

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | JULY 23, 2023



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest.’” - Mt 13:29-30

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## 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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# MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

In today's readings, there are many themes, but they seem to dovetail into the main theme of turning to the Holy Spirit for guidance in our daily lives. This should not be an all-out unloading of our worries or problems, but rather a deliberate consciousness of seeking the Holy Spirit's help in working out our problems and fulfilling our role in God's Plan of Salvation. Some people don't want help from God, or anyone else; and others don't want to employ the gifts God has given them. So where do we find a balance? That balance comes by way of the two of you working together. God and mankind make a great team. If you doubt that, you should read John Donne's famous essay poem, "No Man is an Island" or Francis Thompson's "The Hound of Heaven." Both are highly recommended.

**The First Reading is from the Book of Wisdom (12:13- 19).** The writer must have been very close to God and experienced for himself the many benefits God holds out to those who ask for His help. This whole passage is true and sincere Wisdom. From this we should learn that only by understanding and working at our relationship with God can we be happy and safe in His hands.

**The Responsorial Psalm (86:5-16)** picks up the same theme of God's abundant love, mercy and forgiveness; and rightly so. However, we should not forget that He is also perfect in justice, which requires punishment for wrongdoing - again, that balance. Today, we have a tendency to think of God as "all loving," but we forget that balance requires justice.

**The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:26-27).** Here we return to the theme of the Holy Spirit helping us. Although Paul is talking about prayer in this passage, he implies that we need to seek the Spirit's help in all things. This is the Holy Spirit's role and we should call upon Him for guidance and direction.

**The Gospel Reading is from Matthew (13:24-43).** In this long passage, Jesus gives us three parables, each having the elements of planting, growth and harvesting or reaping the benefits of one's work. This confuses the disciples, who ask for an explanation, which Jesus gives in private. We should review this part of the reading often because it reminds us that at some point in time, "The Son of man will send His angels to collect, out of His kingdom, all who cause others to sin and all evildoers, and will throw them into the fiery furnace."

We know that God is kind and merciful, and full of love, but there comes a time when that balance must be obtained. We cannot assume that God will forgive our sins or "little white lies" without punishment. **So, call on the Holy Spirit today to help you in seeking balance in your spiritual, as well as temporal life. Something to think about during your prayer time this week!**

~Rev. Edward J. Smith **2**  
JULY 23, 2023

## 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:** And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins. (*Wis 12:19*)

**PSALM:** Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

**SECOND READING:** The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. (*Rom 8:26*)

**GOSPEL:** "Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'" (*Mt 13:30*)



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK JULY 23, 2023

**Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

**Monday:** Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



### Sunday - July 23rd - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †John Stowe

*Requested by: Lucy Stowe*

### Monday - July 24th - St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

8:30 am - †For the Living & Deceased of the Parish

### Tuesday - July 25th - St. James, Apostle

8:30 am - †David Stein

*Requested by: Raquel Stein*

### Saturday - July 29th - Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

4:00 pm - †Tom & Anne Traut

*Requested by: East Side Friends*

### Sunday - July 30th - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Paul & Dayle Meyer

*Requested by: Denise Butti*

## A DONATION HAS BEEN MADE

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& Alice (Baum) Long, both attendees of  
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from Dan & Susie Piskur.



## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, July 29th at 4:00 pm

Lector: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol B., Laura P., Karen B.

### Sunday, July 30th at 10:00 am

Lector: Celia F.

Eucharistic Ministers: Anna A., Anna S.

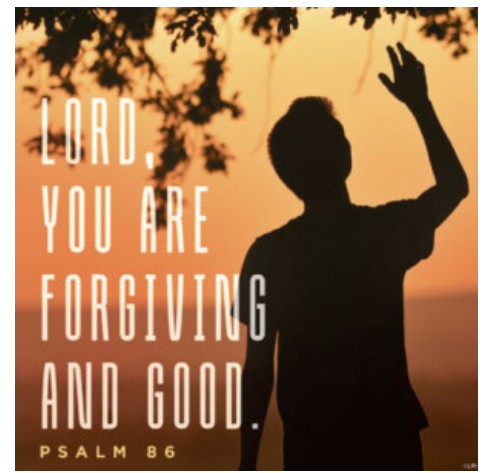
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# OFFERTORY REPORT

Amount Budgeted Weekly..... \$6,240.00  
 Sunday Collection (7/2/2023)..... \$8,395.00  
 7/1/2023 to Date +/- Budget..... +\$2,732.00



## 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.*

## NINE NIGHTS OF PRAYER - AUGUST 7TH - 15TH

The faithful are being invited to participate in nine opportunities to pray the night prayer, the short, ancient prayer of the Catholic Church, at nine different parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland. **One of the locations is right here at St. Anthony's.** (We are one of 9 churches out of the 185 parishes in the Diocese) Every night, all nine of these churches will be open for those who come to church often, those who have never been, and everyone in between. **"Nine Nights of Night Prayer" will take place on nine consecutive evenings from Monday, August 7th thru Tuesday, August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption. Our church doors will be open at 8:00 pm with night prayer from 8:15 pm-9:00 pm each night.**

**Please spread the word about #9NightsCLE and come join us!**



## 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
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*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

"I am happy, perfectly happy; and do you wish to know where I find true happiness? At the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament . . . I would strongly urge that even as the Magdalene anointed the Lord's feet with tears and perfumed oil, you too would pour the perfume of constant prayer and contemplation at the foot of the tabernacle. I should like the Eucharist to become a burning flame for your soul, so that immersed in that flame, it might emerge burning with love and great heartedness. I should like to see this Eucharistic altar on which Jesus is sacrificed accept your offering too, so that you may become a victim of love whose perfume rises to the throne of the Eternal God."

~Fr. Augustine Mary of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Carmelite priest, 1821-1871



## **Divine Mercy Meditation - Like Fog before the Sun's Ray**

**Know, My daughter, that if your soul is filled with the fire of My pure love, then all difficulties dissipate like fog before the sun's rays and dare not touch the soul. All adversaries are afraid to start a quarrel with such a soul, because they sense that it is stronger than the whole world ... (Diary, 1643).**

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

### **My Prayer Response:**

*Lord Jesus, may I be filled with the "fire of mercy" (Pope John Paul II, Krakow, Poland, August 17, 2002, Entrustment of the World to Divine Mercy) and watch all difficulties to promoting Divine Mercy disappear like fog in the sun's rays. I trust in Your mercy. Amen.*



## **PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - EVERY CHILD A WANTED CHILD - PART 2**

Moreover, since when does anyone's right to live depend upon someone else wanting them? Women rightfully resent that the value of a woman is sometimes determined by whether a man wants her. **How can anyone possibly insist that the value of an unborn baby is to be determined by whether a mother wants him or her at any given time?** To use being wanted by someone as a measure of whether a human life is allowed to live is a truly frightening concept. Its converse logically awaits us--- that the unwanted can be eliminated. *Don't forget that Hitler's Germany was ideal for wanted Aryans.*

To make sense, the slogan: "*Every child a wanted child*" has to be completed "*and if not wanted, aborted.*" **To complete the sentence removes the mask from this misleading slogan and reveals it for the evil that it is!**

## **PRAYER FOR OHIO**

**Ever-living God,** you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Ohio from laws that disregard their health and safety. Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. **Father,** we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life, preserving parental rights, and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!*



## INFORMATION REGARDING ISSUE 1

The Diocese has been receiving a number of phone calls regarding Parishes either supporting or remaining silent on Issue 1, which is the proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that is on the ballot on **August 8th**. If passed, Issue 1 would make it more difficult for Ohioans to change the State Constitution. Currently, it takes a simple majority vote of voters to pass a change to the Constitution. The amendment proposes to change the constitution to require a vote of 60% of voters to amend the Ohio Constitution going forward. Some callers have expressed disagreement with Pastors who have chosen to actively support the passage of Issue 1, while other callers have expressed disagreement with Pastors who are not actively supporting the passage of Issue 1.

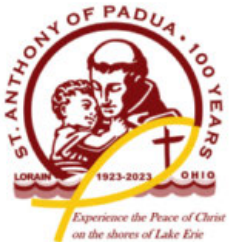
Since Issue 1 is, essentially, a vote about a procedural matter (i.e., the procedure by which Ohio voters amend the State Constitution) and not directly dealing with substantive matters of moral concern, the Bishops of Ohio have decided not to take a stance one way or the other as to this initiative. That said, Issue 1 is being proposed in order to make it harder to pass the pro-abortion amendment that will be on the ballot in November, and which the Bishops of Ohio are strongly opposing. Of course, making it harder to pass Constitutional amendments in the future will also have the effect of making it more difficult to pass pro-life or other amendments to the Ohio Constitution that the Church might wish to support in the future. Consequently, voters can reasonably disagree as to whether to support or oppose Issue 1.

As your Pastor, I want to make it clear that **the Bishops of Ohio are not advocating either for or against Issue 1. Therefore, Catholics are not morally bound to vote in any particular way.** *Regardless of what you think about the proposed amendment, I encourage all of you to fulfill your civic duty and vote.* No matter how the final vote tally turns out, we will all continue to work together to build up God's kingdom through the witness of our lives.

*~Rev. Edward J. Smith*

## HISTORY OF ST. ANTHONY CONTINUED

On Sunday, June 12, 1960, nearly 1,000 people attended the Blessing and Solemn Dedication of the new church and rectory at 11:45 am and the Pontifical High Mass followed. The celebrant was Most Reverend John J. Krol, Auxiliary Bishop, Vicar General. The new complete parish complex encompassed an area of one city block, a beautifully landscaped property overlooking Lake Erie.



## MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE @ ST. TERESA - 7/25

All are invited to come pray before our Eucharistic Lord. The Holy Hours will include Scripture reading, Litanies and the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Teresa of Avila.

**Tuesdays: July 25 | August 29 at 7:00 pm**

## BALLPARK MASS - 8/14

Join with others around the Diocese of Cleveland to celebrate the Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **August 14th at 7:00 pm at Mercy Health Stadium (2009 Baseball Blvd., Avon).**

Celebrant will be the Most Rev. Martin Amos.

A living Rosary begins at 6:30 pm with Eucharistic Adoration after Mass.

*You must register at:*

[www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events/events/2023/08/14/eucharistic-revival-ballpark-mass--avon](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events/events/2023/08/14/eucharistic-revival-ballpark-mass--avon)



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