

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 10, 2016

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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

November 1, 2016 All Saint's Day

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

You must be an **active parishioner** for at least 6 months to receive a Certificate of eligibility to be a sponsor or godparent.

Debe ser un **feligrés activo** durante al menos 6 meses para recibir un certificado de elegibilidad para ser un patrocinador o padrino.

Staff:

Ms. Rose Perone, Trustee & English Rel. Ed.
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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.

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**Fifteenth Sunday OT/Decimoquinto Domingo TO, Ciclo C**

Sometimes people wonder about the "good pagan." He is the guy who has no outward practice of religion, but who appears to be a better "Christian" than those who call themselves Christians. In spite of not having an apparent belief in God, the good pagan seems more compassionate, fair and loving than those who engage in religious practices. The good - or righteous - pagan may even be aware of his superiority to religious folk: "I don't need to go to church to do the right thing. Those church goers are a bunch of hypocrites." Perhaps you have heard people say things like that, maybe even someone in your own family. The righteous pagan is a challenge to those who go to church. How should we respond to him? First of all, we should not consider the good pagan so strange. In the today's Old Testament reading, Moses tells us that the commandments of God are "not too mysterious or remote." They are not somewhere up in the sky, nor do we need to cross an ocean to find God's law. It is, says Moses, "very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts." It should not surprise us that a pagan, a non-believer, knows the right thing to do. St. Paul tells us that God's law is "written on our hearts." To the person who says, "I don't need to go to church to do the right thing," we respond, "neither do we." Like the good pagan, you and I have an innate sense of right and wrong. We know God's law in our hearts, but we also know something else. We recognize that we have fallen short, that we have often not obeyed God's law. And even though he might be reluctant to admit it, that "good pagan" has similarly fallen short. Like you and me, he has done some things he would rather not talk about. We come to church not celebrate our own goodness, but because of someone who is truly good. Today we hear about a figure who has fulfilled God's law in a marvelous manner. He is called the "Good Samaritan." But who is he? Early Christian writers identified the Good Samaritan as Jesus himself. He showed perfect compassion. Here is how St. Augustine and other Church Fathers interpreted the parable of the Good Samaritan: The man who journeyed from Jerusalem to Jericho represents humanity, you and me. Jericho beckoned and we left the holy city. But along the way, robbers attacked us and dumped us in a ditch, naked and half-dead. The robbers are the demons and the temptations of this world. Jesus - the Good Samaritan - shows compassion. He bandages our wounds and takes us to an inn, his Church. He gives the innkeeper two coins, the great commandments: to love God and to love one's neighbor. Many of you bear wounds. We need to be healed and restored. Then - and only then - can we begin to practice the deepest compassion has done for us.

A veces algunos se preguntan sobre el "buen pagano." Es la persona que no tiene una practica exterior de religión, pero aparece un mejor "cristiano" que los que se llaman cristianos. A pesar de no tener una creencia aparente en Dios, el buen pagano parece más compasivo, justo y caritativo que los que hacen prácticas religiosas. El buen pagano puede estar consciente a su superioridad a la gente religiosa: "No tengo que ir a al iglesia para hacer la cosa correcta. Los que van a la iglesia son hipócritas." Tal vez has escuchado a alguien decir cosas semejantes, quizás alguien de tu propia familia. El buen pagano es un desafío a los que van a al iglesia. ¿Como debemos responder a el? Primero, no debemos considerar al buen pagano como extraño. En la lectura del Antiguo Testamento, Moisés nos dice que los mandamientos de Dios "no son superiores a tus fuerzas ni están fuera de tu alcance." No están en el cielo y no tenemos que cruzar el océano para encontrar la ley de Dios. Ya esta "muy a tu alcance, en tu boca y en tu corazón." No nos debe sorprender que un pagano, un no-creyente, sabe hacer la cosa correcta. San Pablo dice que la ley de Dios "está escrita en nuestro corazón." A la persona que dice, "No tengo que ir a la iglesia para hacer la cosa correcta," respondemos, "tampoco nosotros." Como el buen pagano, tú y yo tenemos un sentido íntimo del bien y el mal. Sabemos la ley de Dios en nuestros corazones, pero nosotros sabemos algo más. Reconocemos que nos hemos fallado, que muchas veces no hemos obedecido la ley de Dios. Y, aun esta reacio en admitirlo, el buen pagano también se ha fallado. Como tu y yo, ha hecho cosas de las cuales prefiere no hablar. Nos venimos a la iglesia no para celebrar nuestra propia bondad, sino a causa de alguien que realmente es bueno. Hoy escuchamos de un personaje que cumplió la ley de Dios en una forma maravillosa. Se llama el "Buen Samaritano." ¿Quien es? Los primeros escritores cristianos identificaron al Buen Samaritano como Jesús mismo. El mostró compasión perfecta. Aquí es como San Agustín y otros Padres de la Iglesia interpretaron la parábola del Buen Samaritano: El hombre que bajaba de Jerusalén a Jericó representa a la humanidad, tú y yo. Jericó nos atrae y hemos salido de la ciudad santa. Pero en el camino, ladrones nos atacaron y nos dejaron medio muerto. Los ladrones son los demonios y tentaciones del mundo. Jesús - el Buen Samaritano - toma compasión. Nos venda las heridas y nos lleva a un mesón, su Iglesia. Al dueño del mesón da dos monedas, los grandes mandamientos: amar a Dios y al prójimo. Muchos aquí tenemos heridas. No nos venimos para decir que buenos somos, sino para tener vendadas las heridas. Tenemos que ser sanados y restaurados. Solamente en aquel momento podemos practicar la compasión mas profunda.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's runs a Food Pantry once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry **will be on Wednesday, July 27 at 1:00 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 July 16-17, 2016Saturday, July 16

5:00 PM Sr. Clare
7:00 PM Vivianeth Yanes y Abel Flores
(c: Emi Yanes)

Sunday, July 17

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert
10:30 AM Ariel Legacy
12:00 Noon Jose Bonilla y Jose Moris
(C: Patricia Zelaya)

**EMHC for the Weekend of July 16-17, 2016
(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)**Saturday, July 16

5:00 PM Frank Mazza
7:00 PM Reina Yanes y Salomon Yanes

Sunday, July 17

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli
10:30 AM Rita Agliata and Cristian Moron
12:00 Noon Patricia Zelaya, 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.

REVELATION

In the Old Testament, the New Testament lies concealed; in the New Testament, the Old Testament lies revealed.

--St. Augustine

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 -- Heed the voice of the LORD. It is something very near to you, already in your hearts; you only need to carry it out (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

Psalm -- Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) or Psalm 19.

Second Reading -- All things were created through and for Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:15-20).

Gospel -- To be a neighbor, show love by treating others with mercy, as did the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Escuchen la voz del Señor. Es algo muy cerca de ti, y está en tu corazón; sólo necesitas observarla (Deuteronomio 30:10-14).

Salmo -- Escúchame, Señor, porque eres bueno (Salmo 69 [68]) o Salmo 19 (18).

Segunda lectura -- Todas las cosas fueron creadas mediante y para Cristo Jesús (Colosenses 1:15-20).

Evangélio -- Ser un buen vecino, mostrar amor tratando a otros con misericordia (Lucas 10:25-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 10:34 -- 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15;
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21;
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

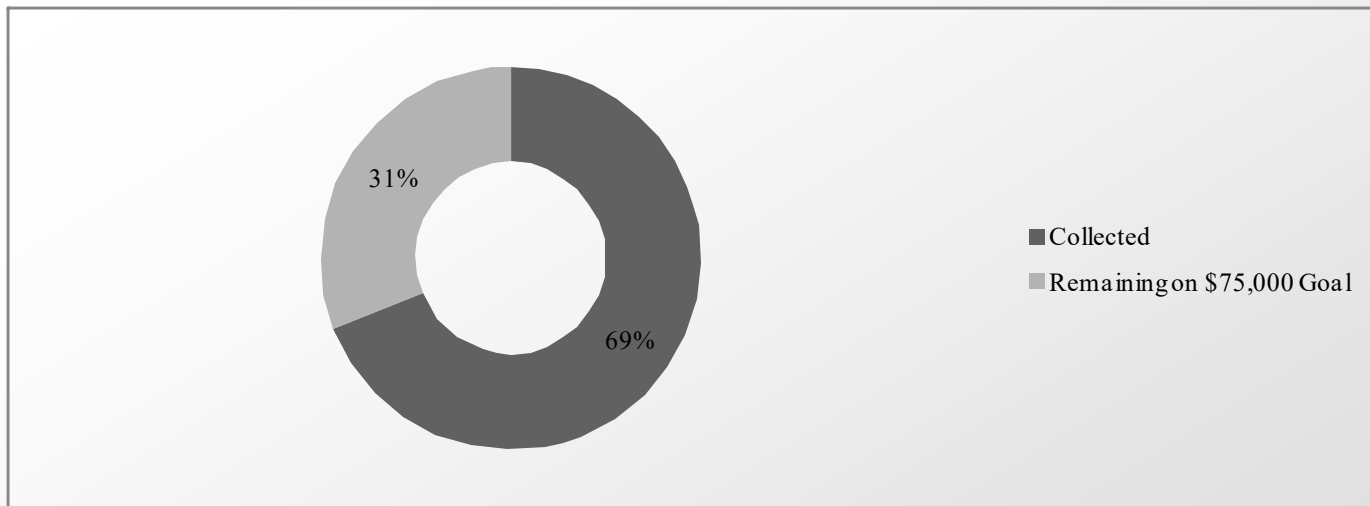
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Gen 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

LA REVELACIÓN

En el Antiguo Testamento, el Nuevo Testamento está oculto; en el Nuevo Testamento, se revela el Antiguo Testamento.

--San Agustín



CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Our goal for Church renovations (painting and carpeting) is \$75,000. So far we have collected \$51,716. 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 \$51,716. 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.

GO AND DO LIKEWISE

Miss Collins, the dean of students at Olympic High School, was past the point of scolding Matt, though she liked him very much. "Four detentions in two weeks are too many."

Still Matt wouldn't tell. It was only after Miss Collins went on a morning neighborhood patrol that she found out the real reason for Matt's tardiness. Thump, thump, thump, came the wheelchair down the stairs. It was Matt, steadying Shawnetta as he helped lower her down the stairs and then push her to the corner bus stop.

"She's a girl in my parish youth group," Matt explained to Miss Collins.

There are many ways to describe Matt's actions--a random act of kindness, making a difference one person at a time. Jesus would understand. When the lawyer correctly identified the good Samaritan as the one who had treated the injured man with compassion, Jesus said simply, "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37).

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ANDA Y HAZ TÚ LO MISMO

La señorita González, la decana de los estudiantes de la Escuela Secundaria Olimpo, ya estaba cansada de regañar a Mateo, a pesar de que le caía muy bien. "Cuatro castigos después de clase en dos semanas es demasiado".

Sin embargo Mateo permanecía en silencio. Sólo después de que la señorita González fuera en una ronda matutina por el vecindario descubrió la verdadera razón de las tardanzas de Mateo. Pataplún, cayó la silla de ruedas por las escaleras. Era Mateo, sujetando a Dolores mientras ayudaba a que la bajaran por las escaleras y luego la empujaba hasta la parada de autobús.

"Es una chica de mi grupo de jóvenes de la parroquia" Mateo le explicó a la señorita González.

Hay muchas formas de describir las acciones de Mateo -un acto de bondad al azar, marcar una diferencia en la vida de una persona a la vez. Jesús entendería. Cuando el abogado identificó correctamente al buen samaritano como el que había tratado al hombre herido con compasión, Jesús simplemente dijo: "Anda y haz tú lo mismo" (Lucas 10:37).

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