

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

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MARCH 23, 2025 | 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

REFLECTIONS

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— Father John Muir



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Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

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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-Syracuse
8:00 am (MST)	Mass (Syracuse)
Thursday	St. Anthony's –Lakin
11:00 am	Confession
11:45 am	Rosary & Prayers
12:15 pm	Mass

Friday	St. Anthony's
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 3-16-2025

Envelopes: \$1,440
Loose: \$301.00
Online Giving: \$1,020.87
Total: \$2,761.87
Average Weekly Expense: 1,761.17
Income over/under: 1,000.7



OFFICE HOUR

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

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH—600 SODERBERG STREET

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DEAR PADRE,

May I receive Communion if I'm divorced and haven't gotten an annulment?

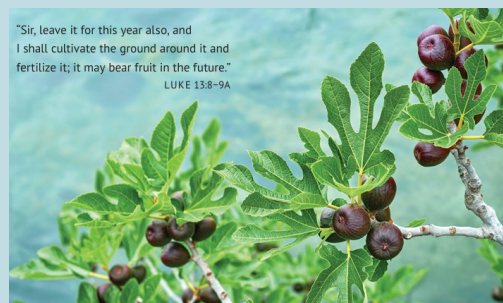
Yes, you may. Divorce, in itself, is not an impediment to the reception of Communion. Divorce, although regrettable because of the many ramifications that may be part of the experience, is not in itself a sin. There are situations when divorce may be the most loving choice and make it possible for all parties involved to live the lives God is calling them to live. Remarriage, when a person is not free to marry because of the presence of a previous bond, is an impediment to the reception of holy Communion. Although this situation is more and more common, it does not mean that the law of the Church, representative of the teaching of Jesus, can be set aside. As part of the process of healing from your divorce and moving on with your life, you may want to seek an annulment, particularly if you think you might want to marry again. The annulment process can often be healing and a source of great blessing. It also provides a rare opportunity to reflect on what was lost as a result of the original divorce and what can be learned as a way of moving forward and building a second marriage that is strong and life giving.



A GARDENER GOD

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Charles Baudelaire was a French poet and essayist in the mid-1800s. He once observed that life is like a hospital in which each patient is possessed by the desire to change beds. In other words, he thought everyone seemed to think life would be so much better if only they had a different set of circumstances, a different job, a different marriage, a different place in life. Like trees, however, not everyone grows and matures at the same pace. There are forty-year-olds who still act and think like teenagers, and there are ten-year-olds who have an attitude toward life like that of an elder. Over time, we all grow into the lives we're given. In this week's Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, some think God is like the owner who planted the tree, as if God is impatient with us to begin bearing fruit and quick to uproot us if we fail. A case could be made, however, for God to be the gardener who patiently fertilizes and nurtures. In the beginning, it was God who had a garden called Eden, filled with all kinds of trees and plants among which God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. After the resurrection, it was Mary Magdalene who went looking for the body of Jesus and mistook him for the gardener. It is God who hovers over us, watering and nudging and nurturing, waiting until in God's good time, we begin to bear fruit.



"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future."
LUKE 13:8-9A

3rd Sunday of Lent / March 23, 2025

First Reading: "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." (Ex 3:14)

Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading: These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor 10:11)

Gospel: "But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" (Lk 13:5)

Observances for the week of March 23, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When do I get the feeling that my spiritual well has run dry? How do I reinvigorate myself spiritually?

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Cuándo me siento como si mi pozo espiritual se haya secado? ¿De qué manera cobro un nuevo vigor espiritual?

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

I like to think that a nice name for God could be "the God of another possibility"... [God] does not look at the achievements you have not yet reached, but the fruits you can still bear. He does not keep track of your shortcomings but encourages your potential. He does not dwell on your past, but confidently bets on your future.

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THEME

KEEP HOPE ALIVE IN OUR LIVES
SAINT ANTHONY PARISH
MINI RETREAT—SUNDAY MARCH 30
BREAKFAST TILL PROBABLY NOON
PLEASE SAVE THAT DAY

EASTER FLOWERS

If anyone or family wants to donate for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. Please put your donation in an envelope along with whom it is given, plus your name as the donor. Thank you



During this Lenten season we are invited to reflect, repent, and renew our hearts in preparation for Easter. One of the most powerful ways to do this is through the sacrament of reconciliation.

Confessions Times:

Mondays 4:00—5:00 pm; Wednesdays 6:30 pm—7:30 pm;
Thursdays 11:00 am—11:45 am; Fridays 8:30 am—9:30 am;
Saturdays 3:00 pm; Sundays 8:00 am



ST. ANTHONY ALTAR SOCIETY

St. Anthony ladies, we are responsible for “Soup & Sermon” on APRIL 9. If you can help with making soup

or sandwiches for this event, please call Nanette Rice 620-355-7676 or 620-651-1327.

Your help is very much appreciated.

23 de marzo de 2025 - 3^{er} Domingo de Cuaresma

En los desastres naturales, donde se pierden vidas humanas y algunos quedan vivos, nos sorprendemos y quizá pensamos, ¿Por qué estos se salvaron y los otros no? ¿Eran acaso mejores que los otros? ¿Fue un castigo para los que perdieron la vida? Sin embargo, sabemos que no es así. Nos quedamos como al principio, no hay respuesta. El Evangelio de hoy tiene momentos de reflexión profunda que implica que el corazón se convierta. Y la Palabra de Dios ayuda a madurar interiormente. La conversión es un proceso de madurar poco a poco en la fe, para enseguida dar frutos.

“La Cuaresma viene a despertarnos del letargo, de seguir adelante por inercia. Nos recuerda que podemos realizar algo nuevo en nosotros y en nuestro alrededor gracias a la bondad y misericordia de Dios, que siempre está dispuesto a perdonar” (Papa Francisco). Dios sigue esperando a que demos frutos buenos. Siempre nos tiene paciencia, una y otra vez nos espera. Cada año decide no cortar sino abonar y poner tierra nueva, y esperar. “Señor déjala un año más y mientras tanto cavaré alrededor y le haré abono. Puede ser que así de fruto en adelante y, si no, la cortas” (Lucas 13:8-9). Una nueva oportunidad para llevar a cabo lo que a Dios le gusta. Hacer justicia, hablar por los sin voz, dar tiempo de calidad a la familia y sobre todo ser menos irresponsables y menos violentos. Esas actitudes no nos llevan a ningún lado. ¡Dejemos que Dios nos abone en lo que necesitamos! ©LPi

APRIL 11

5—7 PM

EVERYONE

WELCOME

PARISH

HALL

FRIDAY FISH FRY



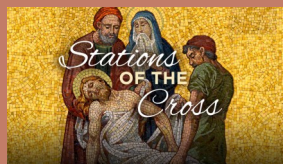
APRIL K O C MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 2—7:30 PM



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

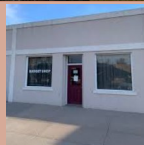
We hold Stations of the Cross led by Knights of Columbus every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm during Lent.

We hope you will join us for this prayerful devotion.



BUDGET SHOP

We will be working at the Budget Shop on Saturday, March 22, and Tuesday, 25. Please keep these dates on your busy calendars and try to save a few hours to help us.



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PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Peter Tran	355-6405
Rel.Edu. Committee: Karen Burden,	355-6388
DRE: Lisa Gannett	272-6866
Parish C. Chair: Gwen Waechter	272-1030
Finance C. Chair: Tressa Powers	355-6206
Altar S. President: Nanette Rice	355-7676
Grand Knight: Tom Bachman	640-8259
Prayer Line Starters: Allison Bushek	355-1696
& Nanette Rice	355-7676
Vocation Team: Nanette & Sandra	355-7676
Youth Director: Hannah Schauf	316-765-4131

Question: What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?

Answer: Sin is a deliberate thought, word, action, or omission contrary to God's law. Since the beginnings of the Church, sin has been distinguished by its gravity. "Grave matter" is traditionally defined by the Ten Commandments. If a person commits a grave sin with full knowledge of the action's evil and with the complete consent of their will, this is a mortal sin. The effects of mortal sin are grave – the loss of sanctifying grace, which can be restored by a fresh outpouring of God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Venial sin does not fit one or more of these conditions (for example, a less serious matter still freely chosen or grave matter committed while under force or ignorance of God's law). The effects of venial sin – while still damaging to the human heart and human society – are less severe. Even so, smaller sins build habits, which can obstruct our growth in virtue. When we are serious about following Jesus, we should do our best to avoid all sin, whether large or small!

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MASS INTENTIONS



Mon, Mar 24	5:30 pm	Sp. Int. Powers Family
Tue, Mar 25	9:30 am	Mark Meier
Wed, Mar 26	9:00 am	St. Raphael's
Thurs, Mar 27	12:15 pm	Kathy Klenke
Fri, Mar 28	8:00 pm	Barbara Woodrow
Sat, Mar 29	4:00 pm	† Rosie Perez
Sun, Mar 30	9:00 am	† Thomas K. Edwards

MINISTERS FOR THIS/NEXT WEEK

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

3/22/2025 - Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Gus, Jonathan Gannett, Brisa Ibarra

Reader: Debbie Frederick

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

3/23/2025–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Haley Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Mike Broeckelman

Extra Ordinary of HC: Del & Julia Kaps

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

3/29/2025 - Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Ryann & Brecken Bamberger, Rowen Simon

Reader: Gwen Waechter

Extra Ordinary of HC: Rosemary & Tom Bachman

3/30/2025–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kingston Guerrero, Jace Berning, Haley Berning

Reader: Hannah Schauf

Extra Ordinary of HC: Toby & Jessica Luhman-Fuller

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.