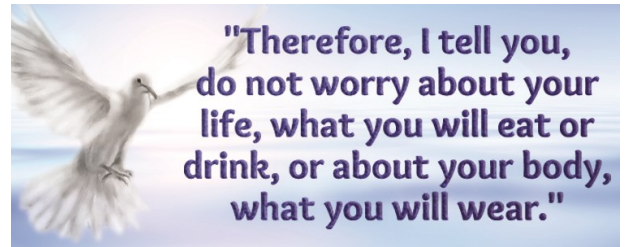


In his pastoral letter, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis points to the importance of an encounter with Christ as the beginning point: Thanks solely to this encounter – or renewed encounter – with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being (The Joy of the Gospel, 8). We rely on the presence of the Holy Spirit to enflame our hearts and open our minds as the beginning point for this encounter with God’s love. As members of Christ’s Body, we also recognize the responsibility we have to witness to the power of faith and the impact of living as disciples in our lives. This, I believe is one of the great gifts of stewardship in the life of the Church: as we “let God bring us beyond ourselves,” we witness to the transforming power of stewardship as “an expression of discipleship.” We evangelize. A reflection question for stewardship leaders: How do you witness to the impact of living as a disciple who embraces stewardship as a way of life?



Eucharistic Adoration:

All are invited to join Adoration each Friday from 8:45 to 11:45 am.

Soup and Stations:

Join us on Fridays during Lent for “Soup and Stations”. We will begin serving a simple meal of soup and bread at 6:00 pm in the Priory followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm in the church. All are welcomed!

Social Apostolate Food Drive:

The next food drive is March 4 & 5. Please place your non-perishable food donations in the bins provided in the rear of the church. Thank you!

Monthly Mass and Healing Service:

Our next Mass and Healing Service will be held on Monday, March 27, at 7:00 pm. Due to Mardi Gras holiday, the February Mass & Healing Service has been cancelled.

Mardi Gras Holiday:

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, February 27 and 28 in observance of Mardi Gras.

Ash Wednesday:

The Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows: 8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 5:30 pm in English and 7:00 pm Spanish.

Lenten Morning of Reflection:

All are invited to this reflection at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor on March 18, 2017 beginning with registration at 8:45 am; Mass at 11:30 am. Call 615-1469 for details.



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Liturgical Ministry

Are you interested in serving at Mass as a Lector or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? If so, please contact the Parish Secretary, Dawnell Anders for details. Thank-you!

Called to *Serve*

Gracious God, You sent us Your Son to show us the way to you. Grant us the wisdom to live out his Beatitudes according to the gifts we have been given. Give us the courage to be good stewards of the Gospel and fervent disciples. And show us how to recognize that through his gift of the Eucharist there is one bread, and we are one body; that we live no longer for ourselves, but in Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



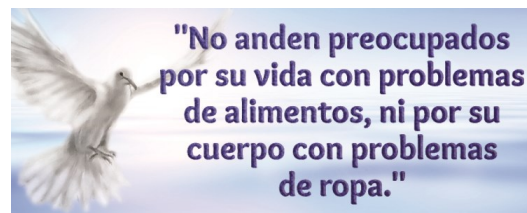
Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat:

There is forgiveness and hope after abortion... If you or someone you love is hurting from abortion, please consider attending this healing retreat. All faiths are welcomed! Date: April 7-9 at Rosaryville Retreat Center. To register, contact Pam Richard at 504-460-9360 or richj504@bellsouth.net.

Give to St. Anthony on-line by going to our website www.sapparish.org, click on the WeShare icon.

Give Online with WeShare

En su carta pastoral, *Evangelii Gaudium*, (La Alegría del Evangelio), el Papa Francisco señala la importancia de un encuentro con Cristo como punto inicial: Sólo gracias a ese encuentro -o reencuentro- con el amor de Dios, que se convierte en feliz amistad, somos rescatados de nuestra conciencia aislada y de la auto-referencialidad. Llegamos a ser plenamente humanos cuando somos más que humanos, cuando le permitimos a Dios que nos lleve más allá de nosotros mismos para alcanzar nuestro ser más verdadero. *Evangelii Gaudium* (La alegría del Evangelio, 8). Nosotros confiamos en que la presencia del Espíritu Santo encienda nuestros corazones y abra nuestras mentes como punto inicial para este encuentro con el amor de Dios. Como miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, nosotros reconocemos también la responsabilidad que tenemos de dar testimonio del poder de la fe y del impacto de vivir nuestras vidas como discípulos. Yo considero que este es uno de los más grandes dones de la corresponsabilidad en la vida de la Iglesia: cuando nosotros, “permitimos a Dios que nos lleve más allá de nosotros mismos,” somos testigos del poder transformador de la corresponsabilidad como “una expresión de discipulado.” Nosotros evangelizamos. Una pregunta de reflexión para los líderes de la corresponsabilidad: ¿cómo damos nosotros testimonio del impacto de vivir como discípulos que abrazamos la corresponsabilidad como una forma de vida?



Lecturas para la Semana del 26 de Febrero 2017

Domingo

Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Is 49, 14-15; 1 Co 4, 1-5;
Mt 6, 24-34

Lunes

Sir 17, 20-28; Mc 10, 17-27

Martes

Sir 35, 1-15; Mc 10, 28-31

Miércoles

Miércoles de Ceniza

Jl 2, 12-18; 2 Cor 5, 20—6, 2;
Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18

Jueves

Dt 30, 15-20; Lc 9, 22-25

Viernes

Santa Catalina Drexel, virgen

Is 58, 1-9; Mt 9, 14-15

Sábado

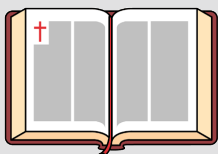
San Casimiro

Is 58, 9-14; Lc 5, 27-32

Domingo

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

Gn 2, 7-9; 3, 1-7; Rom 5, 12-19;
Mt 4, 1-11



Campaña de Alimento para el Apostolado Social:

La próxima campaña es el 4 y 5 de marzo. Por favor, coloque sus donaciones de alimentos no perecederos en los contenedores proporcionados en la parte trasera de la iglesia. ¡Gracias!

Noche Mensual de Alabanza y Culto:

El Apostolado Hispano le invita a una noche de Alabanza y Adoración cada segundo sábado del mes de 7:00 PM a 9:00 PM, 2525 Maine Avenue, Metairie, LA 70003. El Servicio se llevará a cabo en español.

Misa Carismática Mensual:

El Apostolado Hispano los invita a la Misa Carismática el cuarto miércoles de cada mes de 7:00 PM a 9:00 PM, 2525 Maine Avenue, Metairie, LA 70003. La Misa se celebrará en español.

Feriado de Mardi Gras:

La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el lunes 27 y martes 28 de febrero en la celebración del Mardi Gras. La oficina estará abierta el miércoles de Ceniza, 1 de marzo a las 8:30 am.

Miércoles de ceniza:

El horario de misas para el Miércoles de Ceniza es el siguiente: 8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 5:30 pm in ingles y 7:00 pm en español.

Ministerio Litúrgico

¿Está interesado en servir en la Misa como Lector o Ministro Extraordinario De la Sagrada Comunión? Si es así, comuníquese con la Oficina parroquial para más detalles. ¡Gracias!



Adoración Eucarística

Usted está invitado a participar en Adoración Eucarística cada viernes. La adoración comienza a las 8:45am y termina con Bendición a las 11:50 am. Puedes quedarte el tiempo que desees.

Liturgy Intentions: February 25 to March 3
The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAT	Blessed Virgin Mary Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16
4:00	✠Dr. Charles and ✠Josephine Wagner, ✠Ann T. Thatcher, ✠Rene Robichaux, ✠Rose Princ, ✠Scott Landry, ✠Patricia Bopp, ✠Judge Dominic and Inez Grieshaber, ✠Junius Chauvin, ✠Gerry Feugas, ✠Pedro Hoyos, ✠Luis and ✠Antonio Garcia, ✠Esteban Gil, ✠Wanda Ballestra, ✠Fr. Ken Harney
SUN	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34
7:30	Eve Anders
9:00	De LaSalle Christian Bros. of San Francisco N.O. Dist., ✠Eva Couillard, ✠Ester Bello, ✠Felix y ✠Francisca Martin, ✠Elsa Arbesu, ✠Inocencia y ✠Jesus Garcia Hoyo, ✠Esteban Gil, ✠Luis Garcia, ✠Padre Jesus Guerra, ✠Evangalina Balbuena, ✠Carmen Diaz, ✠Benito, ✠Carmen y ✠Benny Borges
11:00	The Parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua
MON	Weekday Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27
8:15	✠The Souls in Purgatory
12:10	Monday Church Ladies
TUES	Weekday Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31
8:15	✠Shannon Paul Graver
12:10	✠Raelyn Bordelon
WED	Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
8:15	Chris and Vanessa Graver
12:10	✠Marie T. Blaum, ✠Joycelyn Dominique, ✠Jorge Garcia Armas
5:30	✠Shannon Paul Graver
7:00 (sp)	✠Rose M. Princ
THUR	Weekday Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
8:15	Bryan and Blanca Eversole
12:10	✠Kurt Ziegler
FRI	Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
8:15	✠Rose M. Princ
12:10	Cheryl Lucich Castanedo
SAT	Saint Casimir Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
SUN	First Sunday of Lent Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

Calendar

- February 27: NO MONTHLY MASS & HEALING SERVICE**
- February 27: Teach Me to Pray meeting cancelled**
- February 27: Office Closed for Mardi Gras Holiday**
- February 28: Mardi Gras Day Office Closed**
- February 28: Parish School of Religion - No class - Holiday**
- March 1: Ash Wednesday Mass schedule: 8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 5:30 pm (English), 7:00 pm (Spanish)**
- March 4: Preach My Psalter Adoration 5 am; Mass 6:15 am**
- March 4: Legion of Mary meeting 10 am in Conference room**
- March 5: First Sunday of Lent**
- March 4/5: Second Collection: Parish Improvement Fund**
- March 4/5: Social Apostolate Monthly Food Drive**
- March 5: Café con Ingles 10:00 am in the school cafeteria**
- March 6: Lord Teach me to Pray 7:00 pm in the Priory**
- March 7: Parish School of Religion 6:30 pm in the auditorium**
- March 7: Renacer en Cristo 7:30 pm in the church**
- March 9: School Mass 8:15 am**
- March 10/11: Christian Brothers School Fair - Main Campus**

Parish Giving for February 19, 2017

Fiscal Year <i>July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017</i>	Collections	Budgeted Expenses	Surplus/ Deficit
Weekend of Feb 18/19	\$3,476	(\$12,000)	(\$8,524)
Fiscal YTD Total:	\$145,477	(\$396,000)	(\$241,999)

The Second Collection for the weekend of March 5, 2017 is for the Parish Improvement Fund.
Thank you for your generosity to St. Anthony!

Mira los pájaros en el cielo; No siembran ni cocochan, no recogen nada en graneros, pero su Padre celestial los alimenta. No eres mas importante que ellos? ¿Puede alguno de ustedes preocuparse por agregar un solo momento a su vida? Mateo 6: 26-27

Catechism of the Catholic Church ~ Paragraph 322
 Christ invites us to filial trust in the providence of our heavenly Father, and St. Peter the apostle repeats:
“Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you”.

Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?
Matthew 6:26-27

Are you interested in serving at one of our Masses?

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Eucharistic Ministers

Edward Miller + 408-7036

Lectors

Greg Ernst + 484-7435 + gregoryernst@cox.net

Ushers

Pat Johnson + 319-1091

Please pray for the Priests of our Archdiocese



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Rev. Ambrose Udeze MSP	27 Rev. Teodoro Agudo OFM Cap	28 Rev. Paul Thien Duy Vu SDD	March 1 Rev. John Mendicoa	2 Rev. Charles Hughes	3 Rev. John Murray	4 Rev. Bruce Flannagan
5 Rev. Joseph Antonellis	6 Msgr. Joseph Lind	7 Rev. Albert Hughes	8 Rev. Gerard Dorgan	9 Rev. Gerard O'Meara	10 Rev. David O'Donnell	11 Msgr. Joseph Alves

PREACH MY PSALTER:

A Dominican Rosary Apostolate

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Eucharistic Adoration

You are invited to participate in Eucharistic Adoration each Friday. Adoration begins after 8:15 Mass and ends with Benediction at 11:50 am. You can spend as much or as little time as you desire.

Legion of Mary

Meetings are Saturdays 10-11am in the conference room. All welcomed. The Legion of Mary is a lay Apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, serve the Church and their neighbor on a voluntary basis.

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish is to develop an atmosphere for the members of our Faith Community to live out the four-fold goals of the Catholic Church: Worship, Word, Service, & Community.

Prayer for Priests

Dear Lord,
We pray that the Blessed Mother will wrap her mantle of protection around Your priests and through her intercession may they be strengthened in their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide Your priests, dear Lord, to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you".
(John 2:5)

May Your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the holy cross for the love of God the Father. May Your priests be Holy, as you are holy. And through the power of the Holy Spirit, may they be filled with the fire of Your love seeking nothing but Your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen!
St. John Vianney, pray for us!

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Bible Trivia

Only in God is my soul at rest; from him comes my.... What?

(Hint: look in today's readings)

Last week's answer:

"Resistance"

(See Mathew 5:38-48)

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