

## Sunday, Feb 03, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Take the leap of truth

In one guidebook, the place was oddly listed as the “Mount of Hurling.” While that sounds like a site for over eager partygoers, Mount Precipice, as it’s more widely known, is a hill overlooking Nazareth where Jesus almost met an early end. Citizens of his hometown loved having a celebrity to claim as their own, but when Jesus suggested that God might claim foreigners ahead of Israelites because of their welcome to prophets, the Nazoreans proved his point by attempting to run him off a cliff. Telling the truth rarely makes us popular. It can even be dangerous. Take the plunge!

TODAY’S READINGS: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13; Luke 4:21-30 (72). “*They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill . . . to hurl him down headlong.*”

## Monday, Feb 04, 2019

### Reach out for assistance

The expression “inner demons” captures something of the helplessness that those in the grip of negative behaviors feel. The ancients took that phrase literally, believing that illness was due to divine punishment for sin or demons taking up temporary residence in a person. The remedy was to seek forgiveness or a healer who could rid you of the bad spirits. While most people nowadays don’t believe that sicknesses and personality problems come from evil spirits or God’s wrath, there is still the need for reaching out to others for help when you cannot help yourself. Medical and other professionals, counselors, family, friends, and especially Jesus the Healer in prayer provide that assistance.

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20 (323). “*Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you.*”

## Tuesday, Feb 05, 2019

MEMORIAL OF AGATHA, VIRGIN, MARTYR

### Torture is intolerable

The details of Saint Agatha’s life are not for the faint of heart. Born in Sicily during the third-century Christian persecutions, Agatha was continuously harassed and abused for her religious convictions. She was imprisoned in a brothel, but when she refused to serve customers, she was sent to jail, where she was repeatedly beaten and mutilated. She finally succumbed to death. Not surprisingly Agatha is the patron of torture victims. The church condemns torture as contrary to the Christian tenets of respect for life and human dignity. In honor of Saint Agatha and the countless victims of torture through the centuries, take time today to review the U.S Conference of Catholic Bishops’ online instruction: “Torture Is a Moral Issue: A Catholic Study Guide.”

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43 (324). “*Jesus said to the hemorrhaging woman, ‘Daughter, your faith has saved you.’*”

## Wednesday, Feb 06, 2019

MEMORIAL OF PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

### Citizens of two worlds

Imagine the trouble 16th-century missionaries had presenting Western Christianity to the Far East. Paul Miki was a Christian from Kyoto, Japan. He understood local religion and culture well enough to argue for Christianity to the point where he made

enemies. Religious and political leaders ran the missionaries out and burned down churches. Miki and his friends stayed and were put to death in 1597. His final Christian witness was to forgive his executioners before he died. Today we can consider ourselves Christian missionaries even in this culture, living our faith in a sometimes hostile environment.

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6 (325). “*He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts.*”

## Thursday, Feb 07, 2019

### All will be provided

Can you imagine starting out on a work trip and your boss insists that you must leave your money and food at home? But the message of today’s gospel is that just as Jesus was sent by the Father to preach the Good News, so he sent his disciples (and eventually that means us) to continue this mission. The clothes the disciples wore and the food they ate were not to be a source of worry. What mattered was trust that God would give them what they needed to preach repentance and minister to the sick.

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13 (326). “*He instructed them to take nothing for the journey.*”

## Friday, Feb 08, 2019

MEMORIAL OF JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN

### Stop the traffic

*Bakhita*: “Fortunate One.” A slave owner gave this ironic name to a young girl kidnapped in Sudan in the 1800s. She was bought and sold many times. It was said that she forgot her birth name because of the great suffering she endured. Eventually she was transported to Italy and there gained her freedom. She joined the Canossian Sisters and was revered for her deep faith in God. Her name, once a symbol of oppression, became a symbol of hope. With Saint Josephine Bakhita, pray for freedom for the many people oppressed by human trafficking in the world today.

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29 (327). “*Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and kept him in custody.*”

## Saturday, Feb 09, 2019

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### Give yourself a break

Are you overwhelmed with things to do and deadlines to meet? Do you need a break? When *did* you last take time to “rest” and to “be refreshed”? Though we sometimes ignore it, faith binds us to the practice of taking a break to ensure the “proper relaxation of mind and body,” as the Catechism of the Catholic Church (2193) puts it. God rested while immersed in the work of creation. Jesus and the disciples took time to get away. Mary reflected in her heart. Find a way to take your own spiritual snow day: Do your best to find a way to allow everyday work to come to a halt and seek a bit of a respite.

TODAY’S READINGS: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34 (328). “*Come away . . . to a deserted place and rest awhile.*”



# Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street

White River Jct. Vermont 05001

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 3, 2019

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

**Secretary:** Ms. Joanne Collins  
**Telephone:** 802-295-2225, ext. 3  
**Office e-mail:** [Info@SaintAnthonyChurchWRJ.org](mailto:Info@SaintAnthonyChurchWRJ.org)  
**Website:** [www.stanthonysvt.org](http://www.stanthonysvt.org)

## 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](mailto: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.

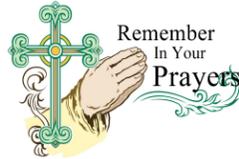
*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday, February 2</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>The People of Saint Anthony Parish</b>
<b>Sunday, February 3</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Dominic Digilio</b> by Pauline Albanese
Monday, February 4	9:00 A.M.	<b>Ursula &amp; Edmond Dulac</b> by the estate
Friday, February 8	9:00 A.M.	<b>In thanksgiving to Saint Anthony</b> by JLD
<b>Saturday, February 9</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Fredo Guarino</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary by family
<b>Sunday, February 10</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>The People of Saint Anthony Parish</b>



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
Offertory collection January 26 & 27:	\$ 4,008.00
Catholic Education:	\$ 942.00

**Thank You for Your Support  
of Saint Anthony Church!**

#### Message from Fr. Rick:

#### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Fame, public acclaim, is an intoxicating thing .... After all who doesn't want to be popular? Who wouldn't want to be the focus of positive, glowing attention .... ? But, as Jesus knew well from personal experience, fame and attention is both fickle and fleeting. Today's hero is tomorrow's goat, (Patriots fans, no, this is not a dig at Tom Brady! ☺)

Jesus who knows human nature well, (after all, He made it) is neither taken in by nor disappointed by the ever shifting winds of popular opinion. He proclaims the truth clearly and boldly. He always invites, challenges, us by His call. He will never force us to choose Him, but He will not deny what such a call demands.

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.

**Annual Statement Letters:** If you require a statement for your 2018 donations to Saint Anthony Church please contact the parish office. Unfortunately there was a problem following our recent conversion of records.

**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 10<sup>th</sup>. Please email or phone the office, drop a note in the collection basket or in the mail.

**Second Collection:** Next weekend we will take up the national Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gift will help young people accept the challenge to grow in faith. Your generosity helps the young people of the Archdiocese of Panama build relationships with one another, with their peers throughout Latin America, and with the rest of the world. Take this opportunity to share your faith with young people in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. *Please make checks payable to St. Anthony Church.*

**Assistance to Our Neighbors in Need:** As a parish, we have opportunities to support those in our community who are in need, both through our prayers and our financial help. Saint Anthony Parish provides donations to the food shelf at the Haven on an ongoing basis. We publish the weekly list of needs in the bulletin and collect donations in the basket at the entrance to the church. This parish project helps year round.

We also have a fund that allows us to provide individuals and families financial assistance for emergency needs such as fuel, shelter, clothing and other essentials. Donations to replenish our Assistance Fund allow us to continue to provide for these needs. A check made out to Saint Anthony Church marked "Assistance" will ensure your donation is used for this purpose. Thank you for your generosity.

**Our Assistance Fund:** For the three-month period of October through December, 2018, a total of \$1,510.00 was donated to our Parish Assistance Fund. We thank you for your generosity. The parish was able to help a number of individuals with various needs thanks to **you!**

**Third Order of Mary:** You are cordially invited to join us at the next monthly meeting this Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon at the home of Marilyn White, 35 Stacy Lane, White River Jct. We pray, meditate and support each other in our journey to imitate the mind and heart of Mary. Please call Marilyn White (802) 295-3507 with questions.

**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. If you can help by making a pie or dessert, serve dinner, or help with clean-up, please call Dominick Montuori at 802-295-5562 or Dan at the above number.

**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 canned tomato products, beans, cereal, peanut butter, and canned vegetables. 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.