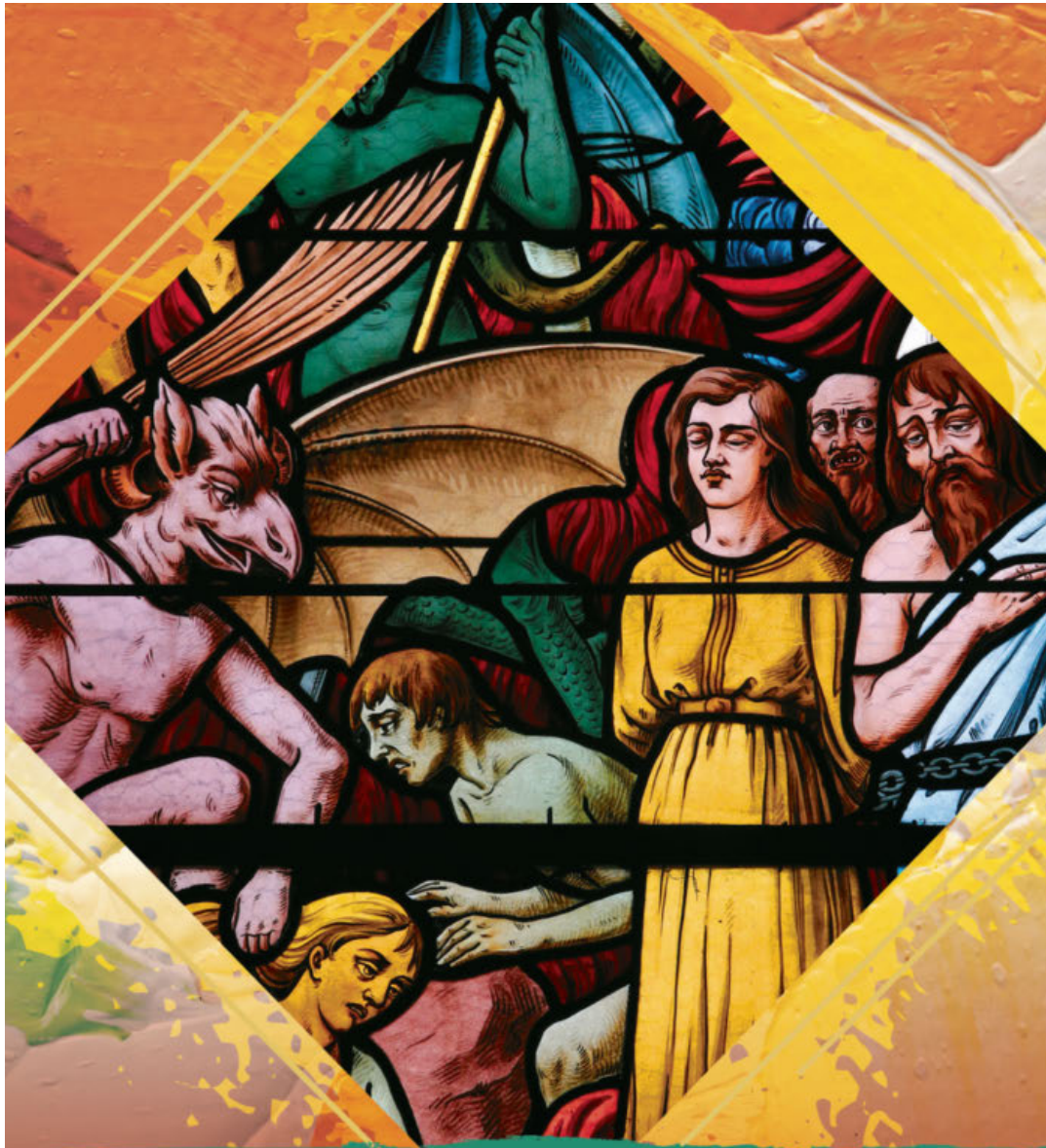


ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | JULY 30, 2023



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous.” - Mt 13:49-51

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:

8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The theme of today's readings is the Kingdom of God. This "Kingdom" is none other than being in the presence of God Himself, spiritually speaking, of course. However, if Jesus were to preach or teach about it in that way, the people of His time would have had more difficulty understanding it than we do today. So, Jesus used parables, brief sketches of daily life, or symbols, things that people of any era could identify with. **So, what are we to learn when listening to these readings? Where is the Kingdom in our life today?** For us, this kingdom begins by finding out what gifts God has given us, or by asking for some special gift from God for the benefit of others as well as ourselves, and then using them for His honor and glory.

In the First Reading, from the First Book of Kings (3:5-12), we hear how King Solomon inherited the throne of his father, David, at a very young age. This is an awesome task and Solomon knows he is not mature enough to complete it properly. God offers divine help but disguises it within an offer of anything that Solomon might want. Solomon asks for wisdom and knowledge to enable him to serve God and His people as God would want him to. When we fulfill our duties as God would want us to do, we are then in His presence and on the threshold of the Kingdom.

The Responsorial Psalm (119) picks up the theme of the joy that comes from obedience to the will of God and fulfilling our role in His Plan of Salvation. This "Plan" is, in reality, God's desire to bring everyone back to the "kingdom," but He will not force us. We must choose to be with God and want to be heading toward the Kingdom.

In the Second Reading, from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:28-30), we hear one of Paul's strange statements; but his insight into the ways of the Kingdom was far better than ours, so we must dig a little to find out what he means. The "all things work together, etc." is straight forward, and means that regardless of how confusing or difficult daily life might get, if we are following in the footsteps of Christ then they will head us to the Kingdom of the Father. The second part says that all mankind is destined for heaven. This is not predestination, as some people believe. It means that God's original intention (and still existing desire) is for all mankind to be with Him in heaven; but only those who fulfill what is asked of them will reach the throne of God.

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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.

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested." (1 Kgs 3:11-12)

PSALM: Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

SECOND READING: For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. (Rom 8:29)

GOSPEL: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." (Mt 13:44)



READINGS FOR THE WEEK JULY 30, 2023

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

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Mass INTENTIONS

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

10:00 am - †Paul & Dayle Meyer

Requested by: Denise Butti

Monday - July 31st - St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:30 am - †The Richard & Karen Smith Family

Requested by: Molly Smith

Tuesday - Aug. 1st - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am - †Ray & Chris Saltis

Requested by: Carol Bainbridge

Saturday - Aug. 5th - The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

4:00 pm - †Frank & Virginia A. Varga

Requested by: Diane Varga

Sunday - Aug. 6th - The Transfiguration of the Lord

10:00 am - †Robert Gracie

Requested by: Michael Darby

PSR REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024

Registration for St. Anthony PSR has begun.
PSR begins September 11th for children in grades 2-8.
Call the parish office, 440-288-0106,
visit www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/psr or
email psr@stanthonylorain.com for more info.



Saturday, August 5th at 4:00 pm

Lector: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne C., Jerry D.

Sunday, August 6th at 10:00 am

Lector: Rose J.

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa S., Davis L., Joann T.

*Please call the Parish Office, 440-288-0106,
for information of joining the Art & Environment
Committee or becoming a Sacristan.*

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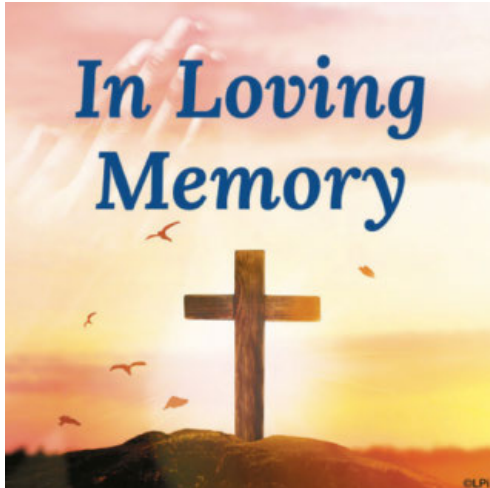
OFFERTORY REPORT

Amount Budgeted Weekly..... \$6,240.00
 Sunday Collection (7/9/2023)..... \$4,735.00
 7/1/2023 to Date +/- Budget..... +\$1,804.00



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.



MANY PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

to John, her 15 children, family & friends, upon the death of their beloved wife & mother **Sheila Strauser**, on July 17, 2023.

May Sheila's soul and 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	Tim Haupt	Vicky Herrmann	Clara Hodorowski
Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Jennifer Humphrey	Baby Jackson	Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis
Colleen Jasinski	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Paul Kramer	Jacqueline Kuhn-Rankin	Deacon Luis Maldonado
Dean Martin III	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Ellen Morgan
Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Rob Salkowitz	Amy Schmidt
Patricia Smith	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.

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

ADORATION CHAPEL

"This worship [Eucharistic Adoration] given therefore to the Trinity of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. . . must fill our churches also outside the timetable of Masses . . . this worship must be prominent in all our encounters with the Blessed Sacrament . . . Adoration of Christ in this sacrament of love must also find expression in various forms of Eucharistic devotion: personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Hours of Adoration, periods of Exposition, short, prolonged and annual (Forty Hours), Eucharistic Benediction, Eucharistic processions, Eucharistic congresses . . . The Church and the World have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease."

~Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Cenae*, Ch. 1, Sec. 2, Art. 3



Divine Mercy Meditation - The Work of Redemption

Listen, My daughter, although all the works that come into being by My will are exposed to great sufferings, consider whether any of them has been subject to greater difficulties than that work which is directly Mine — the work of Redemption. You should not worry too much about adversities. The world is not as powerful as it seems to be; its strength is strictly limited (Diary, 1643).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

*Lord Jesus, may I not worry and lose my peace when I face difficulties in promoting Your mercy to souls in need. May I be inspired in the struggle by the words of the Great Mercy Pope: "The ultimate limit to evil is Divine Mercy" (see Pope John Paul II, *Memory and Identity*, p. 55). Amen.*



PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - FOUNDING FATHERS/DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE/INALIENABLE RIGHT

In the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson made it very clear that all human beings "*are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights*". Chief and first among those he enumerated was the Right to Life.

Jefferson and our founding fathers knew that without the right to life, no other rights are possible. **How can one have the right to vote or the right to free speech, for example, if one does not firstly have the right to exist?**

The rights mentioned in the Declaration are no less valid than those articulated in our Constitution. In fact, they are foundational to all the rights and protections which the Constitution guarantees. This applies especially to the right to life, which is not only paramount but is also clearly protected under the 14th Amendment by due process of law.

We need to impress upon our children the importance of these two documents and how they already guarantee every American, born or unborn, weak or strong, the blessings of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

PASTOR COLUMN CONTINUED

The Gospel Reading from Matthew (13:44-46) continues the same theme from last Sunday's readings, but with a twist. Jesus uses simple examples from daily life to describe the Kingdom of Heaven (or the Kingdom of God, which are the same) such as buried treasure, a fine pearl (and from other gospel passages), we can add, yeast, seeds and weeds, etc. (all things that grow), are imbedded, hard to find, yet have value and are worthy of our efforts. These are symbols of the faith given to us at baptism, but we must nourish and use our faith, because as Jesus says, *"At the last judgment, the angels will separate those who fulfilled their role from those who did not."*
Something to think about during your prayer time this week!

~Rev. Edward J. Smith

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

The newly dedicated St. Anthony of Padua church building had seating for 828 worshippers and provided another 104 who can be seated in the choir loft. The vestibule can accommodate another 100. The wall separating the vestibule (narthex) from the nave (the main body of the church) contains a generous amount of plate glass for easy viewing of the services.



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).

You must register at:

www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events/events/2023/08/14/eucharistic-revival-ballpark-mass--avon



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NINE NIGHTS OF PRAYER AT ST. ANTHONY'S FROM AUG. 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.**

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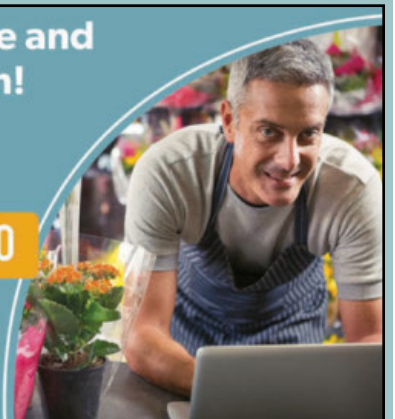


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