



### St. Anthony Lafitte

#### LENTEN FISH FRY

Friday's

Beginning March 7th

ST. ANTHONY PARISH HALL

11 am - 1 pm & 4 pm - 7 pm



### \*\*VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED\*\*

To manage kitchen, serve meals, donate weekly homemade desserts and deliver lunches. We also welcome teens in need of service hours. Please contact the Rectory at 689-4101.

### DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR FISH FRY'S

Fish, Shrimp, Frying Oil, Zatarain's Fish Fry, Long Grain Rice, Great Northern Beans (Red and White), Frozen French Fries 3/8 Cut, Packaged Ketchup, Packaged Tartar Sauce, Prepackaged Utensils, Paper Towels

**Mass Intention Envelopes** are located for your convenience at the entrance of the church. The cost is **\$5 per mass intention.**

Simply drop the envelope in the collection basket, mailbox or the office located at the rectory.



### Ladies Altar Society Announcement!

Now, it's time to start planning the dress up of our church for Easter.

Please, consider donating a Lilly in memory of a loved ones.

Please call **Dale Perrin @ 504-439-2802** or **Roberta Boudlauch @ 504-481-5319**

- Envelopes will be available at the entrance of the church or you may use a plain white envelope with your written request inside.



We wish to remind all parishioners that the 2025 Offertory envelopes are available. Please check at the the entrance of the church to collect your envelopes and sign the sheet to check out your envelopes.

The Holy Father's intention for the month of March is: *"For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences."*



### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*As a Catholic Church Family, we respond to Christ's call, evangelize, and welcome all generations to the Holy Eucharist*

## St. Anthony Catholic Church

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**Pastor:** Rev. Jude Emunemu **Deacon:** Edward Cain

**Office Staff:** Laura Melancon - Bulletin CCD **Director:** Jenea Hatty

**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.  
 Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Masses: 9:00a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
 First Friday Mass: 6:00 p.m.  
 First Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Tuesdays in St. Anthony Church Chapel following Mass and the rosary @ 8:00 a.m.

**RCIA:** Parish Hall - Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

### Confessions:

30 minutes before each of the Sunday Weekend Masses (Sat. 4pm Vigil, Sun. 9am and 11am) or by appointment.

### Baptism:

Second Sunday of the month. The Seminar is the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the rectory for forms prior to seminar.

### Marriage:

Please contact Fr. Jude six months prior to desired ceremony date.

### Funeral:

Please contact Fr. Jude before final arrangements of funeral.

### Anointing of the Sick:

Call the rectory in case of emergency.

### C.C.D. Classes:

Grades K - 11 Tuesdays at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Parish Hall.

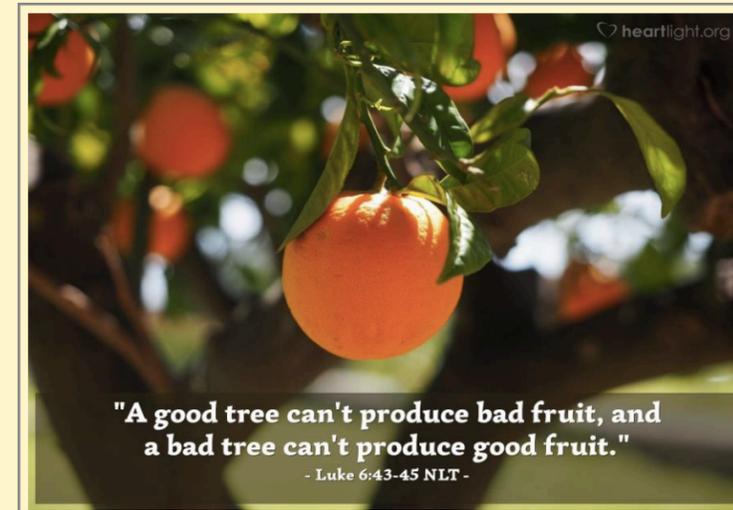
### Ministry to the Sick and Shut In:

Parishioners unable to attend mass and receive communion, please call the rectory.

### Scripture Outline & Reflection

*Sirach 27:4-7;*  
*Psalm 92:2-3, 13-4, 15-16;*  
*1 Corinthians 15:54-58;*  
*Luke 6:69-42*

The fruit of our speech and actions will wither and die (1, Ps) unless we first recognize the plank in our own eye (3). By Humbly admitting out own sins, we can more fruitfully preserve in the work of the Lord (2).



**"A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit."**  
- Luke 6:43-45 NLT -

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

- Pslam 92

**“FOR EVERY TREE IS KNOWN BY ITS FRUIT”**

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus continues his sermon on the mount by giving us practical ways of how we are to live the call to discipleship by never pointing out the mistakes of others without first acknowledging our own mistakes. In other words, we must never be too quick to pass judgment on the actions of others. Instead, we must first be our own judges and honestly condemn our own evil actions and journey towards conversion. In fact, our Christian faith and practice invite us to care for one another and to look out for one another in charity especially in the Christian community. To draw someone’s attention to an evil act carried out by a person or an inappropriate behavior with the intention of helping that person become a better person, is by its very nature, a pure act of charity. Yet, as it is often said: Charity begins at home. The Great Greek Philosopher, Socrates is renowned for his popular saying: *“Man, know thyself.”* Self-knowledge of who we truly are and especially recognizing our own shortcomings and the many bad choices that we make in life, would then become a humbling experience for us, so as not to be overly critical of the mistakes of others. The best act of charity we can offer ourselves is self-knowledge – that is, self-awareness of our *persona*. If we point out the mistakes of others and we, on our part are also guilty of those same mistakes, then, the effort of that act of charity becomes a contradiction in terms. And that is exactly what Christ wants us to guard against in today’s gospel. He does not want us to live or act hypocritically. Hence, he commands us: *“Remove the wooden beam in your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye.”*

In our everyday lives, how might we become more sensitive to our shortcoming and become more open to accept them and held the call to conversion or change of heart? Before we can change the world around us, we must first be changed and transformed ourselves. Change must begin with us if we want to make the world a better place for all of us to live in. At creation, God looked at everything he made, and he declared them good. We, whom he made in his own image and likeness, we are expected by our very nature to exude goodness because the very image of God is goodness – and that is the image in which we are made. By our very nature and calling as Christian disciples, Christ expects us to produce fruits of goodness. As Christ says in the Gospel: *“...every tree is known by its own fruit.”* And so, the question that confronts us today would be: By what gospel fruits might people come to know us? It is by the good fruits that we produce on a daily basis that people will come to know us for who we truly are as worthy disciples of Jesus. But what exactly are these good fruits that we’re talking about and which Christ wants us to produce? Christ wants us to produce good fruits of joy, mercy, kindness, compassion, forgiveness, patience, endurance, love, generosity, tenderness, peace and truthfulness to mention but a few.

This week, we enter into the Holy Season of Lent. And during this season, Christ wants to see us produce good fruits especially, the fruits of repentance and change. He wants to see us making conscious efforts to amend our way of life. What is most important is to be intentional about our resolve to embrace change be the *“better we”* that he wants us to be for him, for ourselves and for one another especially in the Christian community. Is there any store of goodness in our hearts? If affirmative, then, let’s jump right in during this Lenten season and bring out something beautiful and graceful for Jesus. Fruitful living is a matter of the heart. *Lord Jesus, help me with you grace to mirror something of your goodness today and especially during this Lenten season and so, become an instrument of change and transformation in our world. Amen.*

Reflection by:  
**Rev. Fr. Jude Ochuko Emunemu**

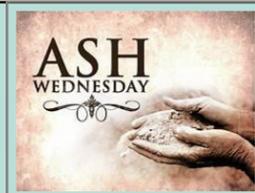


**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross for the Fridays of

Lent will begin by 6:00pm. Meanwhile, there will be 5:30pm evening mass before the Stations. Parishioners are strongly encouraged to attend the stations.

**Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule:**



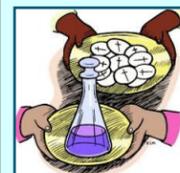
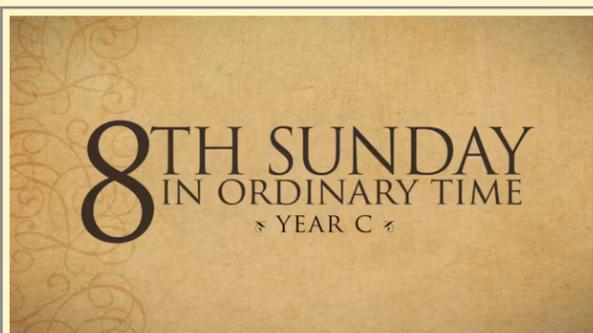
This Wednesday, March 5th, is Ash

Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. The mass schedule is as follows:

- 7:00am Morning Mass
- 6:30pm Evening Mass

**First Friday Mass Reminder!**

This coming Friday, March 7th is the first Friday of the month. As usual, the mass will begin by 5:30pm. And there will be 30 minutes Adoration/Benediction after the Stations of the Cross.



**STEWARDSHIP**

*We gratefully acknowledge all that God has given to us. In gratitude, we have returned to Him.*

**Collections for February 22nd & 23rd**

<b>1st Collection</b>	<b>2nd Collection</b>
\$ 1,399.25	\$ 588.26
Online Giving \$ 502.00	
Children’s Collection \$ 106.00	
Online Giving Fund \$ 33.00	
Catholic Charities Collection \$ 162.00	

**Total Weekly Offering \$ 2,628.51**

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>58</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>

**Electric Bill (Jan.)**

<b>St. Anthony</b>	<b>St. Pius X</b>
\$3,759.78	\$141.01



**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Parishioners and Father John Ryan, Caleb Favaloro, Simon Hingle, Belvina Kuhn Bundy, Roy Rogers, Arthur Matherne, Clavin Wade, Jr., Marie Sevin, Shirley Prestenbach, Eddie Sapia, Jr., Bobby Hale, Jr., Madeline Rojas, Theresa Wiseman, Raymond Griffin, Sr., Shelby Deselle, Joseph Rogers, Jr., Allyn Rogers, Evan Whipple, Nick Dinet, Jerry Lynch, Keith “Ike” Madison, Judith Ann Verdin, Dwight Rudolph, Faye Rae Guidry, Dale Boudreaux McWhorter, Edward Cantrelle, Sr. Lloyd Kraemer, Sr. Rosebud Kraemer, Gareth Ross Leblanc, Sr., Earline Perrin, Martha Pizani, and Lavin LeBlanc.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

4:00 p.m. Sally A. Dufrene  
John C. Heurtin, Jr.  
Gloria Roberts  
Merlyn Olano  
Anna Ruth Harvey  
Mr. & Mrs. Armand J. Griffin  
Raymond Tran  
Conversion of Family and Friends  
Most Abandoned Souls in Purgatory

9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Nina Arcement  
Henry Leon Bailey  
Lawrence Plaisance  
Joyce Bruce  
Betty Ortego  
Florence Knuppel  
Theresa Comardelle  
Alan Cheramie  
Annie Talamo Knobloch  
Repose of Souls of Unborn Babies  
*Prayers for the Living*  
Douglas M. Robin



**Sanctuary Lamps are in memory of**

*Lawrence Plaisance*



We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God’s saving presence, ought to become signs of hope.

-Pope Francis, Hope Does Not Disappoint, 7