

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2016

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Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor
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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

March 27, 2016 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 Saturday (Cada Sábado) 4:00 PM—5:00 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.
Sr. Marie Charitina, S.C., Dir. Rel. Education
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 7, 2016 TO FEBRUARY 13, 2016**

SATURDAY (February 6) St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:30 BESSIE GIACALONE/ Rich & Mae Siano
 5:00 BRUNO & DOLORES KURDYLA/ Daughters
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (February 7) Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 GAETANO COLLETTI/ Sons of Peterstown
 10:30 GERARDO STANCO/ Wife Pasqualina & Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (February 8) St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bahita

8:30 BESSIE GIACALONE/ Grace Londino
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (February 9) Weekday

8:30 BESSIE GIACALONE/ M. Colletti & U. Marshott

WEDNESDAY (February 10) Ash Wednesday

8:30 VALERIA MARSHOTT
 12:00 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 6:30 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

THURSDAY (February 11) Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:30 CARMELO SCUDERI/ Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (February 12) Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:30 GIUSEPPE E GIOVANNA CHILLEMI/
 Mrs. Antonia Chillemi
 7:00 PM WINSTON AVILA CASTEÑO/ Familia

SATURDAY (February 13) Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:30 JENNIE CHICCHITTO/ John Sacco & Family
 5:00 BERNADETTE LA GUARDIA/ Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (February 14) First Sunday of Lent

8:00 DEC. MEM. DI COSIMO FAMILY/ Family
 10:30 JOSEPH ULISANO/ Lillian Ulisano
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **Sarah Coppola** donated by **Daughter Rosemary**.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD! We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Emanuel Riggi**.

Our
Weekly Offering

**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	637
7:00 PM	662
8:00 AM	597
10:30 AM	686
12:00 Noon	2495
Mail	302
Total	\$5,379

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

Alfonsina Aker	Elvin Martinez
Carmen Alava	Carmen Mistichelli
Sheree Balaam	Angelo Meo
Oran Bryant	Leonarda Merlo
Karen Bulloch	Carlos Moran
Caterina Campbell	Nick Netta
Isaac Castañeda	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Orlando Chavez	Robergeau Paul
Wayne Cook	Maria Perdomo
Mary Cusmano	Laura Philipone
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Peter Philipone
Marianna Dubell	Frank Pierre
Maria Espinoza	Raul Atilio Portillo
Denise Griest	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Ann Harris	Edith Quijada
Russell Harris	Endy Quijada
Jared Leonardo Henao	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Jacob Hinman	Sergio Ricciardi
Joshua Hinman	Isadora Rodriguez
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	Magdalena Rodriguez
Michelle Johnson	John Ruela
Harry Krampf	Maria Saavedra
Stanley Kuchno	Gladys San Antonio
Lindsay LaMarre	Hugo Santa Maria
John Lapolla	Frank Tinnirella
Theresa Lattanzio	Angela Verlengeri
Rosa Leon	John Veltre
Barbara McMurray	Charles White

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Cuarto Domingo Tiempo Ordinario**

We have three characters in our Scripture today, and each of them when confronted with the greatness, the goodness and the holiness of God, felt like saps: they became keenly aware of their unworthiness. Peter, upon seeing the two boats nearly sink from the miraculous catch of fish, comes to see Jesus in a new way. He falls to his knees and says, *Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.* His response echoes the poet Isaiah, who is confronted with God's majesty shining forth and filling the Temple. Isaiah says, *Woe is me, I am doomed. For I am a man of unclean lips living among a people of unclean lips.* Paul, in the second reading, is clearly taken aback, aware that God chose him, he says, *the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.* All of us, I think, can identify with Peter, Paul and Isaiah, when we come to that deep awareness of our moral inadequacy: that we have screwed up and failed. Sometimes, we can get stuck there, feeling that our flaws disqualify us from really answering God's call and serving God's Reign. Yet our readings today paint another picture, one that offers us consolation and hope. They speak to us of a God who comes to us and calls us, not because we are "good enough," but because of who God is: God is love. This is the God who is passionately in love with us, who not only forgives us, but uses our weakness to do wonderful things for catching others in the net of his love and mercy. Look at Paul: the same person who persecuted Christians was forgiven, and in that power was called by Christ to go out and preach the Gospel to the Gentiles. Look at Peter: a weak, stubborn and seemingly fair-weather friend, who denied Jesus three times after promising otherwise, who turned and wept for his failure. This is the same person whom Jesus called to lead his church, to preach and heal. Look closely at those whom God has called down through the centuries: Abraham, Sarah, Moses, David, Matthew, Zacchaeus, Mary Magdalene, Francis of Assisi, Augustine of Hippo. All were frail; all were sinners. Yet God worked through their weakness as God works through ours—touching us and transforming us: our actions, our apathy, our attitudes, our unclean lips and unclean lives. God touches with acceptance and encouragement, with warm and gracious words: *I love you. Be not afraid. Now take this love out to the world.* Today's Gospel is not simply about a famous moment 2000 years ago by the Sea of Galilee. It's about right now, in the defining moments of our daily lives. God is always touching us and calling us—warts, weakness and all—through Jesus, with his words, "Follow me." He comes not only in worship, but in the frustration of hard work where we catch nothing, in the times where it seems we are sinking; God comes not only in washing our nets but in washing our dishes and waiting to pick up the kids from soccer practice; he calls us in the people we love and in people who drive us crazy, even those we call our enemies. He calls us to hear his voice, to bring the compassion and justice of God to a world that needs it desperately. We come to the Eucharist today to receive once more the gift of God's liberating love in Jesus, and to be strengthened in hearing God's call. We pray that we too will surrender and respond in faith with our hearts and lives, "Here I am, Lord. Send me." May God Bless you always

Ay de mi! Estoy perdido, porque soy un hombre de labios impuros, que habito en medio de un pueblo de labios impuros." Desde luego, labios impuros pueden resultar de besar. Pero Isaías tiene algo más: En vez de usar nuestros labios para alabar a Dios, los usamos para mentir, quizás para tomar el nombre de Dios en vano. En vez de decir palabras de aliento, los usamos para explosiones de cólera o para hablar mal de otros. Como la gente antigua, tenemos labios impuros. Cuando venimos a la misa, pedimos al Señor purificar nuestros labios. Antes de leer el Evangelio, el sacerdote rezar en silencio, "Purifica mi corazón y mis labios, Dios todopoderoso, para que anuncie dignamente tu Evangelio." Purifica mis labios. Es una buena oración, no solamente para el sacerdote sino al comienzo de la misa y sobre todo en tiempo de Comunión, "Señor, purifica mis labios." Decir esa oración es reconocer los pecados. Pecado es como el ADN. Puede estar con nosotros sin darnos cuenta. Cuando entramos en presencia a Dios, no obstante, el pecado es evidente. Cuando el Santo se mostró a Isaías, el profeta dijo, "Ay de mi! Estoy perdido." Algo semejante sucedió a Pedro. Al principio maravillaba a la abundancia de pescado, pero luego vio la verdadera maravilla. Miro a Jesús y dijo, "Aléjate de mí, Señor, soy un pecador." Cuando nos acercamos a Dios, hay que admitir quienes somos: criaturas, seres creados. Nadie se hizo a sí mismo. Dios nos hizo, debemos todo a él, pero no lo hemos reconocido. Hemos tratado de hacerlo por nuestra propia cuenta - y no ha ido bien. Como Pedro somos pecadores. Como Isaías tenemos labios impuros. Reconocemos nuestros pecados - pero no paramos allá. Si solamente enfocamos en nuestras fallas, sería fatal. Quisiera contarles de un hombre que casi hizo ese error. En 1978, el mes de octubre, un periodista estaba solo en un hotel. Delante de él tenía una botella de whisky y unas píldoras. Iba terminar su vida. En el fondo había un radio. Escucho una voz con acento polaco. La voz dijo, "No tengas miedo." Era el nuevo papa, Juan Pablo II. Algo paso dentro de aquel hombre. Por medio del Papa Juan Pablo, escucho a Jesús. Puso las píldoras en el tacho. Empezó una nueva vida. A pesar de su sentido de fracaso, escucho esas palabras bellas, "No tengas miedo." Jesús dijo las mismas palabras a Pedro hoy. Y dice a ti y a mí, "No temas." Quizás no hemos llegado al borde de desesperación, quizás no tenemos la conciencia fuerte de Pedro, pero sabemos que hemos fallado en algo. Nuestros errores del pasado están con nosotros con el ADN. Han herido a otros, a nosotros mismos y a Dios. Sin embargo, Jesús dice, "No temas." Jesús quiere perdonar, pero quiera hacer algo más. En la primera lectura. En nuestra primera lectura vemos como un ángel llevo un carbón encendido y toco los labios del profeta. Los primeros cristianos vieron el carbón encendido como una figura de la Eucaristía. Especialmente cuando recibimos la Comunión, Jesús quiere purificar nuestros labios. Y quiere calentar y limpiar nuestros cuerpos y almas. Este domingo, como Isaías, como Pedro, reconocemos nuestros pecados. No es algo negativo sino positivo. No hace escuchar la voz de Jesús y recibir su perdón, su sanación y por medio de la Eucaristía, permitirlo tocarnos y sanarnos. Conscientes de nuestros pecados - y deseando perdón y sanación - rezamos, "Señor, purifica mis labios."

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's runs a Food Pantry once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry is **February 24, 2016 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM**. Enter 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 13-14, 2016Saturday, February 13

5:00 PM Sr. Clare
7:00 PM Zenaida Figueroa y Marta Villanueva
(C: Maria Duran)

Sunday, February 14

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert
10:30 AM Vincent Ruiz
12:00 Noon Norma Guido y Hilma Muñoz
(C: Maria Duran)

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of February 13 - 14, 2016Saturday, February 13

5:00 PM Frank Mazza
7:00 PM Miguel y Maria Hernandez y Hermana Carol

Sunday, February 14

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli
10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Maria Agliata & Martha Devia
12:00 Noon Hmna. Carol, Ana Marte y Melida Canela

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.

TESTED LIKE GOLD

God wishes to test you like gold in the furnace. The dross is consumed by the fire, but the pure gold remains and its value increases.

--St. Jerome Emiliani

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.



***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

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm -- In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading -- Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it. (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel -- Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- En una visión, el Señor de los ejércitos llama a Isaías a ser su representante. Isaías responde, "¡Envíame!" (Isaías 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Salmo -- Cuando te invocamos, Señor, nos escuchaste (Salmo 138 [137]).

Segunda lectura -- Pablo nos recuerda el Evangelio que nos predicó por medio del cual somos salvados, si creemos (1 Corintios 15:1-11).

Evangelio -- Jesús le indica a Simón que lleve la barca a la parte más honda para una pesca milagrosa. Simón y sus compañeros lo dejaron todo para seguir a Jesús (Lucas 5:1-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;

2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

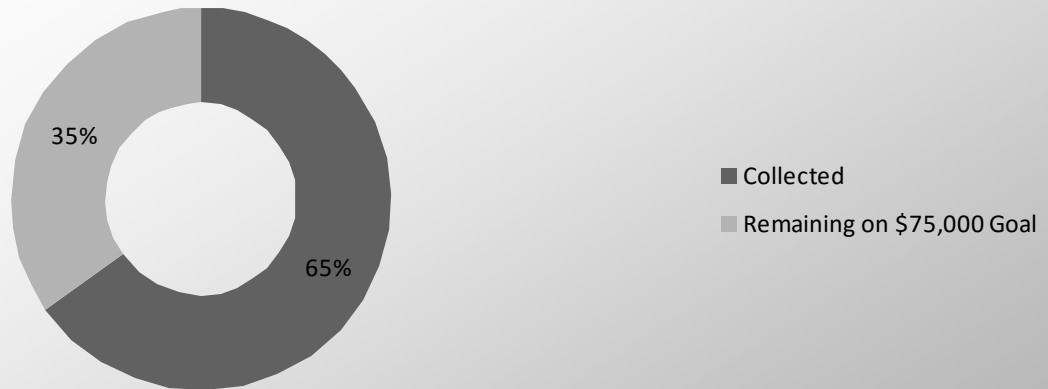
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

SER PROBADOS COMO EL ORO

Dios quiere probarte como al oro en el crisol. El fuego va consumiendo la escoria, pero el oro bueno permanece y aumenta su valor.

--San Jerónimo Emiliani



CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Our goal for Church renovations (painting and carpeting) is \$75,000. So far we have collected \$48,821. Your extra donation will go entirely for this purpose. We are asking that each family donates \$200 to help beautify our Church. Thank you for your generosity.

RENOVACIONES DE LA IGLESIA

Nuestro objetivo para las renovaciones de la Iglesia (pintura y alfombras) es de \$75,000. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$48,321. Su donación adicional se destinará íntegramente a este fin. Pedimos que cada familia dona 200 dólares para ayudar a embellecer nuestra Iglesia. Gracias por tu generosidad.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

There will be three Masses on Ash Wednesday with Ash distribution available at each Mass. Masses will be at 8:30 AM in English, 12:00 Noon in English, and 6:30 PM in Spanish.

ST. JOSEPH TABLE

Please join us on Sunday, March 13, 2016, at 11:30 AM for the St. Joseph's Table. We will have a spaghetti dinner at the Youth Center. \$5.00 per person. Please contact the rectory for more information and tickets. All proceeds will benefit our Church.

WHERE GOD IS

We cannot go where God is not. And where God is, all is well.

--Anonymous

HORARIO DE MISA PARA EL MIERCOLES DE CENIZA

Habrán tres misas el Miércoles de Ceniza con la distribución de Ceniza disponibles en cada misa. Misas serán a las 8:30 AM en Inglés, 12:00 del mediodía en Inglés, y 6:30 PM en Español.

TABLA DE SAN JOSÉ

Por favor, únase a nosotros el Domingo, 13 de marzo 2016, a las 11:30 AM para la Tabla de San José. Tendremos una cena de espaguetis en el Centro Juvenil. \$5.00 por persona. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la rectoría para más información y comprar su entradas. Todos lo recaudado se destinarán a nuestra Iglesia.

DONDE ESTÁ DIOS

No hay lugar donde vayamos donde Dios no esté. Y donde está Dios, todo está bien.

--Anónimo