

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

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MARCH 2, 2025 | 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

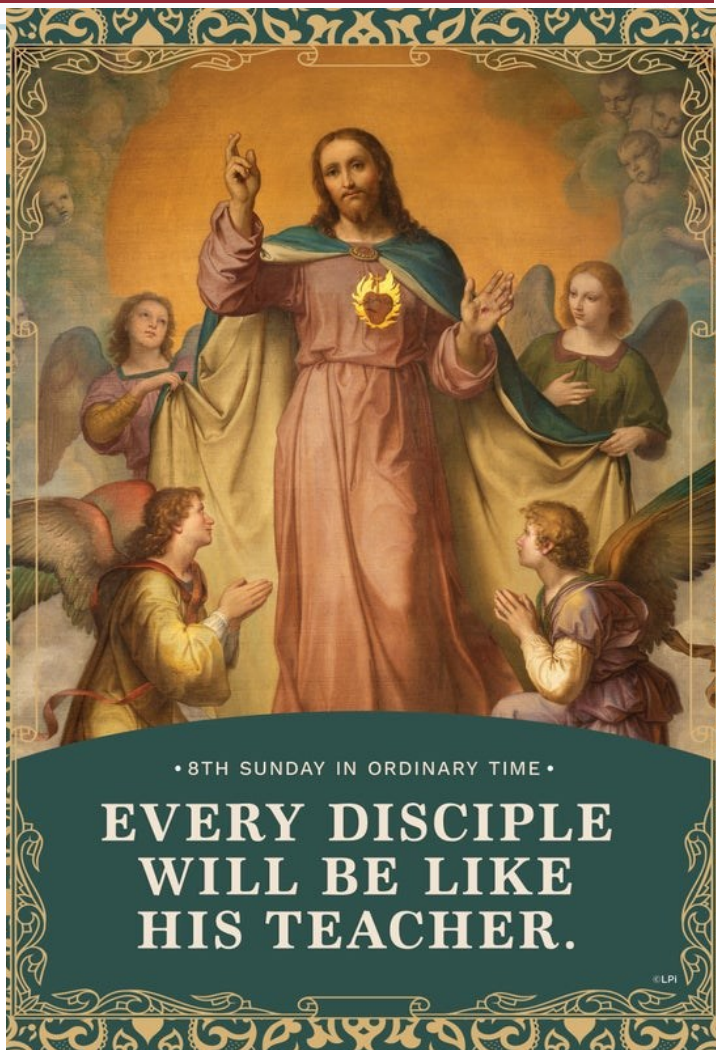
REFLECTIONS

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, **"For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles"** (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the "figs" and "grapes" of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer *and* service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray *and* serve fruitfully... with minimal quarreling.

— *Father John Muir*



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**EVERY DISCIPLE
WILL BE LIKE
HIS TEACHER.**

THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Monday 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	St. Anthony's—Lakin Rosary & Prayers Mass
Tuesday 9:30 am 10:10 am	HPRV Mass Communion/Visiting
Wednesday 12:10 pm 6:30 pm	St. Anthony's—Lakin Mass Mass
7:00 Pm(MST)	Mass (Syracuse)
Thursday 11:00 am 11:45 am 12:15 pm	St. Anthony's —Lakin Confession Rosary & Prayers Mass

Friday

7:30 am	Rosary & Prayers
8:00 am	Mass
8:30—10 am	Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday

3:50 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	Mass (St. Anthony)
5:20 pm	Confession
6:00 pm	Mass (Christ the King)

Sunday

8:00 –8:50 am	Lakin & Syracuse Confessions
9:00 am	Mass (St. Anthony)
10:30 am	Mass (St. Raphael)

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COLLECTION FOR 2-23-2025

Envelopes: \$596.01
Loose: \$491.00
Online Giving: \$406.96
Total: \$1,493.97
Average Weekly Expense: 1,761.17
Income over/under: - 267.20



OFFICE HOUR

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

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DEAR PADRE,

Does pregnancy qualify as an exemption from abstinence and fasting in Lent? Yes, it does. Just to be clear, abstinence is not



eating meat on the Fridays of Lent and applies to Catholics over the age of fourteen. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine are obligated to fast, that is, eat only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal. In addition to children and elders, exemptions from these disciplines include pregnant or nursing women and the physically or mentally ill, including those with chronic illnesses, like diabetes. It is presumed that mature Catholics will seek balance and integration in the practice of the faith and will routinely make careful, informed decisions and apply them to spiritual practice. Obviously, being informed and aware of what the Church teaches, why the Church teaches something, and how it is to be applied and understood will only enhance a person's discernment. The health of an unborn baby is a clear responsibility and of the utmost importance. Maintaining a healthy and balanced diet during pregnancy and adjusting any habitual practices that may endanger the health of the baby should be a primary concern. While exempt from fasting and abstinence, a pregnant woman may want to observe Lent by adopting another penitential discipline, something that would do no harm to the baby but would still be in the spirit of Lent. [The Redemptorists/DearPadre.org](http://TheRedemptorists/DearPadre.org)

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time / March 2, 2025

First Reading: Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested. (Sir 27:7)

Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading: But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:57)

Gospel: "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." (Lk 6:45)

Observances for the week of March 2, 2025

- Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
- Tuesday: St. Casimir
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
- Friday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- Saturday: St. John of God, Religious
- Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

BLINDSIDED

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There are days when the darker side of who we are rises up and slaps us in the face. One evening, I decided to go to see a film. I bought a ticket, made my way into the theater, and found a seat that would give me an unobstructed view of the screen, one that had patrons on either side of the open seat in front of me. Fairly sure that no one would sit in front of me, I felt good about my maneuver. A few minutes before the film began, a group of four walked down the aisle, looking for a string of open seats in the crowded theater. One of them stopped at my row and asked if I would move down a seat. Immediately, I realized my predicament. If I moved, I'd be behind someone tall, with my vision of the screen blocked. I'd spend the film gazing through someone's head. I said no. The woman who had asked was taken aback, said so, and then moved on. Just as quickly, I found myself shocked by my own selfishness. Where had that come from? Was I really not who I thought I was? I discovered that there are hidden pieces of who we are that seldom come to light, and when they do, we cringe. If we are fortunate, the Lenten journey we begin on Ash Wednesday might reveal to us what it is that lives in our hearts.



Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?

LUKE 6:41

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What beam in my eye will I remove this Lent? What fruit will I produce during Lent? In other words, what two concrete things will I do to see more clearly and to contribute to Jesus' mission?

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Qué viga removeré de mi ojo en esta Cuaresma? ¿Qué frutos produciré durante la Cuaresma? En otras palabras, ¿cuáles son dos cosas concretas que haré a fin de ver más claramente y contribuir a la misión de Jesús?

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

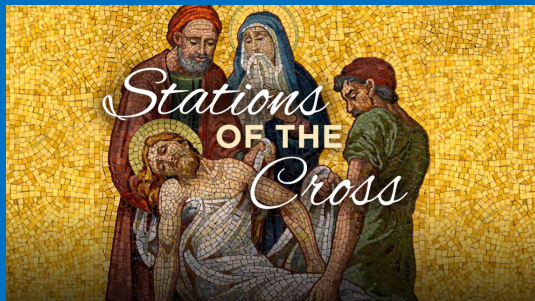
What Jesus says is true: we always find reasons for blaming others and justifying ourselves. And very often we complain about things that are wrong in society, in the Church, in the world, without first questioning ourselves and without making an effort to change.... Every fruitful, positive change must begin from ourselves. Otherwise, there will be no change.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We hold Stations of the Cross led by Knights of Columbus every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm during Lent. We hope you will join us for this prayerful devotion.



Ash Wednesday Schedule
 Wednesday, March 5, 2025—St. Anthony
 12:10 pm & 6:30 pm
 St. Raphael
 7:00 pm

Confessions Times:
 Monday 4:00—5:00 pm
 Wednesday 6:30 pm—7:30 pm
 Thursday 11:00 am—11:45 am
 Friday 8:30 am—9:30 am
 Saturday 3:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am

LENT FASTING AND MEAT ABSTINENCE Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.



- 3-4 @ 5 pm Finance Council
- 3-4 @ 6:00 pm Tuesday with the Diocese
- 3-5 @ 7:30 pm Knights Of Columbus
- 3-12 @ 5:30 pm Pastoral Council
- 3-12 @ 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- 3-22&25 @ 10 am Budget Shop
- 4-9 @ Soup and Sermon

RICE BOWLS

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. Please consider collecting your spare change and dollars in a CRS Rice Bowl this Lent. The cardboard containers are available in the vestibule.



2 de marzo de 2025 8º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Siempre que vamos al súper, llegamos con el buen deseo de escoger lo mejor. Especialmente la fruta, la queremos fresca, jugosa y dulce. Has pensado en los árboles de donde proviene la fruta. ¿Serán buenos, estarán bien regados y vitaminados? Porque depende del árbol cómo es que será su fruto, bueno o malo. Hoy, es día de examen, para saber cómo andamos de frutos. Mucho depende de lo que llevamos dentro del corazón y Jesús, sin rodeos, lanza la siguiente pregunta: *“¿Puede un ciego guiar a otro ciego? Ciertamente caerán ambos en algún hoyo”* (Lucas 6:39). Desde luego que no, alguno de los dos debe tener visión clara y saber hacia dónde se dirige. Observemos bien qué tipo de fruto esta dando nuestra vida y eso se mide en el refrán que dice: Obras son amores, y no buenas razones.

El Papa Francisco, también lo explica de la siguiente manera: *“Los niños y los jóvenes son los frutos de los árboles. Y cuando un árbol tiene buenas raíces y un buen tronco (abuelos y padres) da buenos frutos. Debemos ser un bosque lleno de buenos frutos; las familias numerosas son una gran esperanza de la sociedad”*. Todos por lo general tendemos a cuidar las apariencias, por lo tanto, descuidamos lo más importante, el interior del corazón, que es de donde sale lo bueno: *“La boca habla de lo que está lleno el corazón”* (Lucas 6:45). Pidamos al Señor, que nuestros frutos buenos sean para que los demás los disfruten.

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MASS INTENTIONS



Mon, Mar 3 5:30 pm Sp. Int. Powers Family
Tue, Mar 4 9:30 am Sp. Int. Burden Family
Wed, Mar 5 12: 10 pm Pastor's Intention
Wed, Mar 5 6:30 pm † John Perez
Thurs, Mar 6 12:15 pm Pastor's Intention
Fri, Mar 7 8: 00 am Pastor's Intention
Sat, Mar 8 4:00 pm † Melody Sanchez Siersema
Sun, Mar 9 9:00 am † Elisa Perea

MINISTERS FOR THIS/NEXT WEEK

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3/1/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Ryann & Brecken Bamberger, Rowen Simon

Reader: Karen Burden

Extra Ordinary of HC: Debbie Frederick, Gwen Waechter

3/2/2025—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Haley Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Kyle Berning

Extra Ordinary of HC: Alvin Bergkamp, Bob Woodrow

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

3/8/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Gus, Jonathan & Nathan Gannett

Reader: Tom Bachman

Extra Ordinary of HC: Cecilia Harris, Karen Burden

3/9/2025—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kingston Guerrero, Jace & Haley Berning

Reader: Bob Woodrow

Extra Ordinary of HC: Mike & Cindy Broeckelman

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.

Question: Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

Answer: Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned "out of the dust of the ground" and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not. As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either "remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return" or "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We're reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities. ©LPi