

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025 | 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTIONS

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They left everything and followed him.
 - Lk 5:11

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THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Monday **St. Anthony's—Lakin**
 5:00 pm Rosary & Prayers
 5:30 pm Mass

Tuesday **HPRV**
 9:30 am Mass
 10:10 am Communion/Visiting

Wednesday **St. Raphael's /Syra.**
 7:30 am (MT) Rosary
 8:00 am (MT) Mass

Thursday **St. Anthony's –Lakin**
 11:00 am Confessions
 11:45 am Rosary
 12:15 pm Mass

Friday

7:30 am
 8:00 am
 8:30—10 am

Saturday

3:50 pm
 4:00 pm
 5:20 pm
 6:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 –8:50 am
 9:00 am
 10:30 am

St. Anthony's

Rosary & Prayers
 Mass
 Eucharistic Adoration
Lakin
 Confessions
 Mass (St. Anthony)
 Confession
 Mass (Christ the King)
Lakin & Syracuse
 Confessions
 Mass (St. Anthony)
 Mass (St. Raphael)

COLLECTION FOR 2-2-2025

Envelopes: \$ 1340.00
Loose: \$477.26
Online Giving: \$845.71
Total: \$2,662.97
Average Weekly Expense: 1,761.17
Income over/under: +901.80



OFFICE HOUR

T -F 8:00 am -6:00 pm

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH—600 SODERBERG STREET

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DEAR PADRE,

Who was St. Valentine? Do our Valentine's Day traditions of love and romance have anything to do with the actual St. Valentine?



There were actually three St. Valentines. One was a priest who was beheaded in Rome on February 14 in the year 269. Another was a bishop, who was also martyred in the third century. Both are buried on the Appian Way in Rome. The third St. Valentine is a lesser-known saint who died in Africa with a number of companions during the early centuries of the Church. The tomb of this St. Valentine became a center of popular devotion in the early Middle Ages. In 496, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor this particular St. Valentine. The popular romantic customs that surround our present Valentine's Day trace their origins back to the Middle Ages. The English writer Geoffrey Chaucer noted that halfway through the second month of the year, February 14, the birds begin to choose their mates. For this reason, the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens. People who gave or received these tokens or letters were referred to as "valentines." In the Middle Ages, a legend also developed that St. Valentine the priest left a farewell note for his jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and that he signed that note "From Your Valentine." [The Redemptorists/DearPadre.org](http://TheRedemptorists/DearPadre.org)

SUNDAY'S READINGS 2/9/2025

First Reading: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

Psalms: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

Second Reading: Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

Gospel: Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

Observances for the week of February 9, 2025

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Monday: St. Scholastica, Virgin

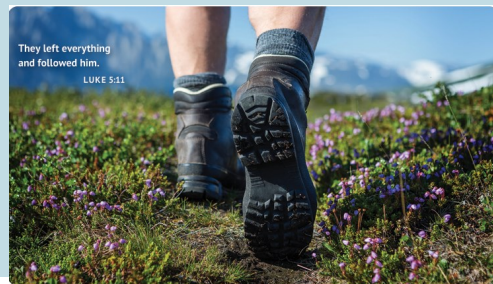
Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes
Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop;
Valentine's Day

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

UNSOLICITED CALLED

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Sometimes life calls us to a place that feels just right, as if it's where we're meant to be. I know a person who has always wanted to be a dad, and so he is—a stay-at-home dad of three, and he loves it. On the other hand, sometimes life's calls unfold in directions beyond our plans and seem to flow from a wisdom greater than our own. Author John Grisham studied to be a lawyer, something that unfolded into his becoming a writer of mysteries and thrillers instead. Calls seem to be written upon our spirits. How else would God call us? Isaiah, Paul, and Peter found themselves called by God into lives they never wanted, baffled by God's whys and wherefores. Their calls pushed them into lives they initially resisted. Such calls can happen to us as well. A man finds himself caring for his aged mother after his father's death. His siblings seem unwilling or unable to help, so there is no one else. Grandparents find themselves raising their grandchildren because their son's or daughter's life is frayed beyond repair, and there is no one else to nurture and love the children. The calls of God at times are calls into lives not of our own choosing. They arise from greater needs when there seems to be no one else but us to say "yes." Our reluctance and anxiety may attest that these calls come from God. They then become paths to ever-deepening faith and trust in God.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When I have felt like I was in deep water, in over my head, when doing some thing I felt called by God to do? Did I overcome my fear or discomfort and how?

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Cuándo me he sentido como estando en aguas profundas y sin dar pie mientras hacía algo que Dios me pidió hacer? ¿Vencí mi miedo o desasosiego? ¿Cómo lo logré?

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear...without giving up and saying, "there is nothing more that can be done." Always... there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over.... So let us accept the invitation: let us...put out to sea with Jesus!

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St. Anthony's Parish

Praise Worship & Adore

USING OUR MINDS, HEARTS,
AND VOICES TO PRAISE JESUS
IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FEBRUARY 26, 2025
6:30-8:00PM

Everyone is welcome to join together again for a night of prayer and worship lead by Christopher Rowden, a musician from Wichita, KS, as we adore Christ truly present in the Eucharist. CCD kids should attend class as normal and will walk over together to attend.

BUDGET SHOP

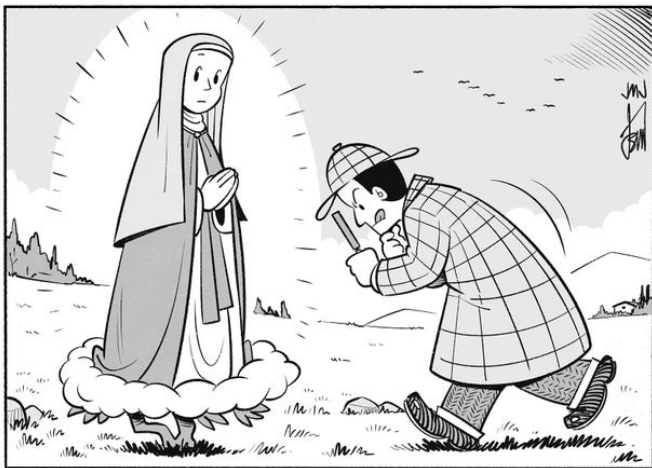
We will be working at the Budget Shop on Saturday, February 15, and Tuesday, February 18. Please keep these dates on your busy calendars and try to save a few hours to help us.



TUESDAYS WITH OUR PARISH

Tuesday, February 11, from 5:30-6:30 pm
You are invited to learn more about the Jubilee Year 2025 and how you can more fully participate to gain many blessings and graces for yourself and others.

"What do you get when your cross Sherlock Holmes and a Marian apparition?"



THE FAITHFUL FUNNIES

"The mysteries of the Rosary!"



During the month of February, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Many years ago, in a small town in France, Mary appeared to a young girl named Bernadette and declared herself to be the "Immaculate Conception."

9 de febrero de 2025 - 5º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿Cuántas veces en la jornada laboral nos hemos decepcionado, trabajamos mucho, nos cansamos y pareciera que no avanzamos nada? Qué decepción nos embarga cuando esto pasa, nos lamentamos diciendo, lástima de cansancio. Y, a empezar de nuevo. Algo parecido le pasó a Pedro en su jornada laboral, había sido inútil el esfuerzo. De tal forma que, cuando Jesús le dice que navegue de nuevo mar adentro, Pedro le dice: *"hemos trabajado toda la noche y ha sido en vano. No hemos pescado nada. Pero, confiando en ti, lo haré"*. Y se obtuvo el resultado de la pesca milagrosa. *"Y pescaron tal cantidad de peces, que las redes se rompían"* (Lucas 5:6).

La respuesta de Pedro fue impetuosa y se arrodilló ante Jesús: *"Señor, apártate de mí, que soy un pecador. Dios siempre se adelanta, y siempre nos espera. Jesús es el Señor, es la manifestación de Dios, y por ello Simón Pedro piensa que debe de haber una distancia entre el pecador y el Santo. Y es por su condición de pecador por lo que Jesús no se aleja de él. Si eres pecador, el Señor te espera aún más"* (Papa Francisco). ¿Por qué será que la bondad y la misericordia de Dios nos asustan? Pedro, en lugar de correr y abrazar a Jesús y darle las gracias, le dice; *"Señor, apártate de mí, que soy un hombre pecador"* (Lucas 5:8). Sin embargo, la respuesta de Jesús es atrayente: *"No temas; en adelante serás pescador de hombres"* (Lucas 5:10). ¡Señor, quédate en mí, aunque soy pecador! ©LPi

HAVE A
BLESSED
Valentine's
DAY!

WORLD
MARRIAGE
DAY



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PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Peter Tran	355-6405
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Youth Director: Hannah Schauf	316 765- 4131

Question: Would optional celibacy help the priest shortage?

Answer: This is a hotly debated topic. There are good arguments on both sides, and there is no clear answer that emerges. However, the shortage of clergy in denominations that do allow marriage would seem to indicate that optional celibacy is not the quick answer that some might think. No one solution is perfect. Each one has its flaws and problems that are not easily solved. While optional celibacy would open ordination to some great men who are married, it also brings the problems of family, financial support, marital problems, and issues—good and bad—of childrearing. So it would not seem that optional celibacy is a realistic solution to the shortage of clergy.

With all of the varied challenges and problems facing the Church, it is easy to forget that the Holy Spirit leads us. Openness, dialogue, and education are second to our prayers and petitions to the Holy Spirit to make clear the path the Church should follow. A response that is rooted in a culture of political correctness is almost certainly doomed; a response that is rooted in prayer and in God cannot fail.

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MASS INTENTIONS



Mon, Feb 10	5:30 pm	+ John Perez
Tue, Feb 11	9:30 am	+ Greg Overlease
Wed, Feb 12	8:00 am	Syracuse
Thurs, Feb 13	12:15 pm	+ Greg Overlease
Fri, Feb 14	8:00 am	+ Greg Overlease
Sat, Feb 15	4:00 pm	+ Johnney Perez
Sun, Feb 16	9:00 am	Aaron Rain

MINISTERS FOR THIS/NEXT WEEK

Extra Ordinary of HC: Del & Julia Kaps

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2/8/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Gus, Jonathan & Nathan Gannett

Reader: Cecilia Harris

Extra Ordinary of HC: Bill & Janet Rooney

2/9/2025—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Haley Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Hannah Schauf

Extra Ordinary of HC: Toby & Jessica Luhman- Fuller

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2/15/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Rowen Simon, Brelund Budd, Volunteer

Reader: Debbie Frederick

Extra Ordinary of HC: Tino Rosales Jr., Karen Burden

2/16/2025—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kingston Guerrero, Jace & Haley Berning

Reader: Alvin Bergkamp

Extra Ordinary of HC: Maria Enriquez, Rosa Cardenas

Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard every Saturday at 3:00 pm and every Sunday at 8:00 Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Baptism:

Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage:

Please contact parish priest at least four months before the wedding.

Anointing the sick:

Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.