# **ST. ANTHONY CHURCH**

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## JULY 6, 2025 | FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## REFLECTIONS

In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, "Racism is today's great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it." I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don't we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus' words this week help. He says, **"Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20).** Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by—to rejoice in—what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy longterm stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.



"Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." - Lk 10:20

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— Father John Muir

#### THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

**Monday** 5:00 pm 5:30 pm

**Tuesday** 9:30 am 10:10 am

Wednesday 8:00 am (MST)

**Thursday** 

11:45 am 12:15 pm **St. Anthony's—Lakin** Rosary & Prayers Mass **HPRV** Mass

Communion/Visiting
St. Raphael-Syracuse

## ) Mass (Syracuse) St. Anthony's –Lakin

Confession Rosary & Prayers Mass

Friday	St. Anthony's
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7:30 am **Rosary & Prayers** 8:00 am Mass 8:30—10 am **Eucharistic Adoration** Saturday Lakin 3:50 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Mass (St. Anthony) 5:20 pm Confession 6:00 pm Mass (Christ the King) Sunday Lakin & Syracuse 8:00 – 8:50 am Confessions 9:00 am Mass (St. Anthony) 10:30 am Mass (St. Raphael)

## **COLLECTION FOR 6-29-2025**

Envelopes: \$850.00 Loose: \$279.00 Online Giving: \$406.96 Total: \$ 1,535.96 Average Weekly Expense: 1,761.17 Income over/under: 225.21



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## DEAR PADRE, DEAR PADRE,

At Mass during the Our Father, should we hold hands, lift our hands up, or keep our hands to ourselves? Among many ancient religions, it was common to extend one's hands toward heaven while praying. This practice has



continued in the Mass, where the rubrics indicate that the priest should extend his hands at certain points, including during the Our Father. The celebrant represents all the people with this gesture. The deacon is expressly forbidden to hold his hands up in prayer. There is no particular gesture assigned to the rest of the congregation. Some may be holding hands, some lifting their hands, some standing with arms crossed. The variety of postures is not a problem in itself. The problem is when people become distracted or judgmental of others. As a rule of thumb, I suggest doing what the rest of the congregation does. As stated in the "Order of the Mass," written by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy in 2003, "The people are called as members of an organic whole, not as disparate individuals. A Christian assembly that worships 'with one heart and mind' (Acts 4:32) naturally moves toward and consciously chooses a common posture as a sign of its unity. Such common posture 'both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants'" (28). The gestures at Mass are not as important as the essence of the Mass, and part of that essence is our unity in the body of Christ.

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time / July 6, 2025

**First Reading:** Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. (Is 66:12)

**Psalm:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

**Second Reading:** From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. (Gal 6:17)

**Gospel:** Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you,

but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." (Lk 10:20)

**Observances for the week of July 6, 2025** 

Sunday:14th Sunday in Ordinary TimeWednesday:St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, andCompanions, MartyrsFriday:St. Benedict, AbbotNext Sunday:15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **BLOON WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED**

## FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

If you could change one aspect of your life, what would that be? Financial instability? Arthritis? Addiction? A disruptive family member? Work's daily grind? Finding love? No doubt the answers are as varied as the people who answer the question. Though the old poster advises us to "bloom where you are planted," sometimes we can feel as if we've been planted among weeds-the people we've been given, the problems that continually pop up, the conflicts that all too often shut out the peace we seek. Just as Jesus sends disciples into every place he intends to visit, the reality for us may very well be that he sends us into the very lives we live even though we wish we could change them. Where we are is where we've been sent. It is in the lives we have that we work out our salvation, for Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is at hand for you" (Luke 10:9). St. Paul emphasized how important it is for disciples of Jesus to live out their identity as a new creation. British artist and sculptor Henry Moore made the observation that, in life, it is most important that we give ourselves over to a goal or dream, something so all-consuming that we live it morning, noon, and night. And the most important aspect of it, he said, is that it must be something we cannot possibly accomplish. For the followers of Jesus, it is the lifelong task to bloom where we've been planted.



## **Prayer for Evangelization**

As You reach out to the world, Lord, let us be Your hands!

As You answer those crying, send us.

Let us be Your people, answer to prayers prayed, comfort to the afflicted.

May we be laborers in Your harvest. Amen.

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FUN FACT





Rummage Sale Date is set for August the

9th. We are asking for donations to be delivered to the Parish Hall by August 2nd.

If you would like to donate items please call any of the following volunteers:

Tressa Powers	620-260-6247
Janet Rooney	620-640-1946
Jane Sullivan	620-355-5118
Gwen Waechter	620-272-1030

All proceeds go towards the church building fund. Your donations are appreciated.

## FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST IN THE PARISH HALL

10:00 AM | SUNDAY | JULY 20

START YOUR SUNDAY OFF RIGHT! Hosted by our Knights



## **BUDGET SHOP**



We will be working at the Budget Shop of Saturday, July 5, and Tuesday, July 8. Please keep these dates on your busy calendars and try to save a few hours to help us.





#### "Sundae!"





6 de julio de 2025 - XIV Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La finalidad de este domingo es anunciar el Reino de Dios. Por ello, Dios envía a los discípulos de dos en dos. De esa forma es como se forma una comunidad misionera. Jesús los entrena para la misión, para ir, para salir fuera y mirar a los hermanos y hermanas en la periferia. ¿Qué necesitan? ¿Cómo viven? Es urgente que nos demos cuenta para participar en esta misión encomendada. La cosecha es abundante y los misioneros, pocos. "*Rueguen, pues, al dueño de la cosecha que envíe obreros a su cosecha*" (*Lucas* 10:2).

Esta petición de Jesús sigue en pie y nos invita a orar por nuestros sacerdotes, seminaristas, religiosos y religiosas que día a día trabajan para que el Reino de Dios crezca y reine la paz en sus comunidades. También tengamos presente en nuestra oración a los misioneros y misioneras laicos que luchan en silencio por esparcir la semilla del Evangelio entre los suyos. "Siempre debemos orar al dueño de la mies, que es Dios Padre, para que envíe obreros a trabajar en su campo, que es el mundo. Y cada uno de nosotros lo debe hacer con el corazón abierto, con una actitud misionera; nuestra oración no debe limitarse solo a nuestras peticiones, a nuestras necesidades: una oración es verdaderamente cristiana si también tiene una dimensión universal" (Papa Francisco). Nosotros, como bautizados, formamos parte de ese grupo misionero de Jesús. ¡Atrévete a ser un misionero comprometido!

# St. Anthony Church— 600 Soderberg Street



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**Question:** As Catholics, we talk a lot about "redemptive suffering" and "carrying your cross." What does that mean practically in daily life?

**Answer:** When Jesus spoke these words, they would have sounded quite intense to his hearers. "Pick up your cross daily and follow me." At the time, Jesus hadn't yet been crucified. A cross was a Roman torture instrument. "Pick up the thing that tortures you the most," Jesus seemed to say. Unfortunately, most of us have no real shortage of these in our life. To take up the cross isn't to seek out new sufferings in our life. It's to accept the life we have.

Of course, unjust or unhealthy circumstances should be rectified when possible. But there are always circumstances that remain out of our immediate control. It could be pain management, the defiance of our teenage child, or an unhealthy work environment ... but you need the paycheck to pay the bills. In difficult circumstances, it can be easier to blame, complain, or daydream our way out of it. None of these are real solutions, since none of them accept the reality of the situation at hand. Those options only add to our suffering, since they damage relationships, fixate on the problem, or set up unrealistic expectations.

Instead, Jesus invites us to take up our cross — to look at the uncomfortable situation square in the eyes, take a deep breath, and do our best to be present to God's grace in the moment. To love those in our path. To take things one step at a time.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon, July 7	5:30 pm	† Maria Nhiem		
Tue, July 8	9:30 am	Special Intention	n	
Wed, July 9	9:00 am			
Thurs, July 10	12:15 pm	<b>+ Harold Smith</b>		
Fri, July 11	8:00 am	Rich. & Yvonne Ra	ndolph	
Sat, July 12	4:00 pm	Sp. Int. Cole Elliot & I	Mason F.	
	9:00 am	•		
MINISTERS FOR				
14 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN				
7/5/2025 - Saturda	• •			
Servers: Gus, Jon		han Gannett		
Reader: Cecilia H				
Extra Ordinary of		Janet Rooney		
7/6/2025–Sunday,			<b>F</b> 11	
		ns, Joleigh Lohman	-Fuller	
Reader: Mike Bro				
Extra Ordinary of				
15 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN				
7/12/2025 - Saturd	••••••			
Servers: Rowen Simon, Brelund Budd, Volunteer				
Reader: Debbie Frederick				
Extra Ordinary of HC: Tino Rosales Jr., Karen Burden				
7/13/2025–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.				
Servers: Haley Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow				
Reader: Hannah S				
Extra Ordinary of	f HC: Toby a	& Jessica Luhman-	Fuller	
Reconciliation:	Confr	ssions are heard		
Reconcination.	every	Saturday at 3:00 pm		
Baptism:	and every Sunday at 8:00 Parents who have children			
	to be baptized must be registered. Please call the			
	parisł	n office for an		
Marriage:		ntment.		
Marriage:	prieds	e contact parish		

priest at least four months

before the wedding.

Celebrated anytime

calling a priest.

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**Anointing the sick:**