



# St. Anthony Catholic Parish

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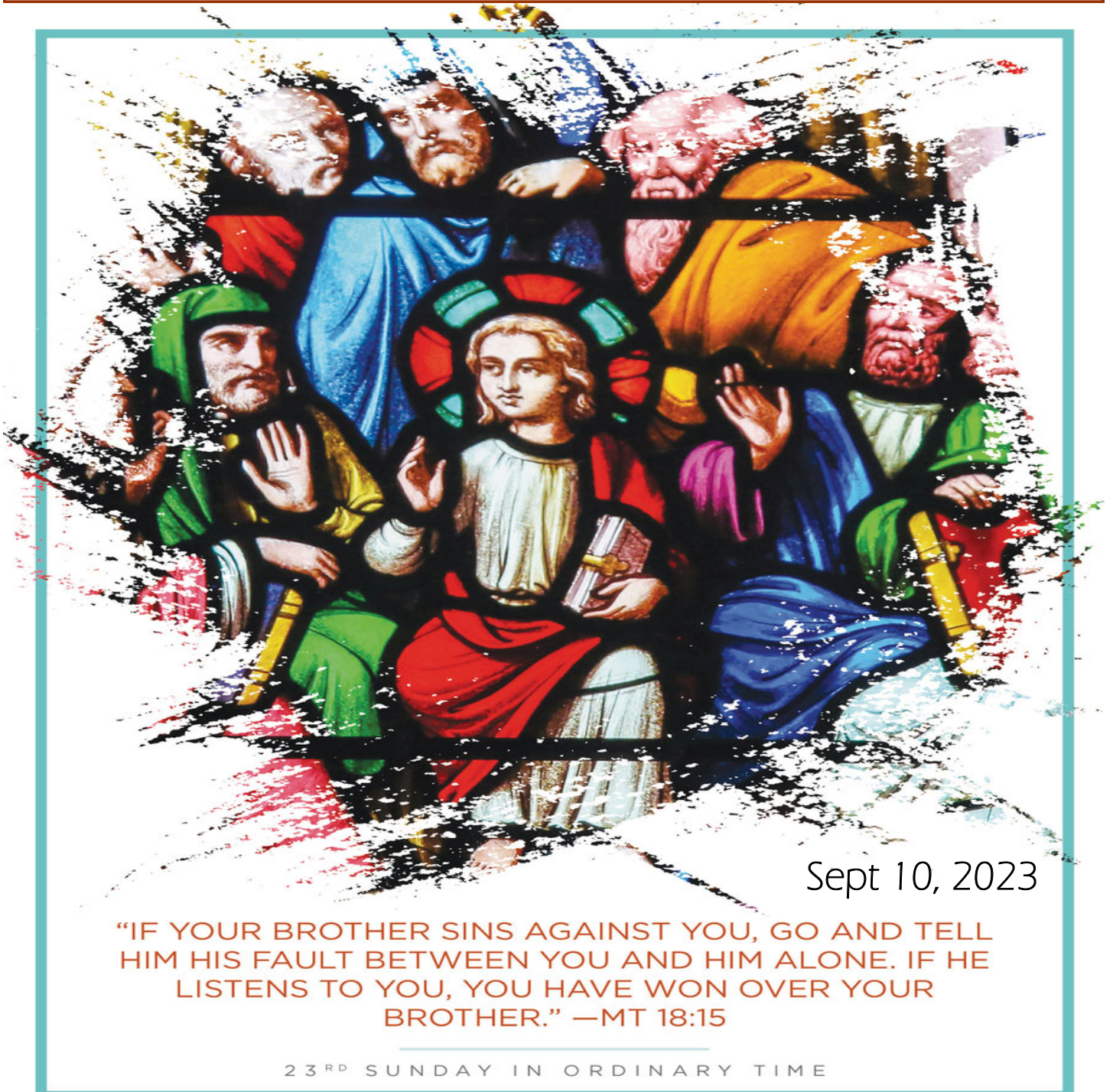
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## Historic "Little" Church

21800 Bertram Rd, New Almaden, CA 95042



Sept 10, 2023

"IF YOUR BROTHER SINS AGAINST YOU, GO AND TELL HIM HIS FAULT BETWEEN YOU AND HIM ALONE. IF HE LISTENS TO YOU, YOU HAVE WON OVER YOUR BROTHER." —MT 18:15

23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Parish Office Hours

**Monday - Friday**  
**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

If you need to access the Church or Office after 3 p.m. please ensure your meeting is on the calendar by sending the details to [churchstanthony@dsj.org](mailto:churchstanthony@dsj.org). Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Annually at the Easter Vigil. Adults or children aged seven or older please call or email the Parish Office

### BAPTISM OF INFANTS

New or expectant parents should contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with the pastor. Infant Baptism is celebrated in Mass. Baptism preparation session is required

### CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS

Classes begin in Fall 2023

### MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the parish upon their Engagement and usually 6 months prior to the desired date of the Wedding Ceremony

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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## Mass Times

### “BIG CHURCH”

#### MCKEAN RD

#### Daily Mass:

**Tuesday - Friday**  
**8:00 a.m.**

#### Sunday Masses:

**8:30 a.m.**  
**10:30 a.m.**



### “LITTLE CHURCH”

#### BERTRAM RD

#### Saturday Vigil Mass:

**4:00 P.M.**



Welcome

*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.*

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements to the Bulletin Editor please submit announcement **no later than Monday by 12 pm** to be added to the upcoming bulletin: please email at [churchstanthony@dsj.org](mailto:churchstanthony@dsj.org)





Dear Parishioners,

When learning a new sport, it is vital to know the rules. Basketball players cannot kick the ball, but they can pass it with their hands; soccer players cannot touch the ball with their hands, but they can use their feet to dribble and kick it; football players cannot cross the line of scrimmage until play begins, but they can move in certain directions beforehand. The rules are helpful, keeping athletes in line so the game can run smoothly, objectives can be met, and goals achieved.

Each of us has our own Christian “athletic” adventure of “running the race toward the prize of the eternal crown” as Saint Paul often analogizes (Cf., 1 Cor 9:24-25, 2 Tim 4:7, Phil 3:14). This is a lifelong route along a path of moral living, striving for holiness. There are waystations designed to nourish and hydrate us: Scripture, Church teaching, the sacraments, and prayer, to name a few. They elucidate for us how to avoid sin and how to do good. They are the rules of the game, *per se*.

This is helpful, for as obstinate humans, clear teaching often comes in handy. This is true especially for children, who need to be taught clear boundaries, often through clear delineation: “Do not steal toys”; “Do help your sister.” Yet as we mature developmentally and especially in our spiritual lives, it is essential to understand the wider context and rationale behind the commandments we heard as children.

Jesus was raised learning all the precepts of the Jewish law – hundreds of commandments. As a faithful Jew, honoring the law was paramount for Jesus. So as we come upon him in today’s Gospel, he is instructing his disciples on how to reprimand sinners. At first glance, it appears that Jesus is reinforcing a rule-based morality. After all, at the time of Jesus, the rules were clear and consequences for breaking them serious. Women, for instance, were stoned on the spot for committing adultery.

In this context, however, Jesus is proposing a more merciful way: Talk to the sinner directly, then bring a witness or two along, finally involve the Church if necessary. Jesus’ goal is not simply to reprimand the sinner but to rebuild the broken relationship. The desire to correct stems from love, the manner of addressing it stems from and manifests love, and all of it is housed within the greater body of love – a community caring for and looking out for its members. The way of Jesus always promotes reconciliation and love.

Saint Paul, in today’s second reading, takes a page directly from Jesus’ teaching when he describes love as the fulfillment of the law. Paul tells the Roman Church that all the negative commandments – what one should not do – can be achieved by the positive directive to love your neighbor as yourself.

Jesus and Paul both knew that a healthy spirituality cannot be maintained by the mere avoidance of sin. God is offering us so much more, namely the pursuit of virtue and the abundant life that comes through love. We need look no further than the gifts of the cross and the Eucharist to see the extent to which Christ was willing to stretch to reconcile us by his love. May the same be true of us, guided by a positive understanding of morality that leads us into right relationship, with God and with one another.

Blessings,  
*Fr. Tad*

## Mass Intentions

### Mass Intentions ~ September 10 - September 16

Sunday, Sept 10	8:30 a.m.	Jose Pires †
Sunday, Sept 10	10:30 a.m.	Jim Fox †
Tuesday, Sept 12	8:00 a.m.	Open
Wednesday, Sept 13	8:00 a.m.	Open
Thursday, Sept 14	8:00 a.m.	Open
Friday, Sept 15	8:00 a.m.	Open
Saturday, Sept 16	4:00 p.m.	Nancy Ignatieff †

## Prayer Requests & Special Intentions

Our Community Lifting Each Other in Prayer

**Theresa Banchemo-McTighe, Don Muger, Catherine Knaresboro, Ed and Doris Cronin, Bridie Alai, Steve Pekarthy, Bronson Phillips, Mary Becker, Delores Schwarz, Karen Golitz-Mabee, Brian Yourstone, Dorothy Castellano, Roy Elkins, Carol Perez, Richard Royal, Helene Eichler, Janet Pryor, Denzil Rout Jr, Barbara Holtsnider, Mary Morrison, Dustin Taylor, MaryAnn Fox, Mary Jane Dias, Roger Rayundo, Todd Ericson, Mary Sheehan, Charles Roig, Tony Elliot, Diego Pelayo, Juanita Elizabeth Croker, Luca Colacino, Janice Page, Tracy Riffe, Carolyn Hackett, Sean Banchemo, Dale Anderson, Rose Flowers, Sally Pfeiffer, Matt Cesario, Jack Williams**

To add a name to the Prayer List **OR** remove, please contact the Parish Office: [churchstanthony@dsj.org](mailto: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** upon request **by Fr. Tad on the First Friday of the month.** Please call

## ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*All are invited to come for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:00 am Mass on Wednesday, **September 13**. This is a wonderful opportunity during a quiet ourselves, sit with the Lord, and to pray with our St. Anthony community. Stay for as long or little as you are able. Adoration will end with a benediction and praying of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm.*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20  
 Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11  
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19  
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26  
 Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49



### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day  
 Monday: Patriot Day  
 Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary  
 Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
 Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
 Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows  
 Saturday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs



“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’” — Mt 18:15-16

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September 10, 2023

## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9 | Rom 13:8-10 | Mt 18:15-20

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

Years ago, I was asked to take in a hound dog and I was happy to do so, but it wasn't until I brought the dog home that I discovered how adamantly opposed my husband was to the idea. When asked, he had never said "no," but he thought I should just know he didn't want the dog. Obviously, we needed to work on our communication skills! Proper communication and what it means to love in relationship are what come to mind when I hear the start of today's Gospel. Jesus is instructing us on what to do when another angers, hurts, or offends us. Not surprisingly, it doesn't include calling our sister or best friend to vent, or posting about it on social media, regardless of how vaguely we word the situation. Instead we are to go to that person directly and "tell him his fault between you and him alone." If they listen, we have won them over. How many times have others hurt us but we never bother to tell them? How often do we simply assume the other person knows they have done us wrong? We owe it to one another to be honest and upfront – to give the other person a chance to apologize and us a chance to extend forgiveness. We also owe it to one another to be willing to receive *them* in charity, open-hearted, when they come to us to speak of *our* faults.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the same way that the Gospel addresses speaking truth to another and "winning them over," the prophet Ezekiel recounts the Lord's instruction to him that he has a duty to "speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way." This, of course, was the role and mission of the prophets. To make known the word and law of God and call the people to respond. A prophet warned, counseled, taught, and encouraged. They called the people to obedience to God, denouncing idolatry, injustice, and empty rituals. Jesus himself came as priest, prophet, and king and by our baptism, "the whole People of God participates in these three offices of Christ and bears the responsibilities for mission and service that flow from them." (CCC 783) Through the centuries, people have tried to do this in various ways – from passing laws to standing on street corners with signs. But let's remember that even as we are meant to "speak out," we are also meant to listen. We too must be re-converted to the truth when we sin; we too must be dissuaded from our wicked ways. This is how we best fulfill our prophetic mission.

**PRAY** Witnessing to Christ in today's world sometimes feels overwhelming or hopeless. Spend some concerted time in prayer with the words from today's psalm: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

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HIS VOICE,  
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HEARTS."**

(Ps 95:7-8)



## A Two-Way Challenge

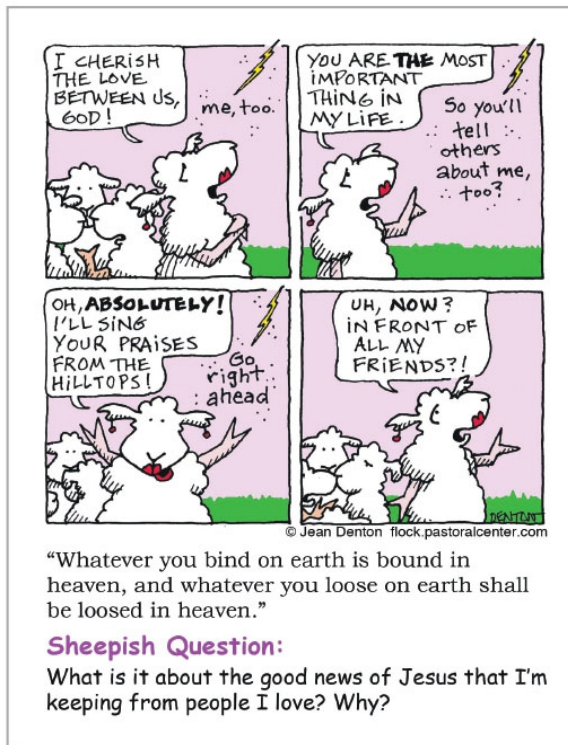
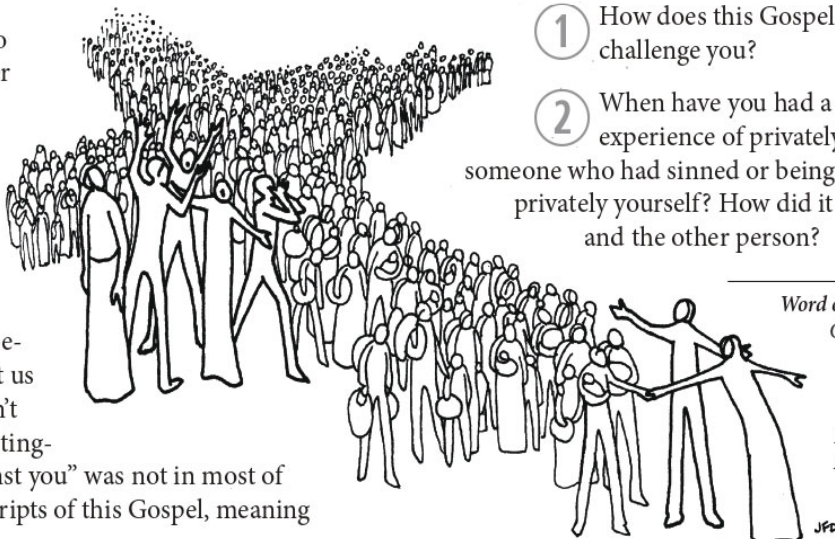
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- Ezekiel 33:7-9 • The prophet a watchman
- Romans 13:8-10 • Love fulfills the Law
- Matthew 18:15-20 • Fraternal correction

The first reading and the Gospel reading today both address the responsibility of believers to call out and name injustice and sinfulness when they see it. In the Old Testament reading, God tells the prophet, Ezekiel, that he must speak out to dissuade wicked people from doing harm, or he will be responsible for their deaths. Likewise, Jesus gives his disciples instructions for confronting those who have done wrong.

Jesus' teaching in the Gospel reading today about reconciling someone who has sinned is a challenge for two kinds of Christians. First, it is a challenge to those in the Church community who judge others publicly—boldly proclaiming in print, from the pulpit, or in the media. It is often easier for an accuser to go public with an accusation than address the matter privately and with more humility and sensitivity first. Jesus is asking such accusers to do the hard work of personal conversation first, which may have the effect of helping the accuser to grow in understanding and acceptance of the “sinner.” (Of course, Jesus isn't asking people to put themselves in danger to do so, for example, asking a victim to approach her rapist in private.)

Jesus' words are also a challenge for other Christians who are too hesitant or timid to call out sinfulness and injustice when they see it. Sometimes we let injustice continue because it doesn't hurt us directly—the sin isn't “against” us. Interestingly, the phrase “against you” was not in most of the ancient manuscripts of this Gospel, meaning



“Whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

### Sheepish Question:

What is it about the good news of Jesus that I'm keeping from people I love? Why?

it was probably added later. So Jesus was calling on his disciples to privately point out their brother's sin (before escalating to a broader audience), regardless of whether they were directly impacted. Jesus is asking for courage here to stand up for any victim who is hurt by another's behavior. When a white person confronts another white person privately for a racist comment, that is the first step toward growth and reconciliation.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 How does this Gospel reading most challenge you?
- 2 When have you had a growthful experience of privately confronting someone who had sinned or being confronted privately yourself? How did it change you and the other person?

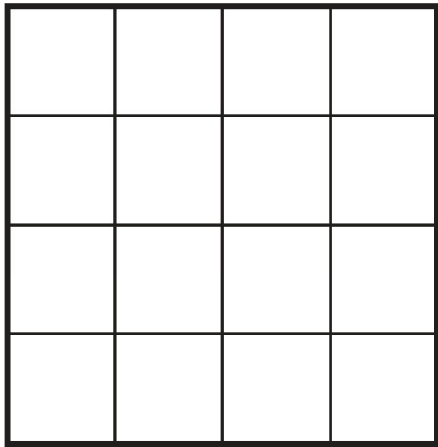
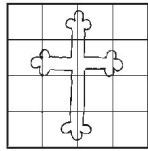
### Word of the Week •

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

### PUZZLE

Enlarge the picture square by square.



### MISSION

Pray for your friends who get stuck in sin.  
Help them out if you can.



## GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE A

### COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 18:15-20

## REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes at Saint Anthony Parish will begin on Thursday, September 7th, 2023.

Registration Forms are available in the turnstile in the vestibule or in the parish office. We would like to complete registration by September 6th so that classes can be set up and material obtained. The cost will be \$80 per child. Any questions, please call Katrina Votaw at (408) 927-8224.

*We hope your children will join us this year!!*



**LET US  
SING JOYFULLY  
TO THE LORD!**



## SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING AND RENEWAL

Safe Environment Training is mandatory for diocesan clergy, employees and active volunteers working with youth or vulnerable adults. **Safe Environment Training must be completed during the employee onboarding process or prior to volunteer participation. Training must be renewed every three (3) years** thereafter for all clergy, employees and active volunteers. The VIRTUS® online training course – Protecting God’s Children – provides flexible accessibility and is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Korean languages.

**Volunteers and employees who serve in Homebound Ministries, bringing the Eucharist to the sick, or serve with vulnerable adults are required to take the combined training course – Protecting God’s Children & Vulnerable Adults – which incorporates the Protecting God’s Children training material.**

Online training is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean languages. Training Website: [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) **Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.**



**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.

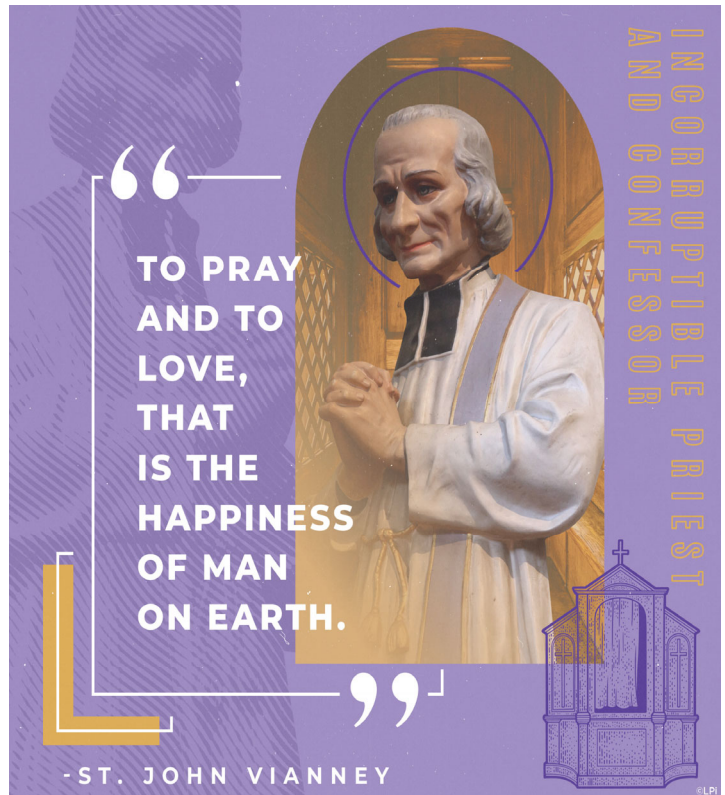
Stephen Ministers provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties. Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support. A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately--by phone, 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

### **TACO THURSDAY SOCIAL** **September 14, 2023**

**Plan to join your fellow parishioners in welcoming back Father Tad at our TACO THURSDAY social on SEPTEMBER 14th from 5-730pm.**

**It’s been a really nice, easy and relaxing event!**

**Everyone should come out and join the close to 80 regulars who have been attending! Bring a drink of choice or a couple of bucks to waive the cost of the delicious margaritas that are provided! See you all on the 14th!**



### **ACUPRESSURE SELF HELP CLASS** **September 23, 2023 from 9am – 11am**


Would you like to learn simple pressure points to help with headaches, migraines, insomnia, anxiety, neck, shoulder, back and hip pain, and improve general health? Then this class is for you.

I’m Elizabeth “Betty” Ko, an acupuncturist for 20 years an acupressure massage therapist for 30 years and a parishioner of St. Anthony’s Church for 39 years. This class will teach you some common acupuncture points to help alleviate pain and improve overall health. They are not in lieu of going to a Doctor for ailments but help with acute situations until you can get to the doctor’s office.

The cost of this class is \$60 for the 2 hour class and all proceeds will be going to St. Anthony’s church. Contact me at [ko.acupuncture@yahoo.com](mailto:ko.acupuncture@yahoo.com) if you are interested. **Sign up will be on Sept 9-10 after mass .**

Hope to see you there.  
*Betty Ko*





NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

**God** is doing  
something  
**NEW**

and he is calling you  
to be a part of it!

**Ready to be part of something  
life-changing?**

**Join a *Jesus and the Eucharist* study at  
St. Anthony Church this fall.**

Seven weekly sessions  
Wednesdays, beginning September 27  
3:00 – 5:00 pm  
or  
7:00 – 9:00 pm

## SIGN-UP FOR SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We are accepting sign-ups for the Sacrament of Confirmation and encourage parents to sign up your children.

[Why it is important to be confirmed?](#)

**Confirmation** is a sacrament of initiation in which the one who is confirmed (confirmandi) receives the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the imposition of hand and anointing with oils by the bishop. This sacrament establishes young adults as full-fledged members of the faith and it is called **confirmation** because the faith given in baptism is now confirmed and made strong. During your baptism, your parents and godparents make promises to renounce Satan and believe in God and the Church on your behalf. At confirmation, you renew those same promises, this time speaking for yourself. During confirmation, the focus is on the **Holy Spirit, who confirmed the apostles on Pentecost and gave them the courage to practice their faith.** We believe that the same Holy Spirit confirms Catholics during the sacrament of confirmation and gives them the same gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude (courage), knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts are supernatural graces given to the soul. It might be a time for your children to experience those graces.



## JOIN THE SMALL GROUPS AT ST. ANTHONY PARISH

Chances are that your faith wasn't received in a single, massive data dump! Instead, perhaps you've found that faith is received through a series of transformative moments, sometimes big, but mostly small, that occur over a lifetime. In Jesus and the Eucharist, we have a wonderful opportunity for growth in our faith and love for the Eucharist. There is always more we can learn!

Join us at the McKean Road church on Wednesday, September 27. We will be gathering at tables of 6-8 people to watch a video together and then pausing to discuss some related prompts with our table group. Small groups like this provide a great opportunity to meet people, all who are at various points in their spiritual journey and yet from whom we can learn so much. This is for every one of us!

Be assured that no one will insist you speak if you don't want to; you speak when you are ready. If you will be out of town for some of the sessions, no worries! Just come when you can. There is no fee and no homework. You are welcome to bring a friend or family members ages 12 years and up, and you can choose to attend the 3-5 pm or the 7-9 pm session. Please contact Sheryl Hydorn at 408-323-1703 with questions or to sign up.

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## 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 Rehearsals for the 10:30 AM Mass (The Band Fearless) are on Thursdays at 7:00 PM.

For more information, contact Denise Delong at [denisedelong68@gmail.com](mailto:denisedelong68@gmail.com) or speak to a choir member after Mass.



ST ANTHONY PARISH

# Outdoor MOVIE NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 23 • 7:15PM  
UNDER THE OAK TREE  
20101 MCKEAN RD SAN JOSE CA

FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT!  
BRING A CHAIR, FLASHLIGHT AND WARM  
BLANKET. POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED!

PLEASE RSVP ONLINE AT  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/2KZNCKUX](https://tinyurl.com/2kznckux) OR SCAN THE QR  
CODE BELOW



Please join us for a free outdoor family night on Saturday, September 23, by the Oak Tree. We will be watching a movie that was shown in theaters a few years ago about the adventures of a teenage girl who lives on a remote South Pacific island with her father, a marine biologist. The movie is appropriate for a young audience, and it is fun for adults as well. Can you guess the title?

We will meet at 7:15PM by the Oak Tree. The movie will start when it is dark enough. It will be chilly, so please bring warm clothing and comfort items to sit in the area near the oak tree: jackets, blankets, pillows, pads, low-profile chairs. We also recommend that you bring a headlamp or a flashlight. Bring a drink but no alcohol and no glass items. **Popcorn will be provided.**

The goal of this event and other similar events that we will have in the future is to connect with and engage with children and teenagers, so that they will think of the Catholic Church as their family, and St. Anthony as their home. Please support our efforts by bringing your children or your grandchildren, and by inviting friends and family. The more the merrier! Children must be accompanied by an adult family member.

Please RSVP online at <https://tinyurl.com/2kznckux>. This will help us prepare for the right number of people.

We need to borrow tarps! If you would like to lend us a tarp for the evening, or if you would like additional information, please contact Sherry Purser at 408-839-5181.

## SUNDAY OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING MASS

**Q. To fulfill the Sunday obligation to attend Mass, how long or for what parts must you be present? What is the penitential rite? Must you be present for that? When may you leave and still fulfill the obligation? If you left for the homily or while Communion was being distributed, then returned, would you fulfill the obligation?**

**A.** The present Code of Canon Law reads: *“On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass.”* It doesn’t say part or parts of the Mass. The expectation is that the person will attend a complete Mass. A Catholic Catechism quotes the canon and states, *“Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.”*

Before Vatican II, moral theologians and canonists would talk about the three principal parts of Mass as the Offertory, Consecration and Communion. If you missed any one of those parts, they wrote, you would not have fulfilled the obligation of hearing Mass.

Today, canonists and liturgists do not use that terminology. They speak of the gathering, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the commissioning as the main divisions of Mass.

And moralists are more likely to speak of substantial observance of the law and what that might mean. They would assert that the law imposes a serious obligation. But some would question whether a person seriously or gravely violates the law if on one occasion he or she does not attend Sunday Mass. And all moralists would acknowledge that to miss a few minutes would not be a serious matter.

If you look at your missalette or recall your experience on Sundays, the penitential rite is part of the Mass. It takes place after the entrance song, right after the priest has entered the sanctuary and greeted the people. It can take different forms. One commonly used is **the Confession of fault (Confiteor) and Lord, have mercy (Kyrie, eleison). So, if you come after these prayers, you are late for Mass.**

Just as there can be excuses for missing Mass, there could be excuses for coming late or leaving early or missing part of the celebration. A parent might have to take a crying child from the church. A person may feel ill or need to use the restroom. There would be no fault in leaving for such reasons. But to step outside because of boredom would hardly be sufficient causes.

A hospital worker may have to leave early, or a mother may have to hurry home to watch children while Dad takes a turn at going to Mass. A traveler may have to make a bus or plane. Surely such reasons would excuse from fault. **But to be first out of the parking lot, no!**

While an emergency may demand that a person leave before the end of Mass, one who has departed before the consecration and Communion can hardly be said to have attended Mass. But the emergency may excuse that person from further effort to go to Mass.



**SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEK:**  
**9/3/2023**

**Giving Method**

Cash \$405

Check \$4,380

Online \$3,970

Collection Total \$8,755

Weekly Budgeted Collection \$7,692

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