

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2015

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Eucharist:

Daily: Chapel 8:30 am
Monday, Thursday: 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon (Spanish)

Next Holy Day of Obligation

April 5, 2015 Easter Sunday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: Holy Hour following 7 pm Mass
Hora Santa después de la misa 7 pm

Office Hours:

Daily (Diario) 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday (Sábado) 10:00 - 12:00 noon

Baptism/Bautizos:

Baptisms in English are the first and third Saturday of each month. Arrangements should be made one month in advance. Parents should be registered parishioners.

Los Bautizos son el 2do y 4to sábado de cada mes. Deben de pasar por la oficina para coordinar la fecha por lo menos con un mes de anticipación. Deben de estar inscritos en la parroquia para solicitar un bautismo.

Marriage/Matrimonio:

Please arrange with the priest at least one year in advance. Por favor de separar fecha con el sacerdote y un año de anticipación.

Reconciliation/Reconciliación:

Every Wednesday (Cada Miércoles) 6:45 PM—8:00 PM

Religious Education/Catecismo:

English: Sunday at 9:00 am in the Grammar school
RCIA Tuesday 7:00 pm in Rectory Meeting Room.
Español: Sábado a las 10:00 am se reúnen en la cafetería de la escuela.

Sponsorship/Godparent Certificates

Those who need a sponsorship certificate to be a godparent must make an appointment with the priest.

Staff:

Ms. Rose Perone, Trustee & English Rel. Ed.
Mrs. Mary Wilk, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Teresa Marin, Spanish Rel. Ed.
Mr. Will Villanueva, Trustee
Mr. Michael Faccone, Office



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Anthony of Padua Parish is committed to the Celebration of God's presence among His people through meaningful, well prepared liturgy, prayerful gatherings, evangelization and faith formation. We recognize and welcome the richness of our culturally and ethnically diverse community. We strive to nurture and develop these differences by encouraging all our brothers and sisters to share their gifts so we may strengthen our community and become one.



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY
22, 2015 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2015**

SATURDAY (February 21)

8:30 JOSEPH ZAMORA/ Dad & Nancy
5:00 FRANCESCA LA ROCCA/ John Sacco & Family
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (February 22) First Sunday of Lent

8:00 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:30 MARIE MC DONNELL/ Angela Verlengeri
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (February 23) St. Polycarp

8:30 JOSEPH CHIRICO/ Kenneth Nascondiglio & Lea
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (February 24) Lenten Weekday

8:30 RUSSELL HARRIS/ Carmela & Jack Genova

WEDNESDAY (February 25) Lenten Weekday

8:30 FRANK ALFANO/ Wife Lina

THURSDAY (February 26) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ANTONIO PAOLOZZI/ Jose Cordero
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (February 27) Lenten Weekday

8:30 RUSS HARRIS/ John Sacco and Family

SATURDAY (February 28) Lenten Weekday

8:30 RICKY APONTE & GIUSEPPE ANTONACCI/
Grandmother & Mom Maria Antonacci
5:00 JUANA E. RODRIGUEZ & CARLOS FIGUEROA JR./
Juan & Livia
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (March 1) Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 MICHAEL CRINCOLI/ Diane & Joseph Pompeo
10:30 GERARDO STANCO/ Wife and Family
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS



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**OUR OFFERTORY
COLLECTION** is shown

below. We sincerely thank all those parishioners and friends who contributed to the parish.

Be assured that the Lord will never be outdone in rewarding those who give even a glass of water in His Name.

Weekly Offering

5:00 PM	256
7:00 PM	265
8:00 AM	170
10:30 AM	518
12:00 Noon	1120
Mail	35
Total	\$2,454

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

Alfonsina Aker	Barbara McMurray
Carmen Alava	John Mariano, Jr.
Oran Bryant	Elvin Martinez
Caterina Campbell	Angelo Meo
Isaac Castañeda	Leonarda Merlo
Orlando Chavez	Nick Netta
Paul Chiusano	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Wayne Cook	Robergeau Paul
Mary Cusmano	Frank Pierre
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Raul Atilio Portillo
Marianna Dubell	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Denise Griest	Edith Quijada
Jared Leonardo Henao	Endy Quijada
Jacob Hinman	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Joshua Hinman	Sergio Ricciardi
Millie Infuso	Isadora Rodriguez
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	Magdalena Rodriguez
Michelle Johnson	John Ruela
Stanley Kuchno	Maria Saavedra
Lindsay LaMarre	Hugo Santa Maria
Tina Lang	Kay Scaturro
John Lapolla	Cira M. Senese
Theresa Lattanzio	John Veltre
Rosa Leon	

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O



LORD! We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Yolanda M. Novello and Josephine Pecoraro.**

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

First Sunday of Lent/Primer Domingo de Cuaresma 2015

Today is the first Sunday of Lent, and in today's gospel we hear about the three temptations that Jesus had in the desert prior to his public ministry. These temptations are in a sense a way to remember the Exodus, all the temptations that the people of Israel suffered before partaking in the covenant with Yahweh, and so be part of the chosen people. At the same time, these three temptations are those that we have. The first temptation, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread..." This temptation is called by many "fathers" of the church, the temptation of the bread. It is as if we were asked, where do you look for or put your security in life? Where do I believe that life is? Where do I look for life every day? Normally I look for it in my job, in my efforts, in my money. So, Jesus answer the devil, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God's mouth." The "Word" has the power to create. Christ put all his trust in his Father, the Lord of life and death. The Second temptation is: "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here ... because God will send his angels to protect you..." This is the temptation of changing the history, yours and mine, not accepting our lives, and all the doubts that life throws at us. But Christ answered the devil very plainly and sharply, "You shall not tempt the Lord your God..." Making very clear that he is the Son of God or what is the same to say, being God himself. Because being God's son knows that his father did not make a mistake in his history, but it is perfect. And God allows nothing without a reason, so the love of God may be discovered. The third one, "I will give you all these if you fall prostrate and worship me..." The temptation of the Idols of the world, money, possessions, power, success, fame, recognition, affections, etc. What do I believe will make me happy? But there is a problem that every idol demands sacrifices of blood, and so we are ready to sacrifice anything, health, family, friends, etc. in order to get what we want. But Christ rejects Satan, "... To God alone you shall worship..." Because the Church is a good Mother, she comes to our aid during this time of lent, so we can fight back these three temptations. How? To fight the first one, the church recommends us **to Fast**, so we can experience that life is not coming from what I eat or drink, that I do not die if I skip one or two meals, on the contrary, it is very healthy not to eat so our bodies can be cleansed. To fight the second temptation, **Prayer**, to have a closer relationship with the Lord, an open channel of communication with God, to put before him all my worries, anxieties, and doubts. And to fight the third one, **Alms giving**, not with the mentality that I will help, or solve the economic problems of anybody, because it is not so, but as a way of helping ourselves. Christ said in the Gospel: "Make friends with the unjust money, so when it will fall short, you will be received in the eternal kingdom..." May God bless you and your families and friends ways.

Hoy es el primer Domingo de Cuaresma, y el evangelista nos presenta las tres tentaciones que Cristo sufre en el desierto antes de comenzar su vida pública. Estas tentaciones son a modo de recordar lo que el pueblo de Israel sufrió en el desierto, y como Yahvé lo prepara para poder hacer de ellos su pueblo, el rebaño escogido. Pero también, estas tres tentaciones de Cristo son las mismas tentaciones que tenemos todos nosotros. La primera tentación, "Si tu eres el hijo de Dios, dile a estas piedras que se conviertan en pan..." Con esta tentación, que es llamada por muchos "Padres de la Iglesia," como la tentación del pan, se nos pregunta ¿Dónde busco yo mi seguridad? Donde creo yo que esta la vida, donde la busco todos los días. Normalmente en el trabajo, en el esfuerzo por mejorar la situación en que vivo, etc. Y cristo responde: "No solo de pan vive el hombre, sino de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios." Cristo pone su confianza en su Padre, el Señor de la vida y de la muerte. La segunda tentación, "Si tu eres el hijo de Dios, tírate por que esta escrito, el enviara a sus Ángeles para que te protejan..." Esta segunda tentación es la tentación de la historia. La misma que tenemos todos nosotros, la de no aceptar mi historia, mi vida, todas aquellas incógnitas y preguntas que nunca se resolvieron, por que ocurrió esto o aquello, por que estoy aquí, etc. Y sin embargo Cristo responde al diablo de una forma sencilla y contundente, "No tentarás al Señor tu Dios." Dejando claro quien es el, el Hijo único de Dios, o lo que es lo mismo, Dios mismo. Por que siendo hijo sabe muy bien que su padre no se ha equivocado, que todo lo ha hecho bien. Y todo lo permite con una razón importantísima, descubrir el amor de Dios, y que fuera de este amor no hay nada. La tercera, "Todo esto te daré si te postras y me adoras..." La tentación de los ídolos del mundo, el dinero, las posesiones, etc. Que creo yo que me va a dar la felicidad. Pero el problema es que todo ídolo nos pide sacrificios de sangre, y por estos ídolos estamos dispuestos a sacrificarlo todo, salud, familia, amigos, etc. Sin embargo Cristo, rechaza a Satanás, "...Solo a Dios adoraras." Por esto mismo, la Iglesia como buena madre viene en nuestra ayuda, y por esto la cuaresma, ya que es muy difícil luchar contra estas tentaciones, por esta razón, para combatir la primera tentación, viene en nuestra ayuda con **el Ayuno**, ver que si un día no comemos no nos morimos, ya que la vida no depende de lo que comemos o bebemos en un día. Para la Segunda tentación, la iglesia nos invita a **Rezar**, importantísimo tener hilo directo con Dios, y que mejor que charlar con Dios através de la oración, y la meditación. Y para la tercera tentación, la de los Ídolos del mundo, se nos invita a **hacer Limosna**, no como forma de ayudar a los pobres, sino para ayudarnos a nosotros mismos. Dice Cristo en otro evangelio, "Haceos amigos con el dinero injusto, para que cuando os falte, os reciban el las eternas moradas." Que Dios los bendiga a todos ustedes y a sus familias y amigos. Feliz Cuaresma.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's Food Pantry will be open once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry is Wednesday, March 18, 2015, from 1 to 4 PM. Entrance is through the 3rd Avenue Basement. Please bring some form of identification.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Our Food Pantry is in need of food. Please drop off your food to help feed those in need of our parish in the baskets at the back of the church or at the rectory.

Lectors for the Weekend of February 28 – March 1, 2015Saturday, February 28

5:00 PM Mark Cosmas

7:00 PM Will Villanueva y Marta Portillo

Sunday, March 1

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert

10:30 AM Francesca Merendino

12:00 Noon Raul Alvarez y Melida Canela

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of February 28-March 1, 2015Saturday, February 28

5:00 PM Avery Kenner

7:00 PM Teresa Marin

Sunday, March 1

8:00 AM Frank Mazza

10:30 AM Cristian Moron & Rita Agliata

12:00 Noon Maritza Puello, Myrna Gonzalaez y Ana Marte

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The parish family of St. Anthony's seeks to reach out and include the sick, the elderly, and the homebound in the life and prayers of our parish.

Please contact the parish office if someone wants to receive Communion or needs to see the priest for the sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick.

Welcome/ Bienvenidos

Welcome New Parishioners! We are happy to have you with us. We would like to invite you to register at the parish office during the week. Registration is essential for sponsor/witness letters. **If you move or change your address, please call the rectory.**

¡Bienvenidos a los nuevos feligreses! Nos da mucho gusto de que estén con nosotros. Los invitamos a inscribirse en nuestra oficina entre semana. Tienen que estar inscritos para recibir cartas verificando su participación en la Iglesia.

Email Registration. Clip and Return. Registro de email. Clip y volver.

Name _____

E-Mail Address _____



***TUESDAY:** Novena to St. Anthony
(After 8:30 AM Mass — Chapel)
7:00 PM RCIA (Rectory Basement)

***THURSDAY:** Holy Hour after 7:00 PM Mass.

7:30 PM AL-ANON - Spanish (Rectory Basement)

***FRIDAY:** 7:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group

***SATURDAY:** 10:00 AM Spanish CCD

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm -- Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading -- The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel -- Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Dios estableció una alianza con Noé y sus hijos y les prometió que nunca más habría un diluvio devastador (Génesis 9:8-15).

Salmo -- Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos (Salmo 25 (24)).

Segunda lectura -- Aquella agua representaba el bautismo que ahora nos salva (1 Pedro 3:18-22).

Evangelio -- Después de los cuarenta días en el desierto, Jesús viene a Galilea proclamando el Evangelio de Dios (Marcos 1:12-15).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;

Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19;

Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



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THE MEANING OF OUR BAPTISM

Lent is the time of year that we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. The psalm reminds us that if we truly keep the covenant, the way of life God expects us to follow will not be a burden, but a source of love and truth. Peter's letter gives one explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal that we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words that Jesus proclaims immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent and believe in the gospel." It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived in our baptismal promises.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Fasting may be a priority in your Lenten spring-cleaning regimen. Almost every religious tradition recognizes that fasting is a key to heightened spiritual awareness. You know this from your own experience. When you are engaged in a hobby, painting a room, keeping vigil near a delivery room, or standing watch at a sickbed, you may simply forget to eat. What you are doing so fills you that the intensity of the action is itself nourishing. In fasting from food, or drink, or habitual behaviors, you make room for what is truly important.

Even though Lenten Sundays stand apart from the Lenten fast, you will notice traces of fasting in our liturgy. We fast from singing the Gloria and Alleluia, we fast from flowers bedecking the altar, and there may be a noticeable drop in the number of infant baptisms as parents elect to wait until Easter. This hints that fasting is a prelude to feasting, and the vigor of our Easter alleluias is rich fare after a long silence. In the same way, even a small fast--no cream in the coffee, no pepper in the soup, no radio in the car--can not only point to deeper hungers, but help us rejoice more fully in the feast when we break our fast together.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

EL SIGNIFICADO DE NUESTRO BAUTISMO

Cuaresma es la época del año que dedicamos a escudriñar nuestras vidas a la luz de nuestro Bautismo en la muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Las lecturas de hoy son como un catecismo abreviado de lo que nuestras vidas de bautizados significan. Tal como Noé pasó por las aguas del diluvio a una alianza con Dios, así también nosotros entramos en una alianza, una relación con Dios prometida por nuestro Bautismo. El salmo nos recuerda que si realmente vivimos la alianza, el modo de vida que Dios quiere que vivamos no va a ser una carga, sino una fuente de amor y verdad. La carta de Pedro ofrece una explicación de lo que significa nuestro bautismo: es una plegaria a Dios pidiendo una buena conciencia. ¿Cómo obtenemos esta buena conciencia? Las palabras que Jesús proclama justo después de su tentación nos señala el camino: "Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio". Podría ser un buen ejercicio espiritual mantener estas lecturas a nuestro alcance durante todo el tiempo de Cuaresma, un medio para ayudarnos a volver a una vida vivida según nuestras promesas bautismales.

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LA CALIDAD DEL CAMBIO

Cambiar, y cambiar para algo mejor, son dos cosas muy diferentes.

--Proverbio alemán

LA BELLEZA DEL PERDÓN

La humanidad nunca es tan hermosa como cuando reza implorando perdón o cuando perdona a otro.

--Jean P. F. Richter