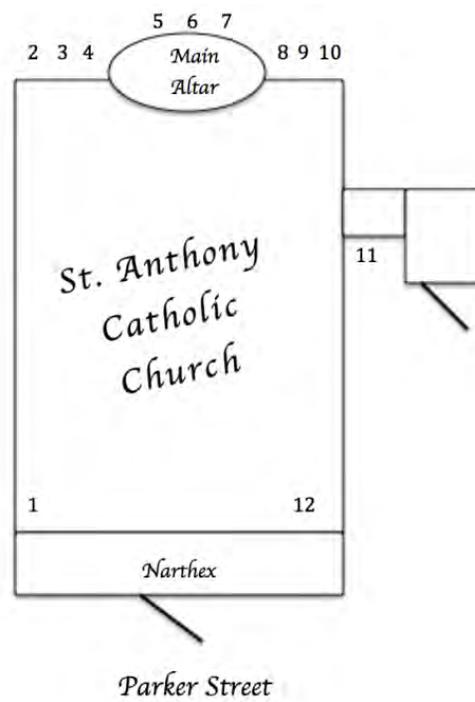


Virtual Tour of St. Anthony Catholic Church



Church Layout

- Numbers denote placement of statues



Main Altar



Statues:



1. St. Anne and Mary

St. Anne is the mother of the Virgin Mary and the grandmother of Jesus. We know her as Anne only from legend as there is no recorded information about her. It is said that she and her husband, Joachim, were very devoted to God. She begged God for a child and promised to give **her child to God's service. Her prayers were answered, and she gave birth** to Mary. St. Anne is the patroness of women in childbirth, homemakers and Canada. Her feast day is July 26.

Prayer: O glorious St. Anne, you are filled with compassion for those who invoke you and with love for those who suffer! Heavily burdened with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at your feet and humbly beg of you to take the present intention which I recommend to you in your special care.

Please recommend it to your daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and place it before the throne of Jesus, so that He may bring it to a happy issue. Continue to intercede for me until my request is granted. But, above all, obtain for me the grace one day to see my God face to face, and with you and Mary and all the saints to praise and bless Him for all eternity. Amen.



2. St. Frances Cabrini

Frances Cabrini was born in Lombardy, Italy in 1850. As a child she wanted to be a missionary to China. She entered a local convent but was rejected due to poor health. She found a job running a small orphanage where she eventually took her vows. She started her own order, The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, whose goal was Christian education for girls. Pope Leo XIII asked her to start an orphanage and school in America. During the next 28 years she founded 67 orphanages, schools, and hospitals. She was canonized in 1946. She is the patroness of immigrants. Her feast day is December 22.

Prayer for Peace of Mind by St. Francis Cabrini: FORTIFY me with the grace of Your Holy Spirit and give Your peace to my soul that I may be free from all needless anxiety, solicitude and worry. Help me to desire always that which is pleasing and acceptable to You so that Your will may be my will. Amen.



3. Mary, The Blessed Virgin

Mary is the mother of Jesus. She was betrothed to Joseph, a carpenter from Nazareth. Before their marriage, the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, revealing God had chosen her to be the mother of the Messiah. Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem for the census, and there she gave birth to Jesus. She was with her Son during His life and death. She is the patroness of motherhood. Her feast days are August 15 and December 8.

Memorare: REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



4. St. Joseph

Joseph was born in Judea or Galilee. He is the husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. It is said that he was a carpenter and righteous man. Little is known of Joseph other than what is written in the Bible; he provided for Mary and Jesus; he taught Jesus his trade of carpentry. He is venerated as the Guardian of the Universal Church and as a patron of a happy death as both Mary and Jesus were with him when he died. He is the patron of fathers and families. His feast days are March 19 and May 1.

Prayer: Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

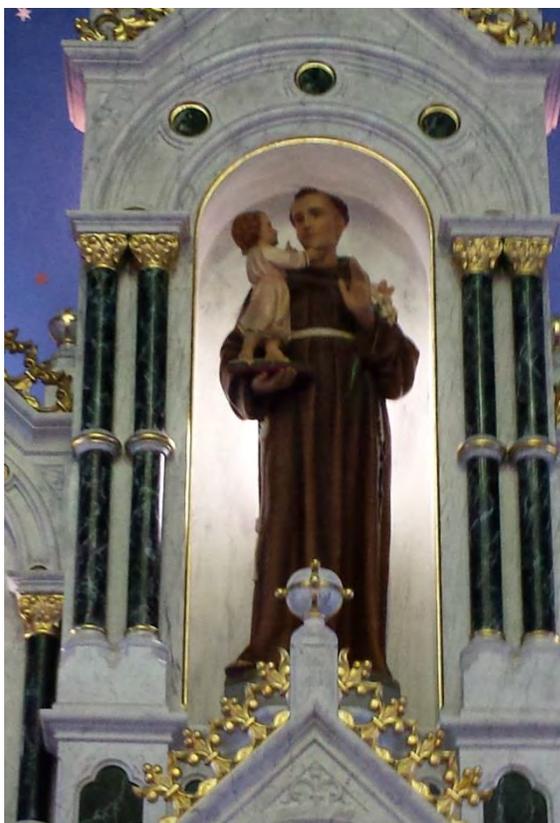
Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls - Pray for me. Amen.



5. **John the Baptist**

John was born in Judea about 6 months before his cousin, Jesus, to **Zechariah, a Temple priest, and Elizabeth, Mary's cousin. According to the Bible, in Elizabeth's old age the angel Gabriel announced to Zechariah that she would give birth to a son. Because Zechariah doubted the angel's prophecy, he was stricken speechless until his son, John, was born.** John led a monastic life and at about age 27 began his ministry to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. He preached redemption and baptized people, symbolically washing away their sins. He publicly criticized Herod **Antipas, who had married his brother's wife Herodias. John was** beheaded. He is the patron of baptism and farriers. His feast day is June 24.

Prayer: O most zealous Apostle, who, without working any miracle on others, but solely by the example of thy life of penance and the power of thy word, didst draw after thee the multitudes, in order to dispose them to receive the Messiah worthily and to listen to His heavenly doctrine; grant that it may be given unto us, by means of thy example of a holy life and the exercise of every good work, to bring many souls to God, but above all those souls that are enveloped in the darkness of error and ignorance and are led astray by vice. Amen.



6. St. Anthony of Padua

Anthony was born in Portugal in 1185. At age 15 he entered the order of St. Augustine but soon left for a quieter monastery in Coimbra. There he was inspired by Franciscan martyrs from Morocco and was willing to give his life to spread the Gospel. He joined the Order of Friars Minor to travel to Morocco. However, he became ill and was to return to Portugal. On the journey his ship was blown off course and he landed in Italy. In Padua he lived a quiet life until he was asked to speak at an ordination. When he spoke, his gift for preaching was revealed. He was a gifted speaker and drew huge crowds to hear him speak. He is the patron saint of the poor and lost things. His feast day is June 13.

Prayer: Dear Saint Anthony, comforting the sorrowful is a Christian duty and a work of mercy. By word, attitude, and deed I should try to brighten their days and make their burden easier to bear. Saint Anthony, Consoler of the Afflicted, may I remember when helping someone in sorrow that I am helping Christ Himself. Kindly mention my pressing needs to Him. [name your special intentions] Amen.



7. St. Lucy

Lucy was born in Syracuse, Sicily. She committed herself to God at an early age and took a vow of virginity. Refusing to be married, her fiancé announced her as a Christian, and she was arrested and condemned to **work as a prostitute in a brothel. When the Emperor's soldiers tried to** take her there, they could not move her. Instead, she was tortured and burned. However, she survived. Her eyes were gouged out, but they were miraculously restored. She died around the year 304 either of her wounds or being stabbed. She is the patroness of eye diseases and the blind. Her feast day is December 13.

Prayer: Saint Lucy, you did not hide your light under a basket, but let it shine for the whole world, for all the centuries to see. We may not suffer torture in our lives the way you did, but we are still called to let the light of our Christianity illumine our daily lives. Please help us to have the courage to bring our Christianity into our work, our recreation, our relationships, our conversation -- every corner of our day. Amen.



8. The Sacred Heart of Jesus

The first feast of the Sacred Heart was celebrated in the Grand Seminary of Rennes on August 31, 1670. The feast spread to other dioceses and the devotion was adopted in various religious communities. The Feast of the Sacred Heart is celebrated 19 days after Pentecost. As Pentecost is always celebrated on Sunday, the Feast of the Sacred Heart is celebrated on Fridays. The devotion to the physical heart of Jesus is the representation of His divine love for humanity.

Prayer: O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.



9. St. Leolucas of Corleone

St. Leolucas was born to a wealthy and pious family. He was orphaned at an early age and devoted himself to managing his parent's estate. In the solitude of the fields, he realized he had a call to the religious life. He sold his estate, gave the money to the poor, and became a Basilian monk. He became Abbot of a Basilian monastery in Corleone, Sicily. He is credited with saving the city during the plague outbreak of 1575. After living 80 years as a monk, he died about 915. He is the patron saint of Corleone, Sicily. His feast day is March 1.



10. St. Therese of Lisieux “The Little Flower”

Marie Françoise Thérèse Martin was born in 1873. At the age of 14, she asked her widowed father to allow her to enter the cloistered order of Carmelites. Her father agreed, but the Carmelite superiors and the Bishop insisted she wait. She went to Rome on a pilgrimage and pleaded directly to Pope Leo XIII asking that she be allowed to enter to convent at age **15. He advised patience and said “you shall enter if it be God’s will”.** Almost a year later she entered the order and took the name of Sister **Therese of the Infant Jesus, later “and of the Holy Face” was added.** She spent her days in penitence, meditation and work. She wrote her **autobiography, “The Story of a Soul” and described herself as the “little flower of Jesus” in God’s garden of souls.** She died at age 24 from tuberculosis. She is the patroness of missionaries and France. Her feast day is October 1.

Prayer: O my God! I offer Thee all my actions of this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to His infinite merits; and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of His merciful love. O my God, I ask of Thee for myself and for those dear to me the grace to fulfill perfectly Thy holy will, to accept, for love of Thee, the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in Heaven for all eternity. Amen.



11. Our Lady of Sorrows

The Seven Sorrows are events in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They are the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Child Jesus for 3 days, the meeting of Jesus and Mary along the way of the cross, the crucifixion, the descent from the cross and the burial of Jesus. The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is celebrated on September 15.

Prayer: O Blessed Virgin Mary, Immaculate Mother of God, who didst endure a martyrdom of love and grief, beholding the sufferings and sorrows of Jesus! Thou didst co-operate in the benefit of my redemption by thy innumerable afflictions and by offering to the Eternal Father His only-begotten Son as a holocaust and victim of propitiation for my sins. I thank thee for the unspeakable love which led thee to deprive thyself of the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus, true God and true Man, to save me, a sinner. Oh! make use of the unflinching intercession of thy sorrows with the Father and the Son, that I may steadfastly amend my life and never again crucify my loving Redeemer by new sins; and that, persevering till death in His grace, I may obtain eternal life through the merits of His Cross and Passion. Amen. Mother of love, of sorrow, and of mercy, pray for us.



12. St. Michael the Archangel

The name Michael means "Who is like God?" Scripture describes him as "one of the chief princes" and leader of the forces of heaven. He has been honored and invoked as patron and protector of the Church since the time of the Apostles. He is the patron saint of grocers, mariners, paratroopers, police and sickness. His feast day is September 29.

Prayer: St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.