

Sunday, Jan 27, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Crack open a Good Book

As recently as a generation ago, faithful Catholics cheerfully assigned Bible-quoting to the category of “Protestant” behaviors. We have sacraments, they “only” have scripture—or so the defense was typically mounted. In truth, our liturgy is one of word *and* sacrament, and the wealth of Catholic tradition is known by those who fully claim both. When Jesus was handed the scroll of Isaiah, he quickly located the passage that would introduce his message. Are you as comfortable finding your way around the Good Book?

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69). “[Jesus] unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.’”

Monday, Jan 28, 2019

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Poetry that is simply divine

Thomas Aquinas (1225-74), an Italian Dominican priest, was a quiet and brilliant philosopher whose writings have formed and informed generations of theologians and pastors. However, it is Thomas’ poetry that has expressed Catholic belief for many Catholics through the ages. Thomas composed the words to the hymn “Pange Lingua” (and its final two verses, “Tantum Ergo”) for the Feast of Corpus Christi. “*Tantum ergo, sacramentum . . . : Come adore this wondrous presence; bow to Christ, the source of grace.*” This “sacrament most holy” ties us to the past, nourishes us today, and gives us hope for what is to come.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30 (317). “*Christ is mediator of new covenant . . . those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.*”

Tuesday, Jan 29, 2019

Was Jesus a family man?

Those who espouse “family values” might squirm a bit at the passages in the gospel where Jesus seems to be showing a bit of disrespect to his own family. Jesus is teaching us here that our loyalties and obligations go beyond our families of origin. As Christians, we belong to a larger family with larger responsibilities—to listen to the words of Jesus and to seek the will of God. Jesus redefines family, not with the intention of excluding anyone, but rather to invite everyone to join a greater family with a greater vision of family values.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35 (318). “*Jesus said, ‘Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’*”

Wednesday, Jan 30, 2019

Bless my soil

You can’t always take parables in the gospels on face value, which is why it helps to have a good study Bible or scripture commentary at hand when you break open the word. But every now and then the gospel writers have Jesus explain exactly what he meant. Such is the case with the parable of the seeds and the soil. What to make of the birds eating some seeds while others wither or were choked by weeds? Easy: The seed is the word of God. Some are denied the word. Others show initial enthusiasm

but go on to something else after a time. Others turn away when trouble strikes or allow worldly concerns to distract them. But where is the rich soil found? In the ones who hear the word and accept it and try to live it. Where does the seed of God’s word fall in your life?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20 (319). “*And these are the ones sown on the good soil: They hear the word and accept it and bear fruit.*”

Thursday, Jan 31, 2019

MEMORIAL OF JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

Love and support your local child

Saint John Bosco was born in Italy in 1815 into a family of farm workers. He became a priest and a teacher, devoting his life to the care and education of abandoned and neglected children. His approach was considered novel at the time: He used love instead of punishment to shape the behavior of his students. John embraced the spirituality of Saint Francis de Sales and dedicated his work to him when he founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales (also known as the Salesians of Don Bosco). How can you support teachers and those who care for children? What are some ways you, in the spirit of John Bosco, can extend love and compassion to children, especially those most in need?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25 (320). “*There is nothing hidden except to be made visible; nothing is secret except to come to light.*”

Friday, Feb 01, 2019

Whose stuff is this?

Christians commonly suffered the confiscation of their property during the persecutions of the early church, and church property has been confiscated by hostile governments ever since. Perhaps that is why the Catholic Church defends the right to private property. Yet the church also says that this right is not absolute; it is limited by the concept of the “social mortgage,” our mutual obligations to one another and to a just distribution of wealth. You can read about church teaching on property and other social issues in the first “social encyclical,” *Rerum novarum* (“On the Condition of Labor”), written by Pope Leo XIII and issued in 1891. Take a look at it on the Vatican website.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34 (321). “*You cheerfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves possessed something better and more lasting.*”

Saturday, Feb 02, 2019

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Your loving kindness shall not be in vain

There is a lot going on for our prayerful consideration today. It is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the ancient story of faithful parents presenting their baby at the Temple. It is also a day of prayer for men and women who have consecrated their lives with vows of poverty, obedience, and chastity in service to the church. And it was on February 2, 1945 that the Nazis hung the Jesuit priest, Alfred Delp. Delp’s final message to friends was this: “If through one man’s life there is a little more love and kindness . . . then he will not have lived in vain.” Parents, vowed religious, and every one of us can do our best to not live in vain.

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 (524). “*Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace.*”



Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street

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Father Charles R. Danielson, Pastor
Deacon John P. Guarino

Bishop of Burlington: Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne

Parish Office

Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
11:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Closed on Wednesday

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM
Weekday: Monday & Friday 9:00 AM
Holy Days: Consult the parish bulletin

Rectory Chapel

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Religious Education

Coordinator: Mrs. Julie Hamilton, 295-3989, juliehamilton130@comcast.net

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 PM
Baptism: Parents must come to the rectory to get the necessary forms at least one month in advance.
Marriage: Couples must contact the parish at least six months in advance.

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 26	4:00 P.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Sunday, January 27	8:30 A.M.	Doris Powden by Roger & Dale Tatro
Monday, January 28	9:00 A.M.	John & Bridget Hanrahan by the estate
Friday, February 1	9:00 A.M.	Mary, Dorothy & Arthur Dunley by the estate
Saturday, February 2	4:00 P.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Sunday, February 3	8:30 A.M.	Dominic Digilio by Pauline Albanese



Nicole Pero
Peter Dailey
Richard Temple
Anne Rule
Theresa Lund

"Aunt" Bunny Hurst
Patrick Kendall
Mike Temple
Frank Klymn

Please also remember others who are in need of our prayers.

Names will be published in our bulletin for one month. If you would like to renew your prayer request after one month, please contact the parish office.

Sanctuary Lamps
will burn for:

Saint Anthony
Parishioners
& friends



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need: \$ 3,500.00
Offeritory collection January 19 & 20: \$ 1,813.00

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of Saint Anthony Church!**

Message from Fr. Rick:

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This weekend's Gospel presents us with the opening lines of St. Luke's Gospel account. A Prologue or preface or introduction, if you will, to his "narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministries of the Word have handed them down to us" Notice: How eager St. Luke is to assure his readers that what he and others have written is reliable testimony based on what eyewitnesses heard and saw.

This is important because too many in our day and age are too quick to dismiss the Gospels as historically unreliable. As if the writers of the Gospels, the letters of St. Paul, St. Timothy of Titus as well as some of the first "Fathers of the Church" were a bunch of superstitious, gullible rubes. We forget, in our conceit, that these folks were just as human as we are. That they could be, and often were, deeply skeptical about what they read or heard. After all, the early Christian world was filled with many "Gospels" and written accounts of Christ and His teaching. Why were only four ultimately accepted (even by the later Protestant reformers)?

Because what the four Gospels record had the ring of truth and authenticity about it. They were in fact "believable, credible". Because, in fact, they were true authentic narratives of what Jesus said and did.

Fr. Rick

Low Gluten Altar Bread: If you require a low gluten host for communion, come to the altar with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The celebrant will give you the consecrated low gluten host from a separate paten.

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ray Obar** who died last week and whose funeral was held here on Thursday. May his family find solace in their faith and in the promise of eternal life with our heavenly Father.*

Second Collection This Weekend: The Catholic Education Collection will take place this weekend. Your generosity to this annual collection helps to support the continued faith formation of our young people. One half of the collection will remain in our parish for the local religious education programs, and one half support 13 Catholic schools throughout the Diocese. Your gift is greatly appreciated. **Please make checks payable to St. Anthony Church.**

RCIA: Our parish R.C.I.A. program continues meeting every Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. Please keep those involved in the program, candidates and leaders in our prayers.

Minister & Counter Schedules: Requests for the upcoming Minister and Counter schedules will include March, April, and May. If you have a special request for the Easter Masses, please let us know. All requests should reach the office by Sunday, February 10th. Please email or phone the office, drop a note in the collection basket or in the mail.

Rosary With the Knights: For the *Marian Prayer Program* the Knights of Columbus of the Michaud Council 2025 are hosting the icon of **Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians** through Monday, January 28, 2019. A rosary will be offered to foster devotion to the Blessed Mother and call to mind the sufferings of our brothers and sisters in the faith. Rosary will be prayed at 3:15 p.m. Saturday, January 26, and at 7:45 a.m. Sunday, January 27. Please meet forty-five minutes before each Mass in the pews nearest the tabernacle at the front of the church.

Knights of Columbus: Dan is cooking for the Knights' Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner Saturday, February 9, from 4:45-6:15 PM in the parish hall. Adults \$12; children under 12 years, \$6. For take-out call Dan at 802-356-3527.

Third Order of Mary: The next meeting is Sunday, February 3rd at noon at the home of Marilyn White, 35 Stacy Lane, White River Jct. You are cordially invited to join us to pray, meditate and more. Questions? Call Marilyn (802) 295-3507.

Catholic Town Meetings: Meetings, all hosted by Bishop Coyne are: Monday, January 28 at Sacred Heart Church in Bennington; Tuesday, January 29 at Christ the King Parish in Rutland and Thursday, January 31 at St. John Vianney Church in South Burlington. All start at 6:00 PM and end at 7:30 PM, and are open to anyone, not just by location.

Bishop Coyne begins with a prayer, offers a few remarks, then listens and responds to what other "citizens" of the Church have to say. Discussion should be Christian charity and respectful listening focused on promoting the work of salvation in and through the Church. Those who come should speak in such a manner, and those who choose not to speak should listen with an open mind, as Bishop Coyne will try to do.

A Note About Cold and Flu Season: The Sign of Peace has been an integral and valued part of the worship of the church for centuries in the form of a kiss of peace or handshake. As we enter this cold and flu season, it is important to recognize that some people are especially susceptible to the viruses that can be spread by contact and that some immune systems are very sensitive. Please understand that some people may choose not to shake hands during the Sign of Peace, but might simply greet you with a smile.

Also, please use common sense and good judgment concerning Mass attendance if you are ill. If you do decide to come to church for Mass, please remember that frequent and thorough hand-washing, refraining from physical contact during the Sign of Peace, and refraining from receiving communion from the Chalice can help prevent the spread of germs.

Haven: The most needed items this week are soup, cereal, beans (black, red or white), canned tomatoes, and canned tuna/chicken. Any non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the top of the stairs. Thank you!

St. Anthony Parish would like to welcome all those who are visiting with us this weekend.