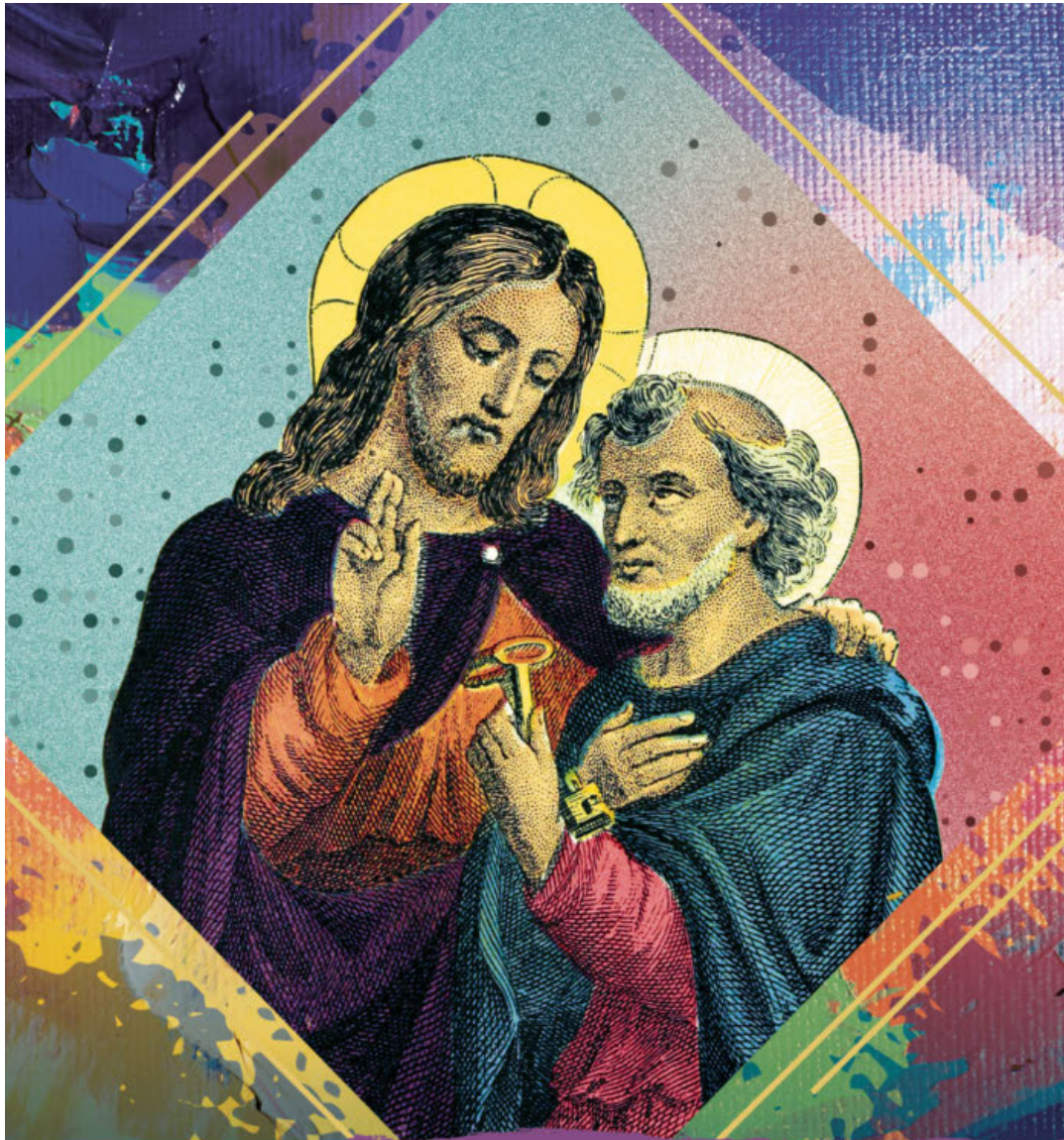


ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | AUGUST 27, 2023



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

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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

While attending Mass today or any Sunday, if you were asked to go up before the congregation and explain why you are a Catholic, what would you say? Think for a moment; what would you say? This is essentially what Jesus was asking His apostles: **"Who do YOU say that I am?"** There was no Church as we know it today, so everything depended upon one's knowledge and faith in one person, Jesus Christ. Could we then, or now, say as Peter did: *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* This would be a tough question for most of us to answer either in private or before a congregation, but that is exactly what Jesus is asking of us every day. *"Who do you say that I am?"* He wants to know, and He wants us to know just where we stand on this subject.

In the First Reading, from the Prophet Isaiah (22:19- 23), we hear only a small portion of the instructions the Prophet Isaiah gives to Eliakim, the messenger of King Hezekiah of Jerusalem. These instructions were essentially the same as Jesus asks Peter. Isaiah is saying to Eliakim, *"In whom are you putting your trust? You profess to believe in the God of Israel, so now act upon that belief; otherwise, you will hang like dishes."* (For the full text of this story go to 2 Kings 18 and 19). **If we say we are Catholic, if we say we believe in the God in Jesus Christ, then we must show it through our speech and actions.**

The Responsorial Psalm (138:1-8) is a prayer of thanksgiving that King Hezekiah might have offered after God turned back the Assyrian general at the gates of Jerusalem. The essence of this prayer is the phrase, *"When I called, you answered me."* **God is waiting for us to call.** Do we have enough trust?

In the Second Reading, from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (11:33-36), we hear Paul extol the Wisdom of God in His divine Plan of Salvation. Paul is quoting several Old Testament statements of belief which acknowledge God's wisdom in giving the gift of faith first to the Jews and then to Christians. Together, we should complement one another for the *"greater honor and glory of God."*

The Gospel Reading is from Matthew (16:13-20). We have all heard this story many times, and yet, do we really get the message? In these few lines, we hear Jesus question all the Apostles, but it is Peter who gives the ultimate answer. Could we do the same? Jesus then goes on to give Peter the *"keys to the kingdom of heaven."* This is a symbolic phrase. It is not *"keys"* literally, but rather authority. **Thus, the Church is established, the Kingdom of God has begun.** Now, can you answer the question, *"Why are you a Catholic?"* and *"Who is Jesus to YOU?"* **Something to think about during your prayer time this week!**

~Rev. Edward J. Smith

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AUGUST 27, 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.

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Call the Parish Office

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: "I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open." (Is 22:22)

PSALM: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

SECOND READING: For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

GOSPEL: "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 16:18-19)



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST 27, 2023

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: er 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



Sunday - Aug. 27th - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Liz Kiely

Requested by: Martha McBennett

Monday - Aug. 28th - St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am - †Robert Gracie

Requested by: Michael Darby

Tuesday - Aug. 29th - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30 am - †Carl Hartman, Sr.

Requested by: Rosemary Grochocki

Saturday - Sept. 2nd - Sunday Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - †John Metzinger

Requested by: Michael Ann DeLuca

Sunday - Sept. 3rd - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †The Jeff & Maureen Smith Family

Requested by: Molly Smith

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.



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 2nd at 4:00 pm

Lector: Marybeth B.

Eucharistic Ministers: Marybeth B., Laura P.

Sunday, September 3rd at 10:00 am

Lector: Anna S.

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

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

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OFFERTORY REPORT

Amount Budgeted Weekly..... \$6,240.00
 Sunday Collection (8/6/2023)..... \$5,943.00
 7/1/2023 to Date +/- Budget..... - (\$1,048.00)

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.



DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE

To St. Vincent de Paul in memory of
Evelyn Donovan
 from *Martha McBennett*.

To the Adoration Chapel in memory of
Sheila Strauser, Tammy Csillig & Evelyn Donovan
 from *Cheryl VanWagnen*.

To the Adoration Chapel in memory of
Sheila Strauser
 from *Dave & Melissa Alexander*.



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	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	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	Elizabeth Raddell
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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.

ADORATION CHAPEL

"Pope St. Pius X, Pope of the Blessed Sacrament, hailed perpetual adoration as the devotion which surpasses all others. And Paul VI had it mainly in mind when he echoed the hope generated by Vatican II that a new era of Eucharistic piety would pervade the whole church . . . A powerhouse of grace, the devotion extends its influence far beyond the individual adorers touching their homes and families reaching out to the parish community and beyond."
~Fr. Richard Foley, S.J.

St. Rose of Lima, the first saint and patroness of the Americas, "was so ardent in her love of God in the Blessed Sacrament that when she knelt in His presence, the fire which sparkled in her eyes showed the flame which consumed her soul. At times, she appeared like an angel. If anyone asked what effects the Blessed Sacrament produced in her, she stammered and said she had no words to express them, but that she seemed to pass entirely into God and was inundated with such happiness that nothing in common life could be compared to it."

~From the *Hidden Treasure, The Riches of the Eucharist* by Louis Kaczmarek

"St. John Benedict Labre, St. Paschal Baylon, and St. Rose of Lima are three saints that we know of who spent forty straight hours in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament commemorating the forty hours Christ was in the tomb."

~From the *Hidden Treasure, The Riches of the Eucharist* by Louis Kaczmarek



Divine Mercy Meditation - Pray for Priests

No soul will be justified until it turns with confidence to My mercy, and this is why the first Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy.

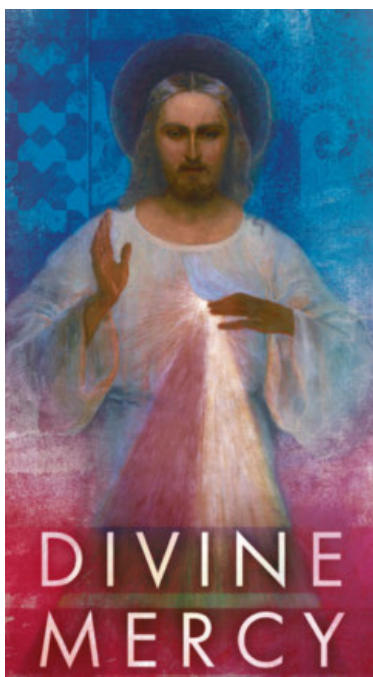
On that day, priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy. I am making you the [dispenser] of My mercy
(Diary, 570).

Today, I saw the Lord in great beauty, and He said to me,
My loving host, pray for priests, especially during this time of harvest. My Heart is pleased with you, and for your sake I am blessing the earth
(Diary, 980).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, inspire priests with Your love and mercy, so when they preach — especially on the Feast of Mercy — the people may receive Your great and unfathomable mercy. Remind me, Lord, to pray for priests, especially during this time of harvest. Amen!



PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK -

COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT SUGGESTIONS

We human beings seem to have forgotten that God is God. We also have forgotten that His Ten Commandments were not mere suggestions, but His commands.

The Fifth Commandment states *'Thou shalt not kill,'* which means the innocent babies in the womb, the elderly and infirm, and all people in between should be protected.

No one has the right to kill the babies in the womb, not surgically, nor by abortion-inducing pills dispensed personally or by telemedicine. No earthly being, whether he or she is a doctor, a lawyer, a politician or judge in a courtroom can change God's laws!

One day, we will each stand before God to answer for our actions here on earth.

SPECIAL THANKS!

Thank you to the Parish Staff and members of the Parish Liturgy Commission for all their help and hard work in ensuring the success of the Nights of Night Prayer. Without the Parish Staff, Sacristans, Lectors, and Ushers, we could never have hosted such a wonderful spiritual opportunity.

HISTORY OF ST. ANTHONY CONTINUED

During the pastorate of Fr. George, the school enrollment reached a peak of six hundred and thirty students. More classrooms were added and the teaching staff was increased. Vatican Council II brought more changes. The sacrificial altar was constructed to face the congregation. Mass became more of a participation service. The organ was set in the front of the church, to the left of the altar, and with the language change from Latin to English, the congregation became more involved in the sacrifice of the Mass.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, SR, EMELINE SCHNEIDER

Sister Emeline Schneider, the former Kindergarten teacher at St. Anthony's in the 40's & 50's is turning 100 on August 28th! **WOW!** If you would like to surprise her with a card from some old friends, you can mail to: Sr. Emeline Schneider, Franciscan Villa, 6900 Buckley Rd. Syracuse, NY 13212.

Wishing her many blessings on her 100th and always!

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE AT ST. TERESA ON 8/29

All are invited to come pray before our Eucharistic Lord on **Tuesday, August 29th from 7 - 8 pm at St. Teresa of Avila Church.** The Holy Hour will include Scripture reading, Litanies and the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let's come raise our voices to the Lord for all life.



FIRST FRIDAY FORUM IS BACK ON 9/1

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will present Sr. Mary McCormick, Academic Dean at St. Mary Seminary, speaking on "*Women in Ministry Today*" on Friday, September 1st. Lunch will begin at 11:30 am with Sr. Mary speaking at Noon at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd, Elyria. **Reservations need to be received by 6 pm on Monday, August 28th.** Call the reservation line at 440-213-2132 or email fflorain@gmail.com. The cost is \$25 which can be paid at the door or mailed by check to 320 Middle Ave., Elyria, OH 44035.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, ELYRIA ADULT FAITH STUDY ON 9/20

This Fall SVDP will be continuing the journey & viewing *The Chosen: Season 2*. It will be an 8-week study & is **FREE** of charge. To accommodate as many people as possible, we will be offering two options for you to join us on either Wednesdays at 7 pm or Thursdays at 10 am. **The first session will begin on Wednesday, September 20th or Thursday, September 21st (depending on your session choice).** We just ask that you register by September 15th to secure your spot. Register online at www.svdpeyria.com or call the parish office at 440-324-4212. Any ?'s, contact Jackie at jackiesvdp@gmail.com.

2024 MASS INTENTIONS

We have begun Scheduling Mass Intentions for 2024. Any questions or concerns, please call Kim at 440-288-0106 or email at kuhnk@stanthonylorain.com. **Thank you!**

2024 MASS INTENTIONS

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

WHAT/WHO MASS REQUESTED FOR:

DATE OF MASS REQUESTED:

2 weekend and 2 weekday Masses per family - \$10 per Mass
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If you would like to submit an article for an upcoming Bulletin, please send requests to obermillerk@stanthonylorain.com by **Thursday at 5 pm.**

Bulletins are sent to print every Tuesday!

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Legion of Mary of the Diocese of Cleveland invites you to a traditional Eucharistic Procession on **Saturday, September 2nd beginning with Holy Mass at 11 am at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland.**

The event consists of Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Kevin Estabrook, Legion of Mary Spiritual Director, a procession through the streets of downtown Cleveland while singing hymns in honor of our Eucharistic Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a return to the Cathedral for the recitation of the Rosary and closing prayers.

RSVP is not required and all are welcome to attend. Worship Aid is provided.

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