



St. Anthony Catholic Parish

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Historic "Little" Church

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Sept 24, 2023



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8

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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. 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

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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.



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



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The moral of today's Gospel parable seems so blatantly unfair. The workers who put in a whole day's work and sweat receive the same wage as those who were there for only one hour? It makes us want to ask, "Jesus, what's going on here?"

And then we remember that envy and discontentment say everything about us, and nothing about what God is doing here. So what is happening in this parable? First, it's helpful to key in on Jesus' use of the phrase, usual daily wage. This was not a great sum by any stretch of the imagination, but subsistence money. It was just enough to live on.

All of the workers, then, needed that wage in order to supply their families with food for the day. Whether they were fortunate enough to get work first thing in the day or later in the day, the amount of money the hired workers had to earn in a day in order to survive did not change. The last group in today's parable must have thought that God answered their fervent prayers that someone, somewhere, would at least give them work before the day was through. They probably expected to receive only pennies for their labor. What a shock to get a "living wage" with which to return to their families!

The point then, it seems, is not about our sense of fairness or justice, but about the behavior of the landowner. He does not act like most owners; his generosity is ... well, scandalous. He offers a living wage to all who work for him, even the one-hour laborers. He understands what it takes for these workers to be able to subsist: to care for their families, eat, pay taxes, and have the self-respect and dignity of work.

When we understand that the landowner is representative of the kingdom of heaven, it starts to make sense. We get a glimpse of the good Lord who offers salvation. It is salvation available to anyone who enters the vineyard, at any time, and is not diminished for one by its distribution to another. The Lord does not offer "partial" salvation, and it is certainly not salvation that we "deserve."

No, he offers the salvation that he knows we need and desire. We are recipients of the Lord's abundant mercy and generosity. His mercy is so outstanding that we can hope only to know, love, and serve him all the days of our life. And whenever someone wakes up to his offer, they are blessed. We have no cause to be envious of the good fortune of another, for ours is equal in measure and justice. Rather, we can praise God for his continuous mercy to us. After all, serving in his kingdom is not drudgery; it is love and grace – all that we could ever hope for – all the days of our life.

Blessings,
Fr. Tad

Blessing of the Animals October 1, 2023

Please join Fr. Tad for a special Blessing of the Animals on
October 1st at 1pm under the Oak Tree
All pets are welcome!



Mass Intentions ~ September 24 - September 30

Sunday, Sept 24	8:30 a.m.	Noah Flora †
Sunday, Sept 24	10:30 a.m.	Joanne Finnerty †
Tuesday, Sept 26	8:00 a.m.	<i>Open</i>
Wednesday, Sept 27	8:00 a.m.	Monica and Catherine Nguyen, Si
Thursday, Sept 28	8:00 a.m.	<i>Open</i>
Friday, Sept 29	8:00 a.m.	Gloria Canlas †
Saturday, Sept 30	4:00 p.m.	Nancy Ignatieff †

Prayer Requests & Special Intentions

Our Community Lifting Each Other in Prayer

Diane Kelley, Theresa Banchero-McTighe, Don Muger, Catherine Knaresboro, Ed and Doris Cronin, Bridie Alai, 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 Banchero, 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

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 home-bound through our Pastoral Care Ministers **or upon request by Fr. Tad on the First Friday of the month**. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Eucharistic



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION October 6

Each moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings joy, pleasure, and delight to his Sacred Heart!

"My joy, my pleasure, my delight is to be with you." (Prov 8:31) Eucharistic Adoration will follow a 6:30 Mass on Friday, October 6th at the McKean Road church. Come to sit quietly in meditation, pray, or read your Bible or other spiritual books, or to simply be in Jesus' presence. All are invited to come at their convenience throughout the night and also for the 7:00 am breakfast that follows the benediction on Saturday.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
 Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
 Monday:
 Tuesday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
 Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
 Thursday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
 Friday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
 Saturday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

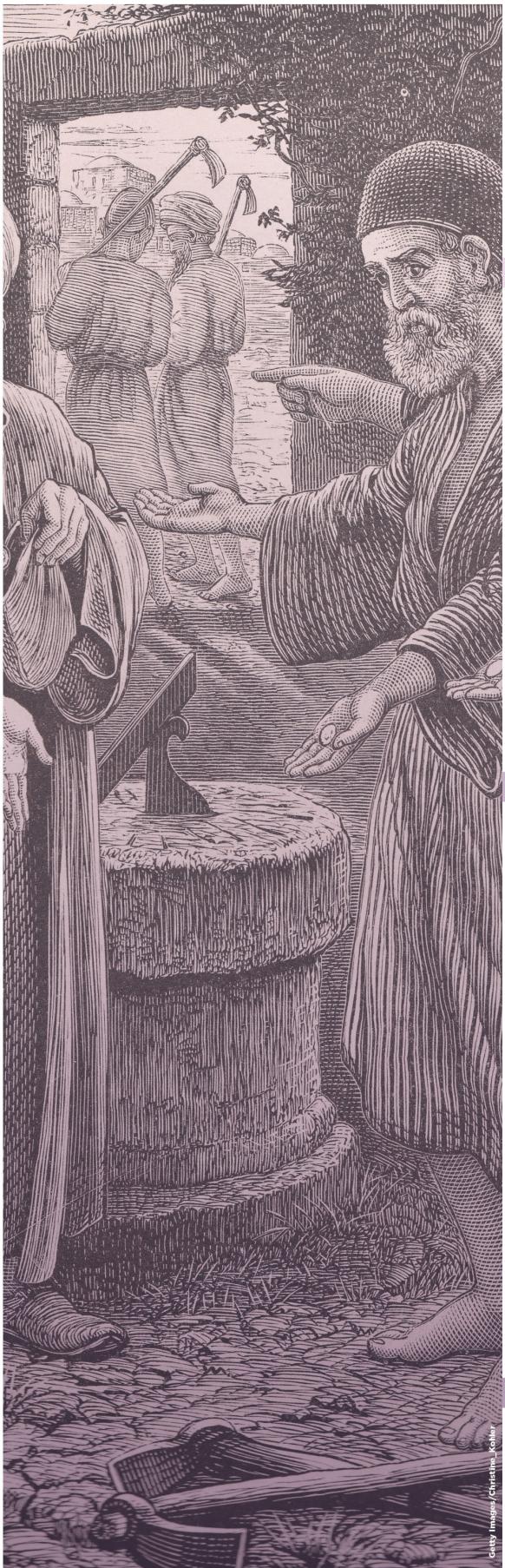


**Saint
VINCENT
DE PAUL**



"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard...When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.'" — Mt 20:1, 8

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September 24, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9 | Phil 1:20c-24, 27a | Mt 20:1-16a

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

Today's readings should bring us great joy. They are a reminder that our Lord may have high standards, but he is also "generous in forgiving" and "near to all who call upon him." In the Gospel, we hear the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. Some work all day while others arrive at the last hour. However, all are paid the same. Similarly, we can all receive God's heavenly reward - whether we are faithful Catholics since birth or converts in our final hour. This parable may evoke mixed feelings for those who see themselves as the laborers who have toiled all day and wonder why their reward is not greater. But rather than making us jealous, this parable should make us rejoice: How wonderful that everyone has the opportunity for everlasting life with the Lord! And what great comfort to know that if we falter and lose our way, it is never too late to return to God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes, knowing that we are the recipients of God's bountiful mercy, we can be tempted to lead a life focused mostly on worldly pleasures. To paraphrase St. Augustine: Make me holy Lord ... just not yet! Of course we know this isn't the right attitude or approach to life, but it's certainly tempting. Let's return to the message of the Gospel for a moment. Yes, the Lord is generous in giving all the workers the same wage. But perhaps equally as important is that we are called to be workers in the Lord's vineyard, and what an honor and privilege that is! Serving in the Lord's kingdom here on earth is not drudgery; it is life-giving and fills us with God's love and grace. Let us recall the words of St. Paul in today's Letter to the Philippians. Although he longs to "depart this life and be with Christ," he knows that staying here on earth means "fruitful labor for me." Let us also strive to keep our eyes on the Lord and labor in his field for as long as we are able.

PRAY The first reading from Isaiah reminds us that the Lord works in ways we can't understand: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Let us ask God this week for the fortitude to reorient our thoughts and ways to his will, not ours, so as to "conduct [ourselves] in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."



Sign up for Jesus and the Eucharist Small groups

Wednesdays
3:00-5:00 pm

or

7:00-9:00 pm

Will begin promptly

Location: McKean Road Church

Dates:

- September 27** – What's Our Story?
- October 4** – Who is Jesus?
- October 11** – Am I Saved?
- October 18** – Why a Church?
(Skipping November 1, All Saints' Day)
- October 25** – God is With Us
- November 8** – Story of the Eucharist
- November 15** – Bread for the Journey

Join in an amazing opportunity like never before to draw closer to Jesus and each other! Catholic parishes all over the United States are providing this special seven-session study that allows time for learning, reflection, and small group discussions. You will be guided through the proclamation of salvation through Jesus Christ and unfold God's saving work in the Eucharist. Each lesson is drawn from audiovisual content created by the Augustine Institute made specifically for this year of Eucharistic revival.

Come to one, some, or all of the sessions. They are designed for you to attend all sessions, but please come when you can! Bring a friend or family members ages 12 years and older. No preparation or homework, and no fee. Just come!

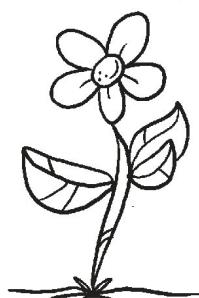
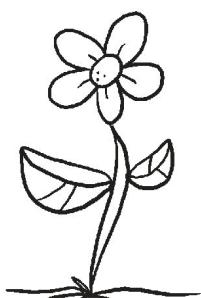
For more information,
please contact Sheryl Hydorn
408-323-1703



YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL
June 2023 – June 2024

 PUZZLE

Find 8 differences.



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 MISSION

Say a special prayer for each person in your family.


GROWING WITH THE *Gospel*
CYCLE A

 COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



 BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 20:1-16a

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!!



**ST ANTHONY CHURCH
ANNUAL COAT AND BEDDING DRIVE
September 30, October 1, 2023
October 7, October 8, 2023**

The Church Outreach Committee will once again be collecting new or gently used coats, jackets, sweatshirts, and warm sweaters to help the unhoused people of our community. All sizes of clothing, from children to adult are needed.

This year we are also asking for donations of new or slightly used sleeping bags and blankets.



Collections of ALL items will take place at BOTH the Little Church on Bertram Road (Saturday, September 30, Saturday October 7 at the 4:00pm Mass.) and at the Big Church on Mc Kean at the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses this year.

Last year we generously gave over 200 items to help our community. We ask you all to continue your generosity.

Thanks so much! If you have questions or suggestions, call or text Bob Ericson at 408-857-3110 or email bob@ericsonfinancial.com



**OUTREACH
TOILETRY DRIVE**

The Outreach Committee distributes personal care packages at Martha's Kitchen and St. Josephs in Gilroy. The package contains the following **full sized items**: soap bar, toothpaste, deodorant and a toothbrush. We hope to distribute 500 bags, so your contributions of any of the above items will be greatly appreciated.

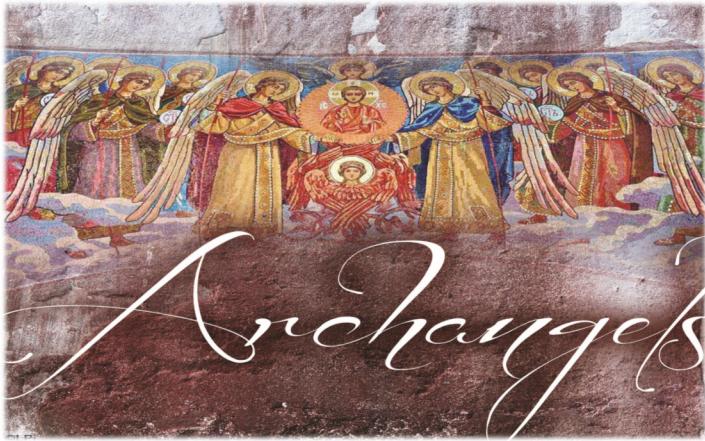
The items most needed are deodorant and toothpaste!

Also, please bring in the toiletries that you have accumulated during your summer travels..... the **unopened** soaps, shampoos, conditioners, and lotions, etc., and place them in the Outreach basket in the foyer. **We will donate all of these items to St Joseph so that families can take what they need.**

We will be collecting the toiletries until the end of October.

This is an excellent opportunity to help the many people in need within our community. Again, we thank you for your generosity, now and in the past.





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

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.



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.

Texting/Email Scam Alert

Please be aware of any email scams or text messages supposedly from our pastor asking for a favor, help, or financial support. Fr. Tad did not, and will not, send an email or text asking for such. Emails from our pastor or any priest in the Diocese use the @dsj.org domain. If you happen to receive a request from a priest for money or gift cards, delete the correspondence and do not answer. Thank you.



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 or speak to a choir member after Mass.



EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE ABOUT WHETHER I AM NOT ASHAMED OF GOD AND THE CHURCH – MUSINGS OF A YOUNG CATHOLIC MOTHER

I know a lot of people who consider themselves believers, but not practicing and not affiliated with any church. I have no problem with that, I do not feel the need to impose on others that my view is the only right one (although I carry the conviction that the Catholic Church is the only right way...). I have no compulsion to force others to live the life I lead. I believe that something else is important here. More important than the word is the testimony of one's own life. For some time, however, a certain problem has appeared in me, a rebellion, discord or inner division.

Parents who do not believe and send their children to religion lessons at school, catechesis before the first communion in church, and at the same time about the relationship with God and with the Church as such, express themselves negatively, sometimes in a crude way. These people who have not been in the Church for years but proclaim theories as if they were their deepest experts insulting dedicated catechists and priests.

A few days ago, once again in recent months, I accidentally fell into the middle of an exchange about religion lessons – this time in the first grade of primary school. What I heard showed how low religious awareness parents have. It also showed that their children could not make the sign of the cross, and recently they were at church for their baptism. However, parents are experts in what is not right in the Church and catechesis. Of course, from the "worst" side.

I was the only person in the whole group who dared to show a different perspective. The only one who spoke about her relationship with God and about the fact that the Church is a special place, because only in it we have access to the sacraments. And about the fact that I am glad that our children have such and not another catechist. I have had many such "clashes", this in itself did not make a special impression on me. Something completely different touched me. I was struck by the fact that there were people standing next to me, whom I see going to Sunday Mass, but none of them spoke.

Are people for whom the Church is important obliged to speak out in such situations? I think sometimes it does. Do we have the right to speak out about the fact that we have different values than those that are fashionable now? We should. Tolerance should work both ways. So why do we remain silent so often?

I know people who practice and try to live close to the Church who will never speak in a company that mocks God. From fear of rejection, sometimes from the feeling of being incompetent or unsure of one's beliefs. They stand and remain silent, thus giving in a certain way a silent consent to evil. At the same time, giving the feeling to those who spit on the Church that they are right, in the end 'everyone thinks so', because if no one speaks up, it must be so, right? And to those who spoke yesterday, they send a signal like "deal with it yourself", I will not lean out.

I'm not saying that being in opposition to the main narrative is easy. I admire people who are able to show their belonging to the Church with prudence, sensitivity and love. From their words comes a firm "no" to offending religious feelings, but they can do it with respect. They distinguish between good and healthy criticism (because the Church is not perfect!) and groundless criticism. They are people who know when and how to react, although they often feel like a lonely island where others throw a ton of smelly rubbish. And no one wants to help them too much.

A new school and catechetical year has begun. If we are Catholics, it is worth considering why. It is worth reflecting on the question about the meaning and about who Jesus is for me, what the Church is for me. It is worth asking for wisdom, because for years conscious Catholics are not the majority who can live peacefully in their bubble any more. It is also worth making an examination of conscience about whether I am not ashamed of God and the Church. It is a difficult art, but perhaps the new school year is a good time for such reflection...

SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEK:
9/17/2023

Giving Method

Cash \$569

Check \$5,060

Online \$970

Collection Total \$6,599

Weekly Budgeted Collection \$7,692

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!
This week's collection is under by \$1,093

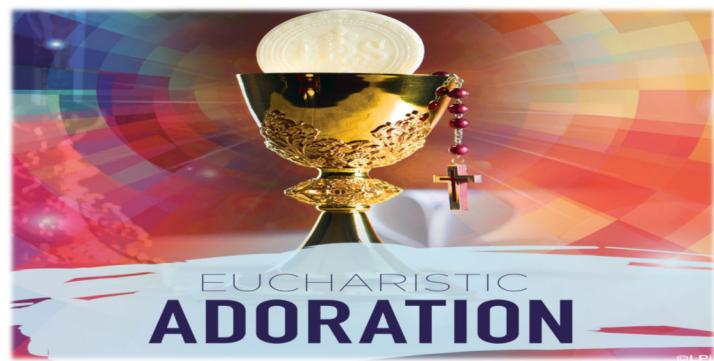
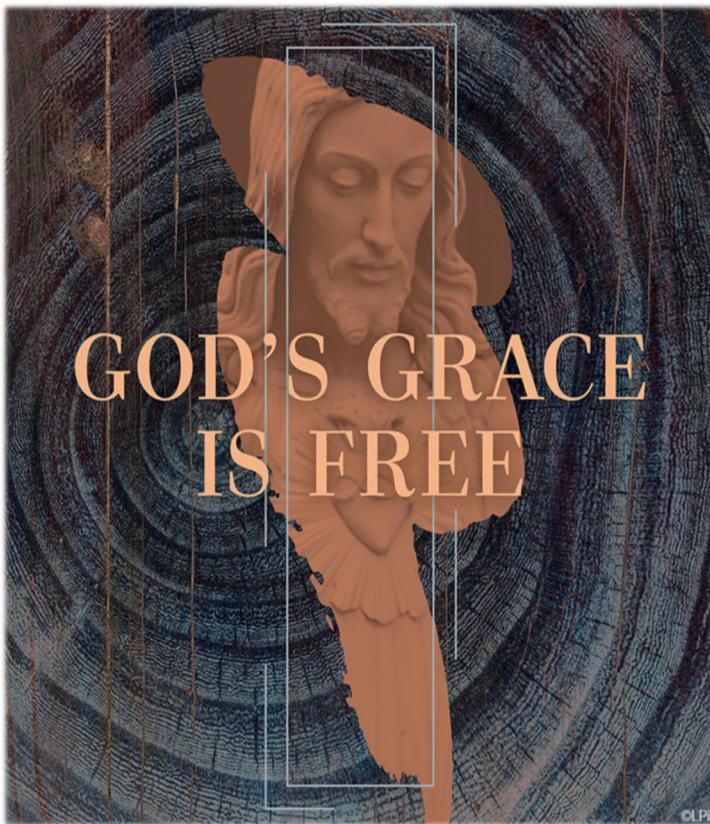
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Daytime Eucharistic Adoration

All are encouraged to come for our next daytime Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, September 13. We are being offered something wonderful – time with our Lord. Come when it works best for you. Adoration begins after the 8:00 am Mass and ends with praying of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and the benediction, completed at 3:00 pm.

Here are the dates through the end of the year:

October 18

November 15

December 13



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:

Home Phone: _____

Email Phone

Cell Phone: _____

Please drop this card at the Information Table in the foyer.
For more information about St. Anthony, please visit www.churchstanthony.com