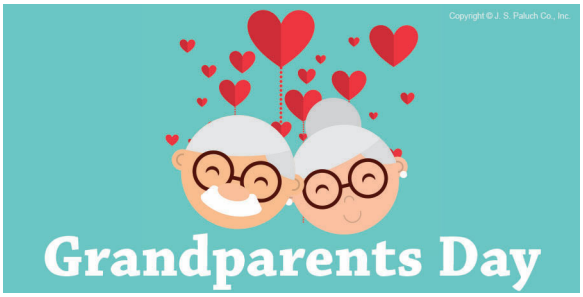
YOUTH MINISTRY

God's Word for Children









Wednesday Evening Bible Study

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study group will soon begin its next study, Epic: The Early Church, from Ascension Press. Join us as we discover the extraordinary story of the Church's first five hundred years—a time of courageous saints, brilliant philosophers, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors, and heroic martyrs. See how the Church Fathers boldly confronted early challenges to the Faith—challenges similar to the ones we face today. Their stories will strengthen and affirm your own walk of faith and encourage you to grow closer to Christ as you gain a deeper understanding of his Church.

The group meets in person at the church every other Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 pm, beginning September 7. For more information, please contact Son Nguyen at sonvan.nguyen@gmail.com.

Youth Choir Begins Rehearsals!

After a beautiful summer, the Youth Choir will begin rehearsals Sept. 7, at 4:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church on McKean. **All are welcome**. Practices are typically an hour. You will also be emailed music links, so you can learn the songs & practice on your own. We **practice every Wednesday in preparation for singing at the 10:30 Mass on the first Sunday of each month.** Our first Mass will be Oct. 2.

Please join us, even if you're not able to attend the first rehearsal.
Email :denise_delong@yahoo.com

I can forward you the song list & links. ***Thank you for helping to make St. Anthony's music ministry so uplifting and glorious!!***

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS AND SINGERS

The 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM choirs are looking to recruit more singers and musicians. We are especially looking for another pianist to help at our Masses. Please consider sharing your talent and joining us in praising God through music.

Rehearsals for the 8:30 AM Mass are on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and Sundays before Mass at 7:30 AM. Rehearsals for the 10:30 AM Mass (The Band Fearless) are on Thursdays at 7:00 PM and Sundays before Mass at 9:45 AM.

For more information, contact Denise Delong at denisedelong68@gmail.com or speak to a choir member after Mass.

GET TO KNOW OUR NEW YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

We are happy to announce that St. Anthony Parish will be hiring Joseph Caruso as our new Youth Ministry Coordinator! Joseph is currently a psychology student at Santa Clara University and is pursuing a career in counseling. He hopes to contribute his experience with youth and mission work to the Saint Anthony Parish community by helping to form a youth group. Briefly, a little about Joe:

- Psychology student at SCU
- Experience with mission work and youth
- Organized retreats for underprivileged youth in San Francisco
- Street missions in San Francisco
- Taught public speaking and debate for Rose Debate Institute
- Private tutoring in philosophy and logic

If you are a parent of youth students please take the opportunity to get to know Joseph, especially when he personally reaches out to you over the coming weeks. **Please join us in welcoming Joseph to St. Anthony!**

STEPHEN MINISTRY Are you or someone you know struggling with emotional challenges like isolation, anxiety over health, grief due to some kind of loss, tension from work, juggling childcare, school, financial strain or job loss, uncertainty about the future or any other unexpected life challenges? If so, you don't have to face it alone. Stephen Ministers provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties. Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support. A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately--by phone, by video chat or if possible, in person--to offer care and support. The service is free and completely confidential. For more information contact Claranne at 408-782-1413

National Catholic Youth Conference
November 10-12, 2022

NCYC held on the West Coast! Join is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones. NCYC is the premiere Catholic youth event on a national scale that gathers people from all across America for a life-changing encounter with Christ. www.dsj.org/ncyc For registration email Mary at mary.jewell@dsj.org

Tuesday Morning Bible Study Returns

The Fall season means a return to our scripture study groups, the Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group gathered in the Big Church this past week and received a warm welcome and blessing from Fr. Tad

Mass Intentions

Do you love someone? When we love another person, we TALK to the one we love, and we LISTEN very carefully to the response from our beloved. We listen carefully because what this person says is VERY important to us. By talking and listening we learn more about our beloved. In Christianity, that loving dialogue between the lover and the loved is called **PRAYER.**

Prayer is extremely simple: it is just communication with God, conversation with God. **One simply cannot be a Christian without prayer**, any more than one can be a Christian without **faith, hope or love**. What communication is to our friendships or marriage relationship with our spouse, **prayer is to our relationship with God**. If we say we love God but do not pray, we lie. For love is intimacy, and intimacy is communication, and communication with God is prayer.

If God is necessary, prayer is necessary, for **prayer is our spiritual lifeline to God**. In prayer, we "**plug in to God"**, the source of all good; we **"charge our spiritual batteries"**, we feed our souls. Without prayer our souls starve.

The highest form of Christian prayer is the Mass. Why? Because at Mass we meet and receive our Eucharistic Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As the Catechism states, ***"The Eucharist…is the culmination both of God's action in sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through Him to the Father in the Holy Spirit"***. (CCC 1325) **At Mass, we join ourselves to the perfect prayer and offering of Jesus to the Father in the Spirit!** By receiving Jesus in Word and Sacrament we become what we consume**….."living images of Christ"**. Fed on His Body and Blood, we depart from Mass to go and **TRANSFORM THE WORLD by our LOVE**.

Now, back to my initial question – Do you love someone? I presume that your answer is **"yes"**, thus, my next question is, **"When is the last time that you had a Mass said for your beloved (living or deceased) spouse, children, parents, friends, or enemies?** Everyone needs prayer. There are NO exceptions. **If you are not prayerfully interceding for the persons that God has surrounded you with, who will?**

Do you know of someone who is unemployed, lonely, sick, facing death, deceased, bitter, an atheist, an enemy…….THEN PRAY FOR THEM and remember that **your gift of the Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest gift of LOVE that you could ever give another person**.

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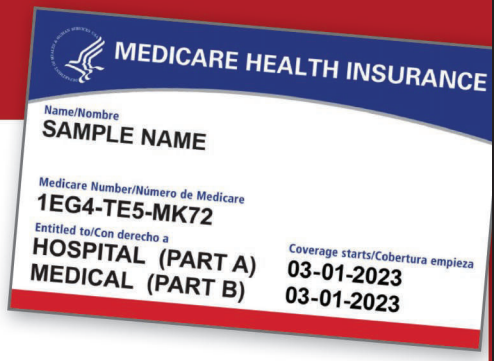

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SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEK: 9/4/2022

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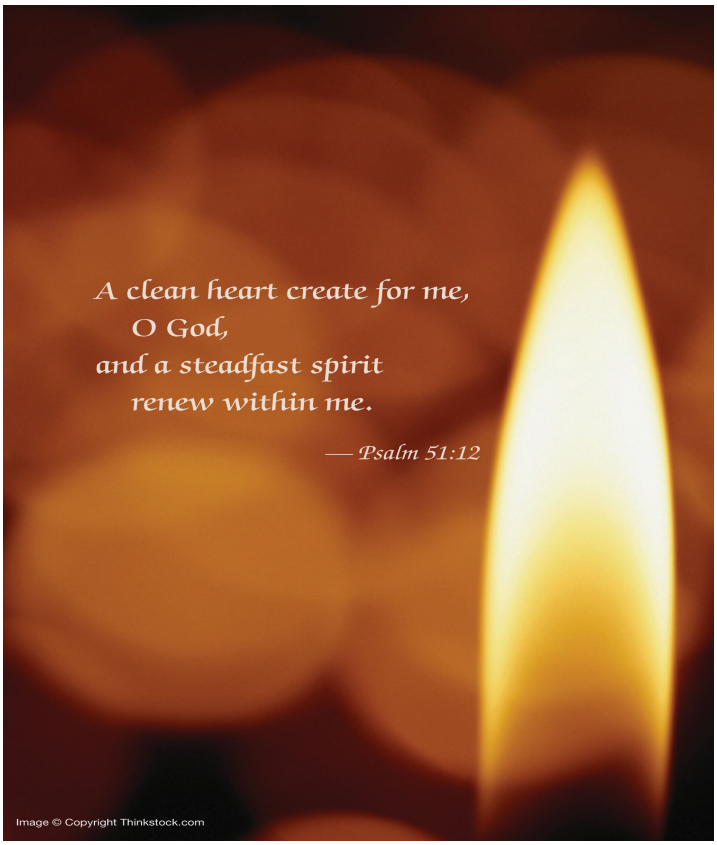

ATTENDING THE ST. ANTHONY PARISH PICNIC????

We encourage you to add an extra $20 to your wallet/purse and plan to purchase a chance at the 50-50 Raffle in which proceeds are dedicated to the "Oak Tree Project" – a proposed site for spiritual comfort and Fund Raising events. Tickets are $20 each and one winner takes 50% of the sales! Good Luck!

Welcome to St. Anthony Catholic Church! We are so glad you joined us today.

Welcome

Would you like to register or learn more about our community? We would love to connect with you.

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Preferred method of contact:

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