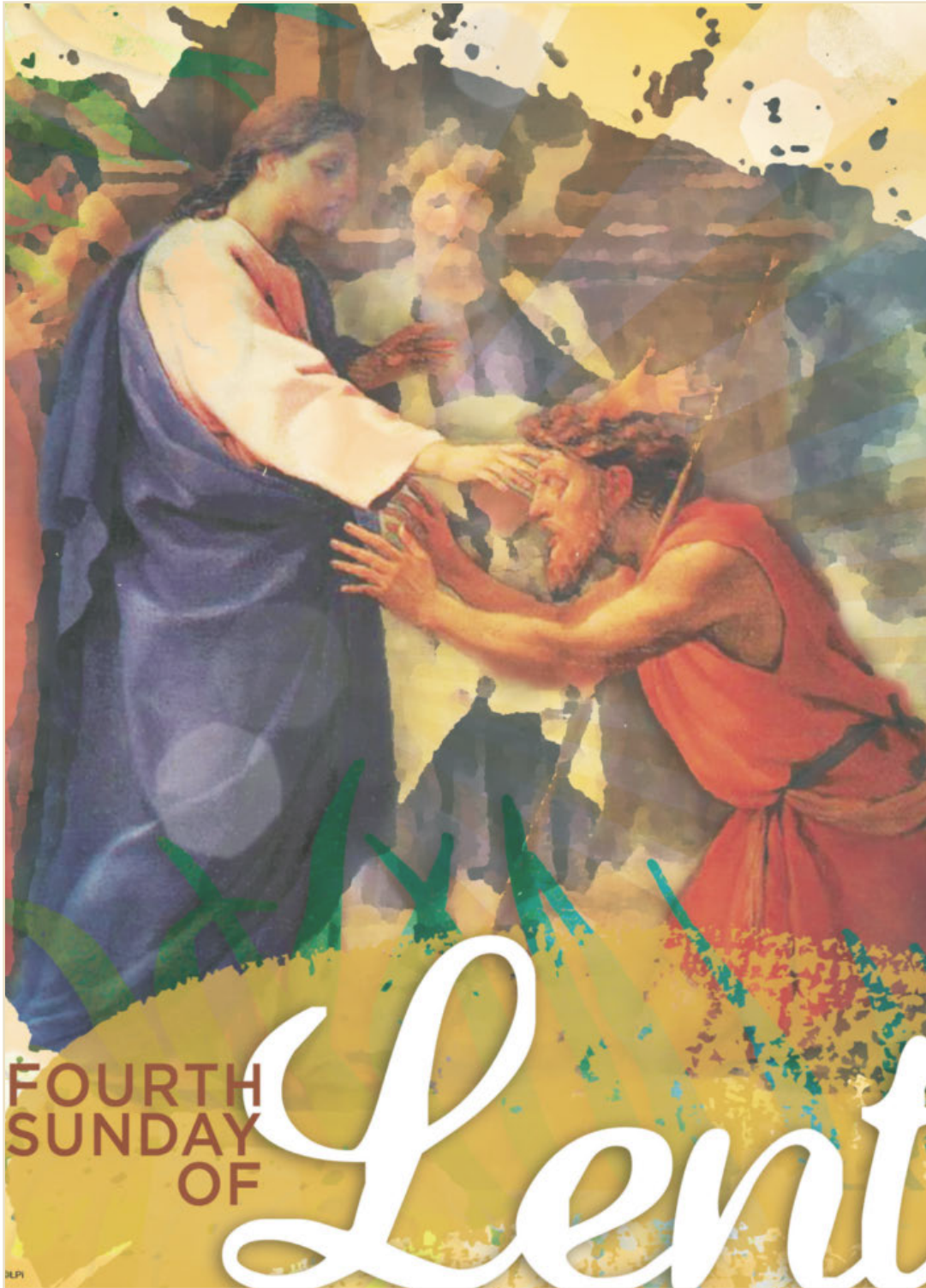


# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MARCH 19, 2023



## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

## WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:

8:30 am

## HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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FOURTH  
SUNDAY  
OF

# Lent

# MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Have you ever had the experience of hearing or reading something that you know you have read or heard many times before but didn't really understand the meaning? Then, all of a sudden, the "light comes on" and you understand in a way that you didn't before. We have some of that in the readings for today. Don't just read or hear the words, but listen with your heart to the deeper meaning of the following passages. It might take a little more time to absorb the full meaning, but it is worth the effort.

**In the First Reading, from the First Book of Samuel (16:1-13),** Samuel, a special servant of the God of Israel, is sent on a mission of great importance, to anoint a new king to replace Saul. He looks at the many sons of Jesse to whom God sends him and thinks, to himself, that each would be a fitting replacement; but God has different plans and rejects them all except the last, the youngest. Now Samuel sees what God had in mind, a young man with the confidence and character needed to fill a large role in God's Plan of Salvation.

**The Responsorial Psalm, (23:1-6), is the famous "The Lord is My Shepherd" prayer.** Even though you might have heard this many times, pause and listen to the words. God is truly a divine shepherd who wishes to take care of each of us as thoroughly as a shepherd takes care of his sheep. Sheep do not have good eyesight and require careful watching for many reasons. God is willing to watch over us, if we let Him and follow His lead.

**In the Second Reading, from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (5:8-14),** Paul uses the symbols of "light" and "darkness" to indicate awareness and ignorance. If written in today's language, Paul's letter would probably say, "If you are truly Christ's disciple then live according to His teachings. Don't ignore the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, because they are our keys to heaven."

**The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of John (9:1-41).** Here we have an extensive teaching by Jesus referring to Himself as the Light of the World. We have a blind man who represents all of Judaism from antiquity to the present, who longs to see the Messiah, but is unable because he is looking in the wrong direction, or he is looking for something or someone to fulfill a preconceived need. In this story, the Pharisees, who knew better but who refused to listen, were both deaf and blind to what Jesus was saying and doing. Their minds were not open and their faith was so locked in the earthly teachings of Moses that they failed to see God standing before them in the person of Jesus Christ.

The old proverb applies here: "There is no one as blind as he who refuses to see!" **During this Lenten season ask God to help you open your mind and heart to what He is asking of you and what He wants to do through you. Something to think about during your prayer time this week!**

~Rev. Edward J. Smith

## SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

### CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

### BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office.

*Baptisms will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month*

### MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling.

Couples need to make arrangements *at least 6 months in advance.*

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office

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## SUNDAY READINGS

**FIRST READING:** Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. (1 Sm 16:13)

**PSALM:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

**SECOND READING:** "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

**GOSPEL:** He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent — . So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MARCH 19, 2023**

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**Next Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

# FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

## Sun. - March 19th - 4th Sunday of Lent

10:00 am - †Al & Rose Hellinger  
*Requested by: Son*

## Mon. - March 20th - St. Joseph, Spouse of the

**Blessed Virgin Mary (School Mass)**  
8:30 am - †For the Living & Deceased of the Parish

## Tues. - March 21st - Lenten Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †The Living & Deceased of the Marian Guild  
*Requested by: Members of the Marian Guild*

## Sat. - March 25th - The Annunciation of the Lord

4:00 pm - †John Pavic  
*Requested by: Friends of St. Anthony*

## Sun. - March 26th - 5th Sunday of Lent

10:00 am - †Gilbert Amador  
*Requested by: Family*

## LENTEN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Every Monday (NOW-4/3)

6:00-7:00 pm - Holy Hour in the Church

### Every Friday (NOW-3/31)

1:30 pm - Youth Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross with Deacon Paul

### Holy Thursday, 4/6

7:00 pm - Mass at St. Anthony's with Fr. Ken

### Good Friday, 4/7

Noon - Stations of the Cross with Deacon Paul  
3:00 pm - Services with Bishop Greis & Deacon Paul



## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, March 25th

Lector: Marybeth B.

Eucharistic Ministers: Marybeth B., Laura P., Patty R.

Servers: Lucy K.

### Sunday, March 26th

Lector: Celia F.

Eucharistic Ministers: Hilaire T., Dan L., Karen L.

Servers: Liam K.

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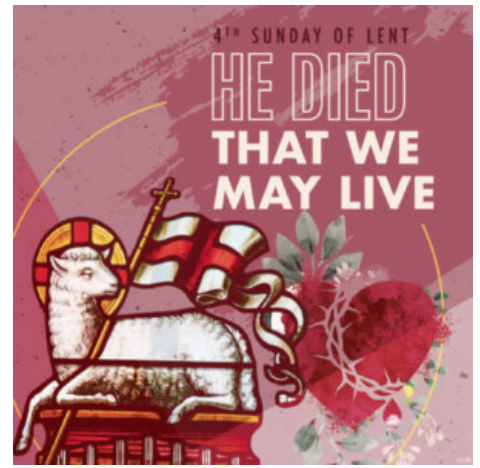
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

# OFFERTORY REPORT

Amount Budgeted Weekly..... \$6,240.00  
 Sunday Collection (2/19/2023)..... \$6,029.00  
 7/1/2022 to Date +/- Budget..... (-\$34,636.50)

## MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME.

*If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.*



## MANY PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

to Richard, Diane, Susan and many family & friends, upon the death of their beloved mother, **Nancy Edwards.** on March 6, 2023.

to the friends & family of retired Diocese of Cleveland Priest, **Fr. Ralph Coletta** on March 7, 2023

*May Nancy and Fr. Ralph's souls & the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*  
**Life is changed, not ended.**



## PRAYER REQUESTS

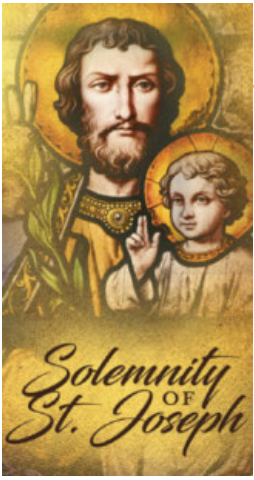
PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Lindsey Marie Ballas	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton
Lynn Coscho	Ann DiFrancesco	Evelyn Donovan	Jerry Donovan	Anna Mae Ebinger	Denise Ellis
Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges	Bea Giacobbe	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick
Brian Grace	Dan George	Renee Golowenski	D' Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez
Jose Gonzalez Jr.	Juan Gonzalez	Dawn Smith-Hathaway	Nancy Hartman	Tim Haupt	Vicky Herrmann
Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Jennifer Humphrey	Baby Jackson	Al Jacobs
Devin Jarvis	Colleen Jasinski	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Jacqueline Kuhn-Rankin	Deacon Luis Maldonado
Dean Martin III	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Ellen Morgan
Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Jeanne Provenza	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Rob Salkowitz
Amy Schmidt	Patricia Smith	Sheila Strauser	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres
Nanette Truffin	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth	Velma Weichman
Cathy Weston	Paul Winkler	Bob Wisner	Doris Zgola-Whitka		

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests, **Georgianna: 440-288-1644**

# ADORATION CHAPEL



"St. Joseph joined with Mary in adoration & united himself to Christ, whose heart surged with sentiments of adoration, love & praise for the Father & of charity for men. St. Joseph's adoration kept pace with every stage of our Lord's life drawing upon the grace, the spirit, & the virtue of each mystery. In the Incarnation he adored the self-annihilation of the Son of God; at Bethlehem, the poverty; at Nazareth, the silence, the apparent weakness, the obedience, & all the other virtues of Christ. Because his faith was so strong, Joseph's mind & heart bowed in perfect adoration. Imitate his faith as you kneel before the humble Christ annihilated in the Eucharist. Pierce the veil which covers this furnace of love & adore the hidden God." ~ St. Peter Julian Eymard

St. Patrick, Bishop & Patron of Ireland (d. 461) wrote: "I give unceasing thanks to my God who kept me faithful in the day of my testing. Today I can offer Him sacrifice with confidence giving myself as a living victim to Christ who kept me safe through all my trials." After he was freed, St. Patrick returned to Ireland & brought the true faith. St. Patrick's intercession is known for multitudinous conversations & miracles. Through the Holy Eucharist, St. Patrick received the graces to bring Ireland faith in the true presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. St. Patrick wrote, "May Christ be with us. May Christ be before us. May Christ be in us. Christ be over all."



## ***Divine Mercy Meditation - In Seclusion***

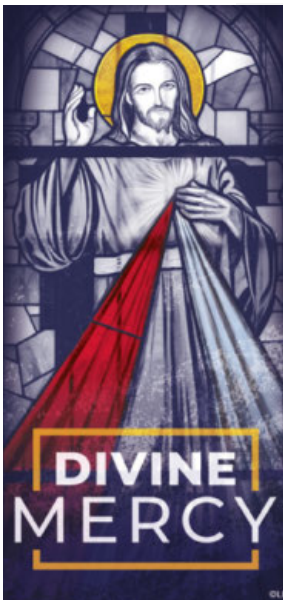
[Sister Faustina wrote the following when she was being sent to the Sanatorium for her tuberculosis.]

When I was somewhat overcome by the fear that I was to be outside the community for so long a time alone, Jesus said to me, **You will not be alone, because I am with you always and everywhere. Near to My Heart, fear nothing. I Myself am the cause of your departure. Know that My eyes follow every move of your heart with great attention. I am bringing you into seclusion so that I Myself may form your heart according to My future plans** (*Diary*, 797).

\*The words of Jesus appear in boldface type

### **My Prayer Response:**

*Thank You, Jesus, for being with me when I am alone.  
Help me to enjoy Your presence in my heart. Amen.*



## **PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - ABORTION FOR PROFIT**

The 1.3 million annual abortions in the U.S. make it a huge business. Around \$600 million is spent each year on first trimester abortions and about \$400 million is spent on late-term abortions. **That means that each year in the U.S., the abortion industry (and it most definitely is an industry) brings in approximately one billion dollars through their abortion services alone.** If you add in the \$500 million plus that Planned Parenthood (*America's largest abortion provider*) receives in government grants and contracts every year, the annual dollar amount is around one and a half billion dollars. **Abortion, to put it plainly, is a very large and lucrative business.** As Olasky states in his book, *Abortion Rites*, there are many doctors who support abortion "if not for principle, at least for principal". **What this means to the abortion debate is that people and organizations who defend abortion the most vehemently are often the ones who rake in the profits from its continued availability.** This obviously sets up a significant conflict of interest and should immediately call into question the insincere claims and assertions they make, particularly their "desire" to reduce the number of abortions. ~Pro-Life Articles

## WOULD YOU CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING OR DONATING?

An established group of parishioners cook for the St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter several times a year. They are in need of some new members. If you would like more information or are interested, please call Karen, 440-949-2934.

If you are unable to donate your time to the meal prep for the shelter, a donation of cereal, multigrain bars or large containers of oatmeal will be appreciated. (This will be an ongoing collection.) There will be a box in the main vestibule of the church to deposit your donation. Volunteers will take these donations to the shelter.

*"Whatever you do for the least of my brothers that you do until me."*

## A DONATION HAS BEEN MADE

to St. Vincent de Paul  
in memory of **Ed Grochocki**  
by Linda Mathewson



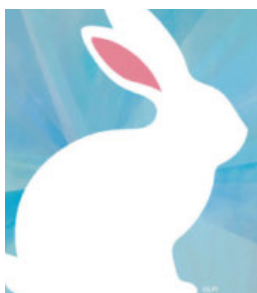
## FOOD SERVICE POSITION OPPORTUNITY

We are in need of a Foodservice manager at St. Anthony of Padua School. This position will be available in mid-April for 5 hours per day at \$13 per hour to prepare & serve lunch. There will be on-site training provided. Must have a High school diploma or equivalent. Previous foodservice experience is a plus. Must pass BCI&I & FBI background check. For more information or an application, please contact Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, Nutrition Services at 216-696-6525 Ext. 3340 or email [cszabo@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:cszabo@dioceseofcleveland.org).

## CCA MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS ON MARCH 19TH

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups both in-office & virtually on Zoom. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. **The next meeting is March 19th with in-office at 3 pm & virtual at 5 pm.** The topic is "Spring, Easter, & Grief: Times of Sacred Transition" Come & be present with those who understand at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon, 32789 Detroit Road at 3 pm in the Main Office Building OR Sign-up for the Virtual Meeting via Zoom at 5 pm with the same topic. You can sign up at <https://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup> or call Rhonda, 216-930-4866.

Visit <https://www.clecem.org> for the most updated schedule of events.



## BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY & EGG HUNT

The breakfast will take place on **Sunday, April 2nd**  
from **10:30-12:30 pm** at **St. Teresa's Parish Life Center.**

The Egg Hunt will follow the serving of breakfast.

**There will only be 200 tickets sold so get your orders in fast!**

*Last day to get tickets is March 24th.*

## BLOOM SPRING FLOWER SALE

The Bloom Spring Flower Sale is back at St. Anthony of Padua School! Help us support student field trips & our CYO athletes. St. Anthony's will receive 25%-30% from your order. Order a hanging basket or planter for your Mother's Day gift! Order online at: <https://app.fundraiseit.org/shop.php?code=19EE92>. Sale runs until Monday, March 27th with delivery of flowers on May 6th. If you have any questions, contact Ted at [tedpiskur@gmail.com](mailto:tedpiskur@gmail.com).

Thanks for your support! MARCH 19, 2023





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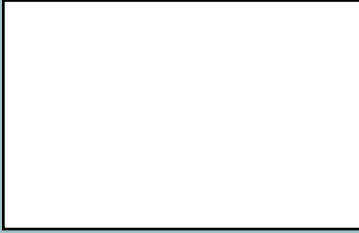
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