

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Third Sunday of Lent

February 28, 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 28, 2016 TO MARCH 5, 2016**

SATURDAY (February 27) Lenten Weekday

8:30 MARIA & JOE COLLETTI/ Husband and Father
 5:00 VINCENZO TALIERCIO/ Carlos & Nancy Matos
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (February 28) Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 SOULS IN PURGATORY/ James & Cathy Leggett
 10:30 GERARDO STANCO/ Wife Pasqualina & Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (February 29) Lenten Weekday

8:30 FRANCESCA STARACE/
 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Webber
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (March 1) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ANITA CUPO/ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cusmano

WEDNESDAY (March 2) Lenten Weekday

8:30 DOROTHY SIMS/ Dr. & Mrs. Williams

THURSDAY (March 3) Lenten Weekday,

St. Katherine Drexel

8:30 MARY PALERMO/ Ninetta & Pipo Ferrera
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (March 4) Lenten Weekday, St. Casimir


8:30 DOMENICK TRIPODI/ Daughter Tina

SATURDAY (March 5) Lenten Weekday

8:30 MARY PALERMO/ Giovanni & Giovanna Ferrera
 5:00 YOLANDA & PAUL NOVELLO
 & CHARLES NOVELLO/ Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (March 6) Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 ANTONIO CHIRICHIELLO/ Angelina &
 Maria DiLorenzo
 10:30 DOMENICK TRIPODI/ Daughter Tina
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

 Our Weekly Offering	<p>OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION is shown below.</p> <p>We sincerely thank all those parishioners and friends who contributed to the parish.</p> <p>Be assured that the Lord will never be outdone in rewarding those who give even a glass of water in His Name.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekly Offering</p> <table> <tr><td>5:00 PM</td><td>698</td></tr> <tr><td>7:00 PM</td><td>520</td></tr> <tr><td>8:00 AM</td><td>447</td></tr> <tr><td>10:30 AM</td><td>1200</td></tr> <tr><td>12:00 Noon</td><td>2493</td></tr> <tr><td>Mail</td><td>318</td></tr> <tr><td>Total</td><td>\$5,676</td></tr> </table>	5:00 PM	698	7:00 PM	520	8:00 AM	447	10:30 AM	1200	12:00 Noon	2493	Mail	318	Total	\$5,676
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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
Mario Fronzoni	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Denise Griest	Edith Quijada
Ann Harris	Endy Quijada
Russell Harris	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Jared Leonardo Henao	Sergio Ricciardi
Jacob Hinman	Isadora Rodriguez
Joshua Hinman	Magdalena Rodriguez
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	John Ruela
Michelle Johnson	Maria Saavedra
Harry Krampf	Gladys San Antonio
Stanley Kuchno	Hugo Santa Maria
Lindsay LaMarre	Frank Tinnirella
John Lapolla	Angela Verlengeri
Theresa Lattanzio	John Veltre
Rosa Leon	Charles White
Barbara McMurray	

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 • The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are
 • donated this week in memory of **Anthony**
 • **F. Guiliano, Jr.** donated by **Family**.
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WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**Third Sunday of Lent / Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma**

Dear brothers and sisters, we celebrate the third Sunday of lent, and the readings seem a little bit weird. In the first reading, God, after hearing the moaning of his people, chose Moses to free them from their slavery in Egypt. In the Gospel, Christ is calling us to convert and not to judge anybody, because, we never know where or how death is going to meet us. It is truly tough, for the Jewish people, to die such a terrible death, like those in the gospel that their blood was mingled with the blood of Pilate's sacrifices, or in a terrible catastrophe. It was normal to think that they were such a big sinners, and so God punished them. But Christ calls us to convert, to change our way of thinking, and for this reason he proposes to us the parable of the fig tree. In the Jewish tradition, the fig tree is the tree of wisdom. Here Christ asked us to do an examination of our conscience and see if we are ready to meet our creator if he wants to come to our life searching for fruit and what kind of fruit we can offer to him. In the Gospel, the owner of the vineyard has come several times looking for fruit and never finds any. What does this mean? Many times, things happened to us and we do not know why they happened, maybe, it is God passing through our lives looking for this fruit, but did not find any. The danger is that this could have been the last time that he would pass through our lives. But the vinedresser, told his father, do not do it, I will take care of it for one more year, and we will see what happens then. I will clean it, I will prune it, etc. and we will see if it can give any fruit, if nothing happen, next year you can cut it down. For this reason, Christ is calling us to conversion, maybe we need to recognize and to repent from our sins. Now is the favorable time, now is the day of grace, during this Lenten season, Christ through his church is inviting us to put God first in our lives, giving some proofs of repentance through fasting, almsgiving and prayer. With the almsgiving because it covers many sins; with prayer having a dialogue with God; and with fasting because our life does not come from what we eat or drink but from God alone. May God bless you always.

Queridos hermanos, estamos celebrando el tercer domingo de cuaresma, y las lecturas de este domingo parecen un poco extrañas. La primera lectura donde Dios después de escuchar los gemidos de su pueblo, elige a Moisés para liberarlo de la esclavitud de Egipto. En el Evangelio, Cristo nos llama a convertirnos y a no juzgar a nadie, ya que nunca sabemos donde y cuando la muerte nos va a sorprender. Es verdad que para los judíos, morir de la forma tan terrible, mezclándose la sangre con la de los sacrificios paganos, o en una catástrofe, era una forma de pensar que habían cometido grandes pecados y por eso Dios los había castigado. Cristo nos llama al arrepentimiento, a la conversión, y por eso nos propone esta parábola en la segunda parte del Evangelio, una de las parábolas de la higuera. En la tradición Judía, la higuera era el árbol de la sabiduría. Aquí Cristo nos propone hacer un examen de conciencia y ver si podemos, o estamos listos para que Dios venga a nuestra vida a buscar fruto, y si viene, que fruto le podemos dar. En el caso del Evangelio, el dueño de la viña, a llegado varias veces en busca de fruto y no lo ha encontrado. Que significa esto? Muchas veces, nos han pasado cosas eventos que no sabemos por que nos han ocurrido, y quizás es Dios que se ha pasado por nuestra vida buscando ese fruto y no lo ha encontrado, el peligro esta ñeque es posible que sea la ultima vez que el dueño de la viña se pase a recoger el fruto. Sin embargo, el viñador, Cristo le dice a su padre, no papa, yo voy a cuidarla un año más haber si el próximo da fruto. Por esta razón, Cristo nos esta pidiendo que nos convirtamos, que nos arrepintamos de nuestros pecados, a hora que es el tiempo favorable, el día de la gracia, en este tiempo de cuaresma donde la iglesia nos esta invitando a poner a Dios primero en nuestras vidas, dando algunas muestras de este arrepentimiento con el ayuno y la abstinencia, viendo que la vida no llega por lo que comemos o bebemos. Con la limosna, que cubre multitud de pecados y con la oración, entrando en este dialogo con Dios nuestro padre. Que Dios los bendiga a todos y a sus familias.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's runs a Food Pantry once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry is **March 23, 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 March 5-6, 2016Saturday, March 5

5:00 PM Mark Cosmas

7:00 PM Abel Flores y Vivianeth Lorenzo
(C: Paola Villanueva)Sunday, March 6

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz

10:30 AM Ariel Legacy

12:00 Noon Hilma Muños y Senon Herrera
(C: Patricia Zelaya)**Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of March 5 – 6, 2016**Saturday, March 5

5:00 PM Joe Gambino

7:00 PM Reina Yanes y Ramon Yanes

Sunday, March 6

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli

10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Maria Agliata & Martha Devia

12:00 Noon Betsy Hernan, Miguel y Maria Hernandez

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.

PRIDE

What better proof of your pride could you have given than to claim you were not proud?

--St. John Climacus

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 -- The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm -- The Lord is kind and merciful (Ps 103) or Ps 95.

Second Reading -- We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel -- If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- El Señor se aparece a Moisés y le indica que vaya y libere a los israelitas de su opresión en Egipto (Éxodo 3:1-8a, 13-15) o Exodo 17:3-7.

Salmo -- El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]) o Salmo 95 (94).

Segunda lectura -- No nos quejemos. El que se sienta seguro deberá cuidarse para no caer (1 Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12) o Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8.

Evangelio -- Si no se arrepienten, todos perecerán (Lucas 13:1-9) o Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Alternate readings (Year A):

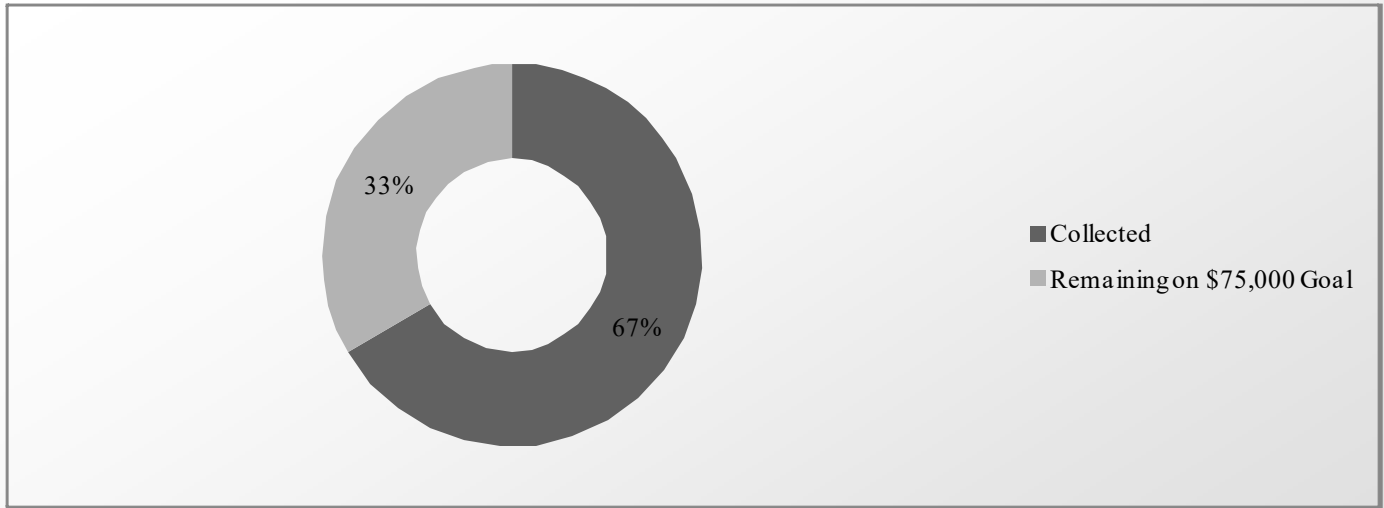
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14;

Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

DAÑO

El odio hace más daño a la persona en el que está almacenado que en la persona sobre la cual se vierte.

--Anónimo



CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Our goal for Church renovations (painting and carpeting) is \$75,000. So far we have collected \$49,921. 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 \$49,921. 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.

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.

2017 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2017 will open on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 1:00 PM. You may begin reserving Masses for loved ones for the 2017 calendar year on this date.

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.

"I AM"

Kindness and mercy are what the enslaved people of Israel needed, and they came in the form of deliverance. They came through a leader, Moses, who was once plucked from the Nile River and was now herding his father-in-law's sheep in the land of Goshen. The bush that burned but was not consumed shows us that God is inexhaustible mystery.

Moses' awe and deference are mixed with a touching conversational tone as he seeks to learn God's name. And God sweetly responds. The somewhat abstract "I AM" distinguishes the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob from the minor gods in the territory who "are not." They are helpless, powerless, and useless. Moses is to step out into an amazing future, and God will be there with outstretched arm. Just go and see, God seems to say.

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"YO SOY"

Lo que el pueblo esclavizado de Israel necesitaba era la bondad y misericordia de Dios, y esas dos cosas llegaron bajo la forma de una liberación. Llegaron por medio de un caudillo, Moisés, que cuando niño fue salvado de las aguas del Nilo, y ahora estaba pastoreando las ovejas de su suegro en el desierto. La zarza que ardía sin consumirse nos muestra que Dios es un misterio inagotable.

El temor y respeto de Moisés están mezclados con una confianza conmovedora, cuando trata de averiguar el Nombre del Señor. Y Dios le responde dulcemente con un Nombre -YO SOY- que distingue al Dios de Abraham, Isaac y Jacob de los dioscecitos de las naciones, que "no-son". Esos dioscecitos de nada son impotentes e inútiles. Moisés tiene que avanzar hacia un futuro increíble, y Dios lo espera allí con mano poderosa y brazo extendido. Es como si el Señor le dijera, "Ve, y verás".

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