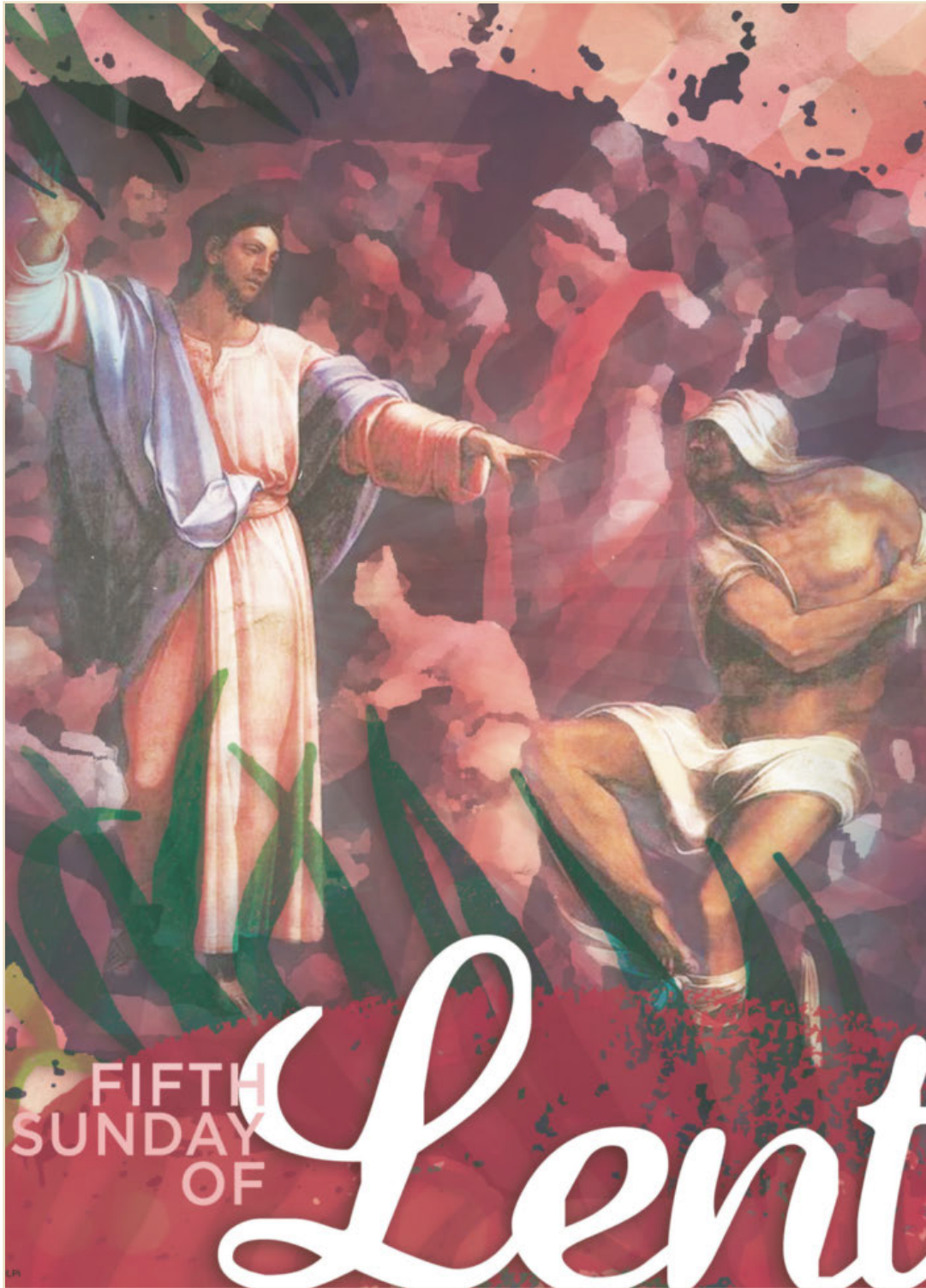


# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MARCH 26, 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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**Monday-Friday:**

**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

**Today's Readings have some spectacular scenes.** Often we are so taken in by the details of such scenes that we fail to step back and comprehend their meaning. *So take a moment to relax and listen carefully to the message of these readings.*

**The First Reading is from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (37:12-14).** At the time of this story, the people of Israel are captives in Babylon, languishing as if they were *"dry bones in the desert."* Through this vision of the dry bones, God tells the Prophet to announce that He will in time restore the exiled people of Judah. This will not be a return to their former status and shame under the Monarchy, but to a new life governed not by kings and princes but by the Holy Spirit dwelling within them. So, when you feel *"down"* or depressed, call on the Holy Spirit. He is within all who are baptized and waiting for our call.

**The Responsorial Psalm (130:1-8)** is one of the seven penitential Psalms used in various liturgies. In it, the psalmist begs for God's mercy and forgiveness of his sins. At the same time, this is an instruction to all the People of God to wait patiently in hope for the Lord's redemption.

**The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:8-11).** Paul gives the Romans and all of us an updated teaching similar to that of the Prophet Ezekiel above. *"Updated"* because this writing comes from a time after Christ's Resurrection and the Holy Spirit has been poured out on all mankind to guide us back to the Father. If we do not have the Spirit dwelling within us, we will be like those *"dry bones in the desert."* So *"ask and you shall receive!"*

**The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of John (11:1-45).** Here we have an extensive teaching by Jesus but it is buried in a long story, one that everyone has heard many times. We are all captivated by the spectacular story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead and rightly so. However, this is not the essence of this Gospel message. The real message is Jesus' statement, *"I am the resurrection and the life,"* etc. Through this story and His statement, Jesus is telling all mankind that He is in control of both physical and spiritual life and we only need to have His Holy Spirit dwelling within us, guiding us, to partake of His resurrection. *"Do you believe this?"* Can you respond with the same answer as Martha did?

Throughout the season of Lent we have several vivid stories in the Gospel of John depicting the Gift of Eternal Life through our belief in Jesus: Rebirth in the story of Nicodemus (*John 3*), Living Water in the story of the Samaritan Woman (*John 4*), Life Giving Word in the cure of the Centurion's son (*John 5*), and, most of all, the Bread of Life in (*John 6*). So, if you missed the point of any of these readings, now would be a good time to go back and get acquainted with the real message behind the story. **Something to think about during your prayer time this week!**

*~Rev. Edward J. Smith*

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## 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:** I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

**PSALM:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

**SECOND READING:** If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

**GOSPEL:** "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (Jn 11:25-26)



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### MARCH 26, 2023

**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

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

# FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

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

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

## Mon. - March 27th - Lenten Weekday (School Mass)

8:30 am - †Lucy Fornal  
*Requested by: Family*

## Tues. - March 28th - Lenten Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †John Pavic  
*Requested by: Dineen Stack*

## Sat. - April 1st - Sunday Vigil

4:00 pm - †Helen Haller  
*Requested by: Carol Potter*

## Sun. - April 2nd - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

10:00 am - †Norma Michalski  
*Requested by: Norman Michalski*

## 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, April 1st

Lector: Marybeth B.

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

Servers: Lucy K.

### Sunday, April 2nd

Lector: Celia F.

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

Servers: Rose & Jacob K.

# OFFERTORY REPORT

Amount Budgeted Weekly..... \$6,240.00  
 Sunday Collection (2/26/2023)..... \$5,295.00  
 7/1/2022 to Date +/- Budget..... (-\$35,581.50)

## 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.*



## ST. ELIZABETH HOMELESS SHELTER DONATIONS NEEDED!

**Donation of cereal, multigrain bars or large containers of oatmeal would be appreciated.**

*(This will be an ongoing collection.)*

There are boxes in the main vestibule of the church to deposit your donation.

Volunteers will take these donations to the shelter.

Thank you for your generosity!

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



## A DONATION HAS BEEN MADE

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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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

*At the Annunciation, Mary conceived the Son of God in the physical reality of His Body and Blood thus anticipating within herself what to some degree happens sacramentally in every believer who receives under the signs of bread and wine, the Lord's body and blood." ~Pope St. John Paul II*

## **Multiplication Poem by Alfred Joyce Kilmer**

I take my leave, with sorrow, of Him I love so well;  
I look my last upon His small and radiant prison-cell;  
O happy lamp! to serve Him with never ceasing light!  
O happy flame! to tremble forever in His sight!  
I leave the holy quiet for the loudly human train,  
And my heart that He has Breathed upon is filled with lonely pain.  
O King, O Friend, O Lover! What sorer grief can be  
In all the reddest depths of Hell than banishment from Thee?  
But from my window as I speed across the sleeping land  
I see the towns and villages wherein His houses stand.  
Above the roofs I see a cross outlined against the night,  
And I know that there my Lover dwells in His sacramental might.  
Dominions kneel before Him, and Powers kiss His feet,  
Yet for me He keeps His weary watch in the turmoil of the street:  
The King of Kings awaits me, wherever I may go,  
O who am I that He should deign to love and serve me so?



## **Divine Mercy Meditation - Go in Great Peace**

**My daughter, tell souls that I am giving them My mercy as a defense.  
I Myself am fighting for them and am bearing the just anger of  
My Father (Diary, 1516).**

April 20, [1938]. Departure for Pradnik. I was very worried that I would be put in bed in a ward and be exposed to all sorts of things. If it were to be for only a week or two ... but it is for such a long time, two months or perhaps more. In the evening, I went in for a long talk with the Lord Jesus. When I saw the Lord Jesus, I poured out my whole heart before Him, all my troubles, fears, and apprehensions. Jesus lovingly listened to me and then said, **Be at peace, My child, I am with you.**

**Go in great peace. All is ready; I have ordered, in My own special way, a private room to be prepared for you.** Reassured and overwhelmed with gratitude, I went to bed (Diary, 1674).

*\*The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

### **My Prayer Response:**

*Thank You, Lord Jesus, for teaching us to trust in Your mercy.  
Your mercy is our defense in battle and our peace in anxiety. Amen.*

## **PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK -**

### **DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS PRODUCT OF OUR ABORTION CULTURE**

There have been too many drive-by shootings recently in America - shootings claiming the lives of innocent people. **No one human being has the right to take the life of another!** We are upset by these killings! *'They must stop,'* we say! The victims' lives were cut short before they could reach their full potential. But what has society taught these killers? Maybe we are all to blame. **After all, what example have we been giving our youth?** Our society has a law which says if someone is an inconvenience or is in the way or an unwelcome expense, then it's OK to kill that person. That law is called *'abortion.'* The aborted babies are killed by their own mothers. There is no one to mourn their death. Where is the public outcry against these killings? That law has been in effect for 50 years! **Abortion, too, must stop!** ~Ruth Weber

## WHY DO WE VEIL THE STATUES? - FROM FR. SMITH

In the Roman Missal we find this information: *"In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."*

While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

**First, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in.** When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

**Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass.** When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

**Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday.** This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

**The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth.** We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through salvation that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

This tradition that should not only be carried out in our parish but can also be a fruitful activity for the "domestic church" to practice. **Families are also encouraged to imitate this practice and veil prominent religious images in their homes. It is also a beautiful tradition to pass down to our children, who will be intrigued by it, and it will make this time of year truly special for them.** We go through great lengths to decorate our homes for Easter, *so why not prepare for the great feast by using veils?*

## LENTEN LAMENTATIONS AT NATIVITY B.V.M. CHURCH

Nativity, located at the corner of 15th Street & Lexington Avenue, Lorain, will have a special service of Lenten Lamentations (Gorzkie Żale) in English on Palm Sunday, April 2nd at 3 pm. This beautiful and moving devotion, honoring the Passion of our Lord, includes Benediction, hymns, and a period of reflection. Ample parking is available in the lot off 14th Street.

## 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).

## 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).

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