

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

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MARCH 30, 2025 | 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

REFLECTIONS

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. *Something* had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God. When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day. Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness. **Lenten challenge:** Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

— Father John Muir



4th Sunday OF LENT

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

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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 3-23-2025

Envelopes: \$ 335.00
Loose: \$442.00
Online Giving: \$406.96
Total: \$1,183.96
Average Weekly Expense: 1,761.17
Income over/under: - 577.21



OFFICE HOUR

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

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DEAR PADRE,

Is it OK if I receive holy Communion more than once a day? Part of my routine is to go to early morning Mass in my parish, even on days I know I'm going to another Mass, like a wedding or funeral, or sometimes another Mass for that day.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that by the very nature of what the Eucharist intends and celebrates, those who participate in the great mystery of our faith should "receive the Lord's Body" (1388). In other words, reception of holy Communion is strongly recommended and is understood as the ordinary practice for all who participate in the Mass. Proper preparation and disposition are presumed as both necessary and important. In response to a specific "dubium" or question about this practice and expectation, in 1984 the Pontifical Commission on the Code of Canon Law issued an authentic interpretation of the Church's understanding of this practice. It mandated that "the faithful may receive the Holy Eucharist only a second time on the same day" (CCC, 1388, footnote 222). This directive is intended to establish the general norm and practice for the reception of holy Communion. Your practice, as a result of this norm, is directly representative of the understanding of the Church.

GOD OF JUSTICE, GOD OF MERCY

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Life is not fair. Even though we know this, we expect God to be fair, which may be what irks so many about the Parable of the Lost Son. There is a part of our skewed human nature that agrees with the older son in the story. It certainly seems that the younger son was able to have his cake and eat it too, while the older son could only sit by and watch, missing out on the devil-may-care part of life. It didn't seem fair, and the older son said so. The point of the story does seem to be that God is both just and merciful, but if ever one of those virtues seems to give way to the other, then, from God's perspective, divine mercy always trumps worldly justice. We, however, think that's not fair. We grow suspect of deathbed conversions, worried that the person is trying to have life both ways. But do we give thought to the suffering such a life without God might entail? The humiliation and near starvation of the younger son as he lived his self-indulgent life? We think we want God to be fair, but do we really? In C.S. Lewis' novel, *Till We Have Faces*, one character asks another if the gods are just, to which is replied, "Oh, child, pray that they are not!" Do we really want to be treated with justice, getting exactly what we deserve and no more? Or do we want to let God be God and be treated with mercy?



"Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."
LUKE 15:32

4th Sunday of Lent / March 30, 2025

First Reading: While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover. (Jos 5:10)

Psalms: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading: And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

Gospel: "But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." (Lk 15:32)

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: April Fools' Day

Wednesday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Friday: St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I be merciful like the father in this parable? What resentments do I need to overcome? Can I be truly forgiving to someone who has hurt me or those I love?

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Cómo puedo ser misericordioso como el padre de esta parábola? ¿Qué resentimientos debo superar? ¿Puedo perdonar verdaderamente a alguien que me ha herido a mí o a alguno de mis seres queridos?

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

There was a pop theatre production...about the prodigal son... [The son writes a letter]: "Father, I have repented, I want to come back home.... If you want to welcome me, please put a white handkerchief in the window." And when he was near home...what did he see? Not one handkerchief: it was full of white handkerchiefs, the windows, everywhere!

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THEME
 KEEP HOPE ALIVE IN OUR LIVES
 SAINT ANTHONY PARISH
 MINI RETREAT—SUNDAY MARCH 30
 BREAKFAST TILL PROBABLY NOON



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.

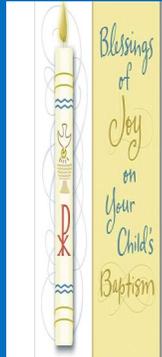
Your help is very much appreciated.

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



We would like to extend our congratulations to our newly Baptized Axl, child of Vanessa Esquibel . Welcome to God's family in the Church! May our Loving God continue to pour down His abundant blessings upon Axl.



30 de marzo de 2025 - 4º Domingo de Cuaresma

Todos, quizá en algún momento de nuestra vida, hemos tenido la experiencia de jugar el papel de hijos-hijas buenos en la vida familiar. Pero, también hemos jugado el rol de no ser tan buenos como se esperaba. Entonces, esta parábola del hijo pródigo nos cae como anillo al dedo.

¿Qué sentimientos o recuerdos afluyen a tu mente al escucharla? ¿Sientes que el Padre es injusto con su hijo mayor? ¿Crees que ha consentido demasiado al menor de sus hijos? Cualquiera que sea nuestra respuesta, nos debe llevar a una reflexión profunda del amor incondicional de Dios para con sus dos hijos. Sin embargo, no perdamos el punto de vista de que Jesús cuenta esta parábola a publicanos y pecadores, y de cómo los fariseos y escribas criticaban a Jesús porque comía con ellos.

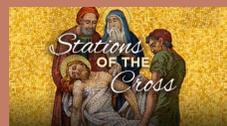
“Con la parábola del hijo pródigo Jesús nos cuenta que Dios nos espera siempre, igual que el padre, que espera el regreso de su hijo. Él nos deja libres, deja que nos equivoquemos y aprendamos, y de esta manera volver, al igual que lo hizo el hijo pródigo” (Papa Francisco). El Papa Francisco nos da la clave que debemos de llevar a cabo, aprender a volver cada vez que nos alejamos. No claudicar, seguir adelante y pedir perdón es de valientes. Aprender de los errores vividos y regresar para volver a un nuevo comienzo, pero bien acompañados de la gracia de Dios. Sentir fortaleza al escuchar: “Tú estás siempre conmigo y todo lo mío es tuyo” (Lucas 15:31). ©LPi

APRIL 11
5—7 PM
EVERYONE
WELCOME
PARISH
HALL



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



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE		
HOLY THURSDAY	4-17	6:00 pm
GOOD FRIDAY	4-18	3:00 pm
Easter Vigil	4-19	8:30 pm
Easter Sunday Mass	4-20	9:00 am

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Peter Tran	355-6405
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Question: Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

Answer: The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape! ©LPi



MASS INTENTIONS



Mon, Mar 31	5:30 pm	Sp. Int. Powers Family
Tue, Apr 1	9:30 am	Joyce Sack
Wed, Apr 2	9:00 am	St. Raphael's
Thurs, Apr 3	12:15 pm	Smith & Jones Families
Fri, Apr 4	8:00 pm	For Rain
Sat, Apr 5	4:00 pm	+ Julia Rosales
Sun, Apr 6	9:00 am	+ Thomas K. Edwards

MINISTERS FOR THIS/NEXT WEEK

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

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

4/5/2025 - Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Gus, Jonathan & Nathan Gannett

Reader: Karen Burden

Extra Ordinary of HC: Debbie Frederick, Gwen Waechter

4/6/2025—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe & Kipton Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

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

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.