

Sunday, Mar 31, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

It ain't over even when it's over

Some years back we celebrated a Year of Mercy, opening symbolic doors across the Catholic world to convey the idea that prodigals could return at this time, and no hard feelings. Many were amazed, a few dismayed, and others took advantage of the offer and happily returned. Then the Year of Mercy ended. The doors were closed. Some wondered: Are we back now to the Millennium of Judgment? Answer: The door of mercy is always open. Our loving God remains on the lookout, even when we are very far off.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (33). "While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion."

Monday, Apr 01, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Yes we can, with God's help

Our faith might be more conditional than we'd like to admit. We may expect it to magically solve all our problems, perhaps by way of miraculous signs and wonders such as the Galileans expected of Jesus. It's understandable, but that is not how faith works. It's not about a miracle fix but rather about facing and resolving life's challenges with the confidence that we do not face them alone—God is at our side. So rather than hope for a miracle today, work on resolving a problem yourself, with the confidence and serenity that God is with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54 (244). "The Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast."

Tuesday, Apr 02, 2019

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF PAOLA, HERMIT

One and many

The funny thing about hermits is that they tend to attract a crowd. Born in southern Italy in 1416, Saint Francis of Paola lived as a hermit for five years before gathering some companions with whom he founded an order inspired by his namesake, Saint Francis, called the "Minims"—the "minis," the least. He wasn't the first person whose desire to focus on God attracted people who wanted the same thing. Try to find a balance between solitude and sociability, between encountering God one-on-one and with others.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16 (245). Or Philippians 3:8-14; Luke 12:32-34 (546). "The man went and told the Jews that Jesus was the one who had made him well."

Wednesday, Apr 03, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Glad to be of help

The feeling that you are doing God's will on earth activates a deep source of inner peace. By contrast, the thought that you really should be doing something else creates a low-grade feeling of anxiety that you can ignore for only so long. Eventually the unease accumulates until life becomes a heavy burden, or you get sick—or both. Your fear might be that God wants you to go to some hard place, to do some difficult task. Not so. As theologian Frederick Buechner put it, God calls you to the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet. To find that

place of deep gladness you have to go within and you have to listen. Lent is the perfect time to do both.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30 (246). "I do not seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me."

Thursday, Apr 04, 2019

MEMORIAL OF ISIDORE OF SEVILLE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Sacred sites

When the church was looking for a patron saint of the internet, it hit upon Isidore. One of the most learned people of his time (the sixth and seventh centuries), Isidore, among his many accomplishments as a church leader, put together a 20-volume encyclopedia covering just about everything from agriculture to grammar. His position at the center of this "web" of knowledge made him the most likely candidate to be patron of the internet. To find saintly patronage for something new, the church looked to someone from a long time past. May Isidore guide you wisely as you explore the web we call the internet.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47 (247). "If you had believed Moses, you would have believed me."

Friday, Apr 05, 2019

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT FERRER, PRIEST; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

People of good faith sometimes disagree

The church has been through some rough stretches over the centuries. One such period occurred during the papal schism in the 1300s when several men claimed to be the true pope at the same time. So complex and divisive were the politics that two holy leaders living in Spain at the same time—Saints Vincent Ferrer and Catherine of Siena—supported opposing claimants to the papacy. Ferrer later said the schism had such a depressing effect as to ruin his health for life. Though at times you must stand on principle, prolonged divisions hurt everyone. In your own family, neighborhood, and church, be a uniter, not a divider.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248). "No one laid a hand upon him, because his hour had not yet come."

Saturday, Apr 06, 2019

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Here's to imperfection

As one would expect, there were some great people in Jesus' ancestral line, including King David. But David wasn't all good—he sent Uriah to his death so he could marry his wife, Bathsheba, whom he had already impregnated. And there are others in Jesus' family tree you might raise an eyebrow at—Rahab and Tamar were labeled as prostitutes. No one's family is perfect, not even Jesus'. So don't expect perfection from your loved ones, and come before Jesus acknowledging your own imperfection as well during this Lenten season.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53 (249). "Does not scripture say that the Christ will be of David's family?"



Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street

White River Jct. Vermont 05001

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 31, 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

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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

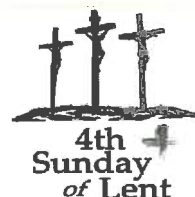
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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, March 30	4:00 P.M.	Ralph E. Funari 1 year anniversary by family
Sunday, March 31	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Monday, April 1	9:00 A.M.	Rose Lindsay by Ginnie
Friday, April 5	9:00 A.M.	Stan Jackson by Ginnie
Saturday, April 6	4:00 P.M.	Dorilla & Arthur LaRose by Fleury, Kramer, LaRose families
Sunday, April 7	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish



Ruth Hebert	Patrick Kendall
Richard Temple	Mike Temple
Anne Rule	Frank Klymn
Peter Dailey	Theresa Lund
Sister Alice Vincent	Nicole Pero
"Aunt" Bunny Hurst	Evelyn Biron
Pat Coutermarsh	

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:

Martin Needham



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,500.00
Offertory collection March 23 & 24:	\$ 3,616.00
Building Repairs (February):	\$ 317.00
Fuel/Energy (February):	\$ 543.00

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

Message from Fr. Rick:

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Apostle Saint Paul is notorious for his sometimes remarkably dense and convoluted writing style; yet, bear with him, for the apostle to the Gentiles for all his torturous writing style has much to teach us if we are patient enough to prayerfully read and ponder his letters.

And, so this weekend we read: "... For our sake he made himself to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him...."

Say what?!

Recall, if you will Jesus' agonized scream from the cross: "My God, my God why have you abandoned me?!" Not the least of His sufferings on Good Friday Jesus, in His humanity feels the heavy, crushing burden, the immense weight if you will, of the sins of the whole world, even more, He feels the utter hopelessness of sinners who are, or who believe themselves, to be, abandoned by God. This is what St. Paul is getting at when he describes Jesus as having been made "to be sin". Recall too Isaiah's haunting prophecy of the suffering servant: "... Yet it was our infirmities that He bore, our sufferings that He endured, while we thought of Him stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. But He was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon Him was the chastisement that makes us whole. By His stripes we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, each following His own way; but the Lord laid upon Him the guilt of us all...." (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

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.

Surveys: The deadline for responses to the Steier Survey has been extended to **April 4**. Copies of the Steier Survey and the **CLI Survey**, **deadline this Sunday, March 31**, are available at the parish office. Identifying information is not required. Visit our website for links to take either/both surveys. Paper surveys should be returned to the parish office.

Diocesan Collection This Week: The second collection this week is the Catholic Relief Services Collection to **help Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide support to struggling communities and works for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. **Make checks payable to St. Anthony Church.**

RCIA: Our R.C.I.A. program meets every Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. Let us remember to keep those involved in the program, Catechumens, Candidates and leaders in our prayers.

Stations & Soup: Our Religious Ed students will be hosting Stations and Soup for everyone on Friday, April 5th at 5:30 pm. It is a very inspirational walk thru the Stations of the Cross with our Lord, followed by a soup supper.

Easter Flowers: Donations to help our decoration of the church at Easter are appreciated. Easter Masses will be offered your intentions. Envelopes are available on the table at the entrance of the church. We appreciate your generosity.

Lenten Faith Enrichment: Saint Anthony Parish offers a Catholic Faith Enrichment group study on the foundations of the Mass. The 90 minute sessions are Wednesdays through April 3, and run 6:00 - 7:30 PM. What better way to walk our Lord's Passion than to more fully understand the source and summit of our Catholic Faith? Sign up: 802-295-2225, ext. 3 or Info@SaintAnthonyChurchWRJ.org, or Chris Noble at 619-865-2680 or chris.d.noble@gmail.com.

Joy in Ministry HERE: A Lenten Retreat Day for all parish ministers at St. Anthony Parish Wednesday, April 10th from 9:30 - 3:00. For anyone who ministers in the parish, including religious education leaders, music directors, parish volunteers, ushers and other parish staff. Facilitated by the Diocesan Dept. of Evangelization & Catechesis. For information or to register contact Deacon Phil Lawson at (802) 846-5813 or plawson@vermontcatholic.org.

Rosary for Founding of the K of C: On March 29, 1882, Fr. Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, CT. Please join them in celebration by praying the rosary March 30 and 31 before our weekend Masses. Meet 45 minutes before each Mass in the pews nearest the tabernacle. Rosary will be prayed at 3:15 p.m. Saturday, and at 7:45 a.m. Sunday. We hope to end the Rosary so participants will have 15 minutes to reflect on the mysteries before Mass.

Third Order of Mary: The next meeting will be Sunday, April 7th at noon at the home of Marilyn White, 35 Stacy Lane, White River Jct. You are cordially invited to join us. Please call Marilyn White (802) 295-3507 with questions.

Scriptural Journey: Come to La Salette Shrine cafeteria in Enfield Tuesdays from 10:00-11:30 AM through the end of Easter Season on June 11. Reflect upon and discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass readings, based on *15 Days with Dorothy Day*. See how the Word of God and the support of the community around us can help us deal with both the challenges and the joys of being a follower of Our Lord. Refreshments midway through the gathering.

The Chrism Mass: will be held Tuesday, April 16, at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Burlington. At this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Coyne, the Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the priests within the Diocese of Burlington recommit themselves to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. All are invited to join in celebrating this special Mass.

Haven: The most needed items this week are soup, cereal/oatmeal, black beans, canned tuna/chicken and pasta. 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.