

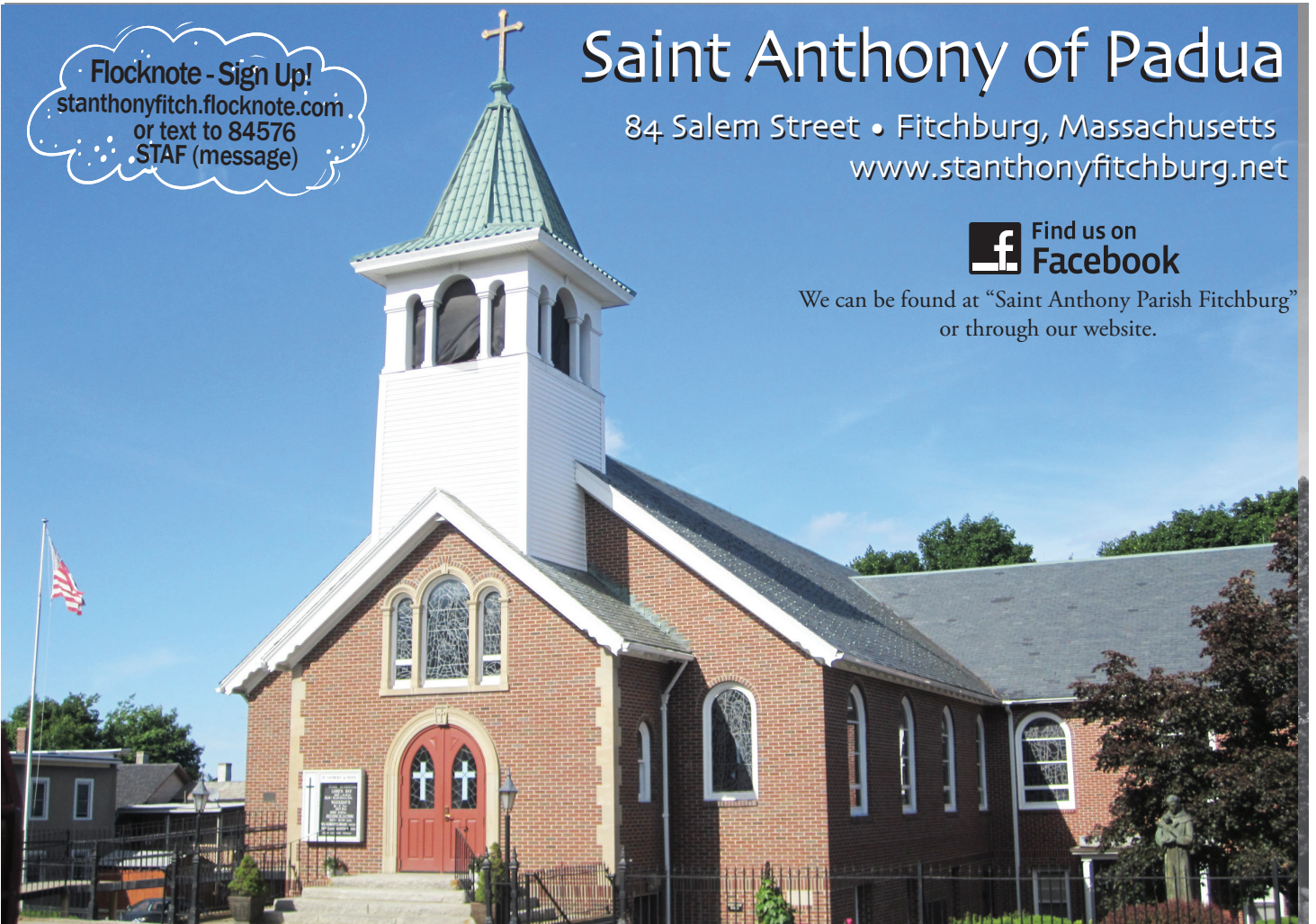
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WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM (livestream on FB)
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM (African)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Vigil at 5:30 PM, 8:00 AM day of

RECONCILIATION

Saturday afternoon 3:00-3:30 PM, or anytime by appointment.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

All are welcome! Please call the church office to schedule an appointment.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA welcomes all those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith.
Please contact Fr. Juan with questions.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Please contact us at least ONE YEAR in advance to begin preparation.

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of the Roman Catholic Church, we believe that God is alive and head of our parish family. We endeavor to be a welcoming, inclusive, charitable and socially responsible faith community. We offer our hearts, our gifts and our time, as we strive to give witness to Jesus' command to love one another. Through the example of our patron Saint Anthony of Padua, we desire to be peacemakers, living the gospel in word and action.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 30th

Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM MaryAnn Michaelian (1st Anniversary)
by a friend

Sunday, August 31st

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

10:30 AM Open Intention
by

11:45 AM BAPTISM: Elouise Mae Friend

12:30 PM Parishioners

Monday, September 1st

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Labor Day

8:00 AM Mark Rollo
by his family

Tuesday, September 2nd

8:00 AM Gloria Baquerizo Torres (90th Birthday)
by Irene Rojas

Wednesday, September 3rd

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Thursday, September 4th

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Friday, September 5th

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, September 6th

Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Ken & Maryann Smith
by their family
Lena Gallant (4th Anniversary)
by her friend Mary Flemming

Sunday, September 7th

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Peter & Marianne Celona
by their niece Angela
All the Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Rojas

10:30 AM Dr. Mark Rollo
by his siblings
Mary Morizzo (Month's Mind)
by her family

12:30 PM Parishioners



St. Anthony Candle Intention:

90th Birthday
Gloria Baquerizo Torres
by Irene Rojas

August 30 - 31, 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." (Luke 14:13-14) One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

READ AND PREPARE

Next Week's Scripture readings

First Reading Wisdom 9:13-18b
Second Reading Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel Luke 14:25-33

PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

The office is closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day.

September Collections

Building & Maintenance – 1st weekend of every month
Parish Religious Education – September 21st
Annual Catholic School Appeal – September 28th

Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday, 9:00 – 1:00.

RCIA News

RCIA – A Journey in Faith. What do we mean by Christian Initiation? This is the process through which an unbaptized person over the age of 7 or a non-Catholic enters fully into the divine life of the Church.

The process includes stages marked by study, prayer and rites at the Mass.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Fr. Juan ASAP at friuanstanthony@gmail.com. Classes begin in late September.

Religious Education News - For those of you who have registered, Fr. Juan and/or your teacher will contact you via Flocknote and this bulletin when class times and days are scheduled. Please keep checking back here. Thank you.



Please pray for the eternal joy and peace of
Paul Hanney
May God grant his family comfort.

Dear Friends,

This weekend's Gospel reminds us of one of the hardest yet most beautiful virtues to live: humility. Jesus tells us, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." The world around us often pushes us to seek recognition, to climb higher, to be noticed and praised. But Jesus invites us to take the lower place, to serve rather than be served, to give without expecting anything in return.

Humility does not mean thinking less of ourselves; it means thinking of ourselves less often, and leaving space in our hearts for God and others. A humble person does not need the seat of honor, because they know their true worth comes from God.

This Gospel also challenges us in a very practical way: *Whom do we invite to our table?* Jesus tells us not to invite only those who can pay us back, but also those who cannot—the poor, the forgotten, the lonely. It is a call to widen our circle and to love without conditions. In our parish, we see opportunities for this every day: when we welcome a newcomer, when we reach out to someone who is grieving, when we serve the needy in our community.

Let us encourage ourselves this week to make a small but intentional choice for humility:

- Give thanks to God for a gift or talent you have, and use it quietly to bless someone.
- Choose the less comfortable seat so another can have the better one.
- Invite or include someone who usually feels left out.

When we live this way, we reflect the heart of Christ Himself, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity so that we might share in His divinity.

Let us keep walking together in humility, trusting that God's reward is far greater than human praise.

With gratitude and prayers,

Fr. Juan

Personal Hygiene Collection for Catholic Charities is Ongoing.

Please bring one or two items and place them in the collection bins at the entrances of the church. Suggested Items Needed: Shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, soap, body wash, small packs of tissues, deodorant (men & woman's), toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, hand sanitizer, lotion, toilet paper, diapers, baby wash, baby lotion, all women's feminine products.



Food Pantry Collection for St. Francis chapter of St. Vincent de Paul is ongoing. Please bring any nonperishable items when you can. If this is something that you have never done before, please, strongly consider it. The collection bin is located at the entrance of the church.

Bereavement Support Group in Jefferson - A grief journey begins after the loss of a loved one and never ends. St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group offers a place to come to feel supported by others who are also experiencing sadness, fear, anguish and loneliness. We are faith based, open to the public and free. The next 6-week session begins on **Tuesday, Sept. 23 through Oct. 28 at 1:00 to 2:30 pm** in the Gathering Room at St. Mary Church 114 Princeton St. Jefferson. Please call/text Beth Cunningham 508-272-6923 or email beth@stmaryjeff.com by **Friday Sept. 19** for any questions or to let me know you are interested.

Fall Festival in Westminster - St. Edward the Confessor Parish will hold its annual Fall Festival on **Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**. It is held on church grounds at 10 Church St. Westminster; the festival has something for everyone! Come and check out locally made and handcrafted goods, raffles, games, jewelry & holiday rooms, and more! Early Bird access to Attic Treasures begins at 9:30 for \$5/person. BBQ Chicken dinners are served starting at noon **by pre-order**.

Call the parish office to place your order - 978.874.2362. We hope to see you there.

Parish Giving

Collection Report for June 2025

Sunday Offerings	\$14,801
Building & Maintenance	1,571
Heating & Air Conditioning	976
*Other Income	300
TOTAL	\$17,648
**Expenses	28,047
Net Income or Deficit	-\$10,399

Collection Report for July 2025

Sunday Offerings	\$18,348
Building & Maintenance	2498
Heating & Air Conditioning	120
*Other Income	34,827
TOTAL	\$55,793
**Expenses	46,767
Net Income or Deficit	\$9,026

*Other Income = Gifts, Mass Stipends, Bulletin Ads, Rental, all other

**Expenses = Utilities, Repairs/Maintenance (including snow/grounds), Property & Health Insurances, Salaries, Church Supplies, Parish Administration, Religious Education, all other



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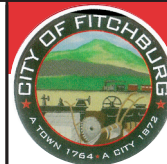
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