

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016

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Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor
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Eucharist:

Daily: Chapel 8:30 am
Monday, Thursday: 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon (Spanish)

Next Holy Day of Obligation

March 27, 2016 Easter Sunday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: Holy Hour following 7 pm Mass
Hora Santa después de la misa 7 pm

Office Hours:

Daily (Diario) 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday (Sábado) 10:00 - 12:00 noon

Baptism/Bautizos:

Baptisms in English are the first and third Saturday of each month. Arrangements should be made one month in advance. Parents should be registered parishioners.

Los Bautizos son el 2do y 4to sábado de cada mes. Deben de pasar por la oficina para coordinar la fecha por lo menos con un mes de anticipación. Deben de estar inscritos en la parroquia para solicitar un bautismo.

Marriage/Matrimonio:

Please arrange with the priest at least one year in advance. Por favor de separar fecha con el sacerdote y un año de anticipación.

Reconciliation/Reconciliación:

Every Saturday (Cada Sábado) 4:00 PM—5:00 PM

Religious Education/Catecismo:

English: Sunday at 9:00 am in the Grammar school
RCIA Tuesday 7:00 pm in Rectory Meeting Room.
Español: Sábado a las 10:00 am se reúnen en la cafetería de la escuela.

Sponsorship/Godparent Certificates

Those who need a sponsorship certificate to be a godparent must make an appointment with the priest.

Staff:

Ms. Rose Perone, Trustee & English Rel. Ed.
Sr. Marie Charitina, S.C., Dir. Rel. Education
Mrs. Mary Wilk, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Teresa Marin, Spanish Rel. Ed.
Mr. Will Villanueva, Trustee
Mr. Michael Faccone, Office



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Anthony of Padua Parish is committed to the Celebration of God's presence among His people through meaningful, well prepared liturgy, prayerful gatherings, evangelization and faith formation. We recognize and welcome the richness of our culturally and ethnically diverse community. We strive to nurture and develop these differences by encouraging all our brothers and sisters to share their gifts so we may strengthen our community and become one.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2016 TO FEBRUARY 20, 2016

SATURDAY (February 13) Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:30 JENNIE CHICCHITTO/ John Sacco & Family
 5:00 BERNADETTE LA GUARDIA/ Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (February 14) First Sunday of Lent

8:00 DEC. MEM. DI COSIMO FAMILY/ Family
 10:30 JOSEPH ULISANO/ Lillian Ulisano
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (February 15) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ANTHONY W. & MARIE BELLUSCIO/
 Son & Daughter Franklin & Susan Belluscio
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (February 16) Lenten Weekday

8:30 CARMELA MELILLO/ Figlia Teresa

WEDNESDAY (February 17) Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:30 CARMELA CIANFANO/ Mamma Teresa

THURSDAY (February 18) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ONOFRIO CHILLEMI/ Mrs. Antonia Chillemi
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (February 19) Lenten Weekday

8:30 BESSIE GIACALONE/ Mary Lou & Vincent Sarna
 7:00 PM VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (February 20) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ANTHONY IANIELLO/ sister Carmela Chirico
 5:00 LIBORIA MUNI/ Gerardo Gianetta & Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (February 21) Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 SOULS IN PURGATORY/ James & Cathy Leggett
 10:30 MARIE MC DONNELL/ Angela Verlengeri
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS
 MANUEL CAMPOS

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **Giacomo and Rocchina Milazzo** donated by **Granddaughter Rosemary.**

Our Weekly Offering

OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION is shown below.

We sincerely thank all those parishioners and friends who contributed to the parish.

Be assured that the Lord will never be outdone in rewarding those who give even a glass of water in His Name.

	Weekly Offering	Assessment
5:00 PM	419	195
7:00 PM	325	432
8:00 AM	298	196
10:30 AM	821	322
12:00 Noon	1632	961
Mail	180	
Total	\$3,675	\$2,106

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

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| Alfonsina Aker | Elvin Martinez |
| Carmen Alava | Carmen Mistichelli |
| Sheree Balaam | Angelo Meo |
| Oran Bryant | Leonarda Merlo |
| Karen Bulloch | Carlos Moran |
| Caterina Campbell | Nick Netta |
| Isaac Castañeda | Declan Rocco O'Connor |
| Orlando Chavez | Robergeau Paul |
| Wayne Cook | Maria Perdomo |
| Mary Cusmano | Laura Philipone |
| Leonor Sepulveda De Devia | Peter Philipone |
| Marianna Dubell | Frank Pierre |
| Maria Espinoza | Raul Atilio Portillo |
| Mario Fronzoni | Carmen Fojo Prieto |
| Denise Griest | Edith Quijada |
| Ann Harris | Endy Quijada |
| Russell Harris | Oscar Eduardo Ramirez |
| Jared Leonardo Henao | Sergio Ricciardi |
| Jacob Hinman | Isadora Rodriguez |
| Joshua Hinman | Magdalena Rodriguez |
| Joseph B. Jean-Mary | John Ruela |
| Michelle Johnson | Maria Saavedra |
| Harry Krampf | Gladys San Antonio |
| Stanley Kuchno | Hugo Santa Maria |
| Lindsay LaMarre | Frank Tinnirella |
| John Lapolla | Angela Verlengeri |
| Theresa Lattanzio | John Veltre |
| Rosa Leon | Charles White |
| Barbara McMurray | |

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**First Sunday of Lent / Primer Domingo de Cuaresma**

Today is the first Sunday of Lent, and in today's gospel we heard about the three temptations that Jesus had in the desert prior to his public ministry. These temptations are in a sense a way to remember the Exodus, all the temptations that the people of Israel suffered before partaking in the covenant with Yahweh, and so be part of the chosen people. And at the same time, these three temptations are those that we have. The first temptation, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread..." This temptation is called by many "fathers" of the church, the temptation of the bread. And it is if we were asked, were do you look for or put your security in life? Were do I believe that life is? Were do I look for life every day? Normally I look for it in my job, in my efforts, in my money. So, Jesus answer the devil, "Not on bread alone does man live, but on every word that comes from God's mouth." The "Word" has the power to create. Christ put all his trust in his Father, the Lord of life and death. The Second temptation is: "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself, down from here... because God will send his angels to protect you..." This is the temptation of changing the history, yours and mine, not accepting our lives, and all the doubts that life throws at us. But Christ answered the devil very plainly and sharply, "You shall not tempt the Lord your God..." Making very clear that he is the Son of God or what is the same to say, being God himself. Because being God's son knows that his father did not make a mistake in his history, but it is perfect. And God allows anything for a very important reason, so the love of God may be discovered, and without this love, there is nothing. The third one, "I will give you all these if you fall prostrate and worship me..." The temptation of the Idols of the world, money, possessions, power, success, fame, recognition, affections, etc. What I believe that will make me happy. But there is a problem that every idol demands sacrifices of blood, and so we are ready to sacrifice any thing, health, family, friends, etc. In order to get what we want. But Christ rejects Satan, "... To God alone you shall worship..." Because the Church is a good Mother, she comes into our help during this time of lent, so we can fight back these three temptations, how? To fight the first one, the church recommends us **to Fast**, so we can experienced that life is not coming from what I eat or drink, that I do not die if I skip one or to meals, on the contrary, it is very healthy not to eat so our bodies can be cleanse. To fight the second temptation, **Prayer**, to have a closer relationship with the Lord, an open channel of communication with God, to put before him all my worries, anxieties, and doubts. And to fight the third one, **Alms giving**, no with the mentality that I will help, or solve the economical problems of any body, because it is not so, but as a way of helping ourselves, Christ said in the Gospel: "Make friends with the unjust money, so when it will fall short, you will be received in the eternal kingdom..." May God bless you and your families and friends ways.

Hoy es el primer Domingo de Cuaresma, y el evangelista nos presenta las tres tentaciones que Cristo sufre en el desierto antes de comenzar su vida pública. Estas tentaciones son a modo de recordar lo que el pueblo de Israel sufrió en el desierto, y como Yahvé lo prepara para poder hacer de ellos su pueblo, el rebaño escogido. Pero también, estas tres tentaciones de Cristo son las mismas tentaciones que tenemos todos nosotros. La primera tentación, "Si tu eres el hijo de Dios, dile a estas piedras que se conviertan en pan..." Con esta tentación, que es llamada por muchos "Padres de la Iglesia," como la tentación del pan, se nos pregunta ¿Dónde busco yo mi seguridad? Donde creo yo que esta la vida, donde la busco todos los días. Normalmente en el trabajo, en el esfuerzo por mejorar la situación en que vivo, etc. Y cristo responde: "No solo de pan vive el hombre, sino de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios." Cristo pone su confianza en su Padre, el Señor de la vida y de la muerte. La segunda tentación, "Si tu eres el hijo de Dios, tírate por que esta escrito, el enviara a sus Ángeles para que te protejan..." Esta segunda tentación es la tentación de la historia. La misma que tenemos todos nosotros, la de no aceptar mi historia, mi vida, todas aquellas incógnitas y preguntas que nunca se resolvieron, por que ocurrió esto o aquello, por que estoy aquí, etc. Y sin embargo Cristo responde al diablo de una forma sencilla y contundente, "No tentaras al Señor tu Dios." Dejando claro quien es el, el Hijo único de Dios, o lo que es lo mismo, Dios mismo. Por que siendo hijo sabe muy bien que su padre no se ha equivocado, que todo lo ha hecho bien. Y todo lo permite con una razón importantísima, descubrir el amor de Dios, y que fuera de este amor no hay nada. La tercera, "Todo esto te daré si te postras y me adoras..." La tentación de los ídolos del mundo, el dinero, las posesiones, etc. Que creo yo que me va a dar la felicidad. Pero el problema es que todo ídolo nos pide sacrificios de sangre, y por estos ídolos estamos dispuestos a sacrificarlo todo, salud, familia, amigos, etc. Sin embargo Cristo, rechaza a Satanás, "...Solo a Dios adoraras." Por esto mismo, la Iglesia como buena madre viene en nuestra ayuda, y por esto la cuaresma, ya que es muy difícil luchar contra estas tentaciones, por esta razón, para combatir la primera tentación, viene en nuestra ayuda con **el Ayuno**, ver que si un día no comemos no nos morimos, ya que la vida no depende de lo que comemos o bebemos en un día. Para la Segunda tentación, la iglesia nos invita a **Rezar**, importantísimo tener hilo directo con Dios, y que mejor que charlar con Dios através de la oración, y la meditación. Y para la tercera tentación, la de los Ídolos del mundo, se nos invita a **hacer Limosna**, no como forma de ayudar a los pobres, sino para ayudarnos a nosotros mismos. Dice Cristo en otro evangelio, "Haceos amigos con el dinero injusto, para que cuando os falte, os reciban el las eternas moradas." Que Dios los bendiga a todos ustedes y a sus familias y amigos. Feliz Cuaresma.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's runs a Food Pantry once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry is **February 24, 2016 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM**. Enter through the 3rd Avenue Basement. Please bring some form of identification.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Our Food Pantry is in need of food. Please drop off your food to help feed those in need of our parish in the baskets at the back of the church or at the rectory.

Lectors for the Weekend of February 20-21, 2016Saturday, February 20

5:00 PM Mary Anne Costanza
7:00 PM Raul Alvarado y Jose Bonilla
(C: Paola Villanueva)

Sunday, February 21

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz
10:30 AM Rita Agliata
12:00 Noon Manuel Mojica y Zoila Torres
(C: Sandra Bonilla)

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of February 20 - 21, 2016Saturday, February 20

5:00 PM Joe Gambino
7:00 PM Reina Yanes y Ramon Yanes

Sunday, February 21

8:00 AM Mary Wilk
10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Martha Devia & Gino Merendino
12:00 Noon Ana Marte, Betsy Hernan y Myrna Gonzalez

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The parish family of St. Anthony's seeks to reach out and include the sick, the elderly, and the homebound in the life and prayers of our parish.

Please contact the parish office if someone wants to receive Communion or needs to see the priest for the sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick.

SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.

--St. Louise de Marillac

Welcome/ Bienvenidos

Welcome New Parishioners! We are happy to have you with us. We would like to invite you to register at the parish office during the week. Registration is essential for sponsor/witness letters. **If you move or change your address, please call the rectory.**

¡Bienvenidos a los nuevos feligreses! Nos da mucho gusto de que estén con nosotros. Los invitamos a inscribirse en nuestra oficina entre semana. Tienen que estar inscritos para recibir cartas verificando su participación en la Iglesia.



***TUESDAY:** Novena to St. Anthony
(After 8:30 AM Mass — Chapel)
7:00 PM RCIA (Rectory Basement)

***THURSDAY:** Holy Hour after 7:00 PM Mass

***FRIDAY:** 7:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm -- Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading -- All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel -- Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Libres de los egipcios opresores, los israelitas muestran su fe ofreciendo al Señor los primeros frutos de su nueva tierra (Deuteronomio 26:4-10).

Salmo -- Tú eres mi Dios y en ti confío (Salmo 91 [90]).

Segunda lectura -- Todos los que expresan su fe en Jesús resucitado y confiesan que él es el Señor, se salvarán (Romanos 10:8-13).

Evangelio -- Jesús fue conducido por el Espíritu al desierto y allí fue tentado (Lucas 4:1-13).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

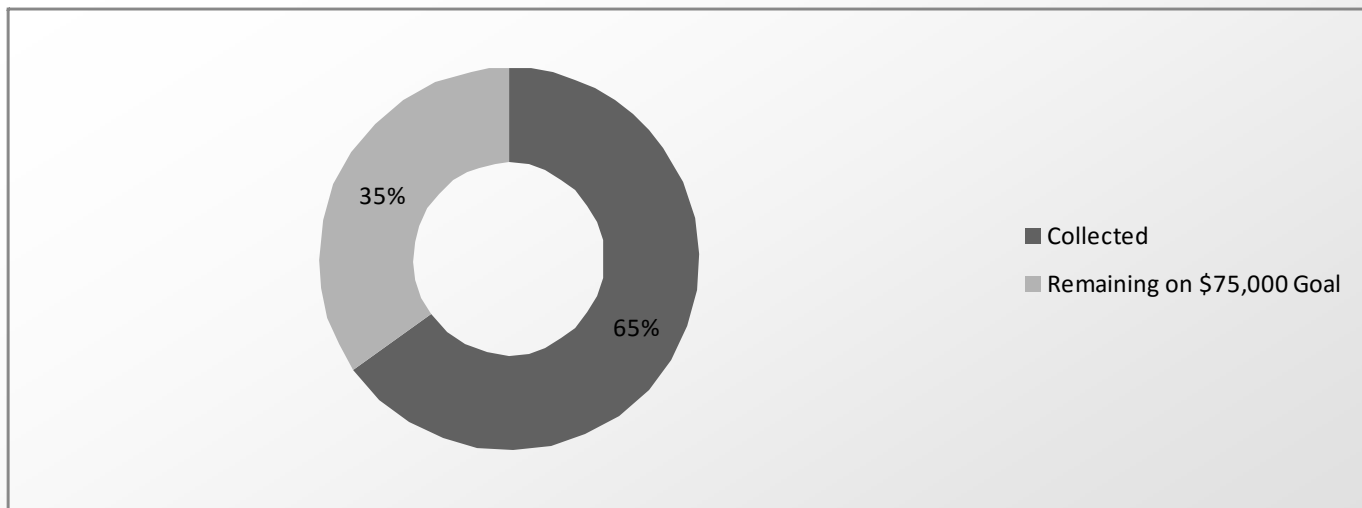
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;

Phil 3:17 -- 4:1 [3:20 -- 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

SERVIR AL POBRE

Sé diligente en servir al pobre. Ama a los pobres, hónralos igual que honrarías al mismo Cristo.

--Santa Louisa de Marillac



CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Our goal for Church renovations (painting and carpeting) is \$75,000. So far we have collected \$48,821. Your extra donation will go entirely for this purpose. We are asking that each family donates \$200 to help beautify our Church. Thank you for your generosity.

RENOVACIONES DE LA IGLESIA

Nuestro objetivo para las renovaciones de la Iglesia (pintura y alfombras) es de \$75,000. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$48,821. Su donación adicional se destinará íntegramente a este fin. Pedimos que cada familia dona 200 dólares para ayudar a embellecer nuestra Iglesia. Gracias por tu generosidad.

ST. JOSEPH TABLE

Please join us on Sunday, March 13, 2016, at 11:30 AM for the St. Joseph's Table. We will have a spaghetti dinner at the Youth Center. \$5.00 per person. Please contact the rectory for more information and tickets. All proceeds will benefit our Church.

2017 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2017 will open on **Monday, March 7, 2016 at 1:00 PM.** You may begin reserving Masses for loved ones for the 2017 calendar year on this date.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent;
Valentine's Day; World Marriage Day
Monday: Presidents' Day
Wednesday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Friday: Abstinence

TABLA DE SAN JOSÉ

Por favor, únase a nosotros el Domingo, 13 de marzo 2016, a las 11:30 AM para la Tabla de San José. Tendremos una cena de espaguetis en el Centro Juvenil. \$5.00 por persona. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la rectoría para más información y comprar su entradas. Todos lo recaudado se destinarán a nuestra Iglesia.

JESÚS Y EL DEMONIO

Como nos recuerda el Evangelio de hoy, el demonio tentó a Jesús con citas de la Sagrada Escritura: haz un milagro que te convenga. Véndete. Deslumbra a tus oyentes; el pueblo es ingenuo y novelero. Camina por estas sendas fáciles. El tentador trata de llevar a Jesús por la senda fácil pero resbalosa, ofreciéndole las soluciones fáciles pero falsas que siempre están a la mano. El demonio sabe lo que es bueno, pero no tiene la capacidad de hacer lo que es bueno, y menos aún de ser bueno. El demonio es la personificación del Mal, e intuye en Jesús la presencia más fuerte, y más genuinamente atractiva, de la santidad.

El Evangelio de este domingo nos muestra al Mal expuesto y desenmascarado. Satanás sabe que se le ha acabado el juego. Hoy Jesús comienza a deshacer su tejido de mentiras, y a sanar a las almas, y al mundo entero. Y en este tiempo de Cuaresma, la Iglesia nos invita a participar en esta labor de renovación, de nueva creación, y a dejar que Cristo nos sane.

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