

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8

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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

Have you ever wondered why some people "*get all the breaks*" and others seem to have bad luck all their life? In biblical times, those who were rich or prosperous or just good-looking were believed to be favored by God. Those who were poor or ill or in some way disabled were automatically, but unjustifiably, considered being sinners punished by God. On the other hand, there are countless stories where God is overwhelmingly generous with many; but such stories don't seem to get much recognition. The readings for today give us a good example of God's generosity, yet we seem to focus on the "*unfairness*" of the landowner in the Gospel. The unions would surely be after him in today's environment. We must remember that this is a parable, a "*story*" with a message. **So, what is the message?**

The First Reading is from the Prophet Isaiah (55:6-9). Here we have the prophet preaching to his congregation the virtues and generosity of God, citing: "*God's ways are not like mankind's ways.*" We should be thankful for that and remember it when we feel that we are being treated unfairly, and then ask ourselves, "*What is going on here? Why is God treating me this way?*"

The Responsorial Psalm (145:2-18) is a prayer in which the psalmist praises God for His goodness, compassion, and generosity. However, with God there is always some qualification in His instructions or offerings. In this case it is "*...to all who call upon Him in truth.*" We can't ignore Him for most of our life and then expect Him to answer our needs when we call.

The Second Reading is from Paul's Letter to the Philippians (1:20-27). "*Philippians*" is all about humility. In this passage, Paul is saying that he is so grateful to Jesus Christ for bringing him to this stage of his life that it makes no difference if he, Paul, is dead or alive. To Paul each has its merits, and so he gives his body, his very life to Christ in thanksgiving; and he asks that we do the same. Wow! That's a tall request, but it is truly worth the effort.

The Gospel Reading is from Matthew (20:1-16). In this passage, Jesus is giving us a lesson on what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. When the Bible uses the word "*like*" it does not mean "*the same as.*" So, we must look for a similarity or likeness. In this story, the similarity is the landowner who is somewhat like God the Father. God can be as generous as He wishes to those He loves and even to those who He might not totally approve of. This might be the way He is working with someone to bring them around to His way of thinking. So, we must not look with longing at someone who is rich or powerful or good looking. Who knows, behind the façade there could be all kinds of problems. If we have needs, either spiritual or temporal (*and who doesn't?*) we should call upon our generous Lord and God for mercy and help, but we should also see to it that our spiritual house is in order. Then, let the "*chips fall where they may.*" Just something to think about during your prayer time this week!

Oh, and the message? I'll also leave that for you to think about.

Rev. Edward J. Smith

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SEPTEMBER 24, 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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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. (*Is 55:8*)

PSALM: The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (*Ps 145*)

SECOND READING: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. (*Phil 1:20-21*)

GOSPEL: "What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?" (*Mt 20:14-15*)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



Sunday - Sept. 24th - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Mary Cooper

Requested by: Family

Monday - Sept. 25th - Weekday Mass/School Mass

8:30 am - †Fritz & Martha Klassen

Requested by: Jeff & Maureen Smith

Tuesday - Sept. 26th - Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

8:30 am - †John Stowe

Requested by: Lucy Stowe

Saturday - Sept. 30th - St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

4:00 pm - †Joseph & Lavera Thomas

Requested by: Marge Thomas

Sunday - Oct. 1st - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Liz Kiely

Requested by: Katherine & Anthony Phillips

LIGHTING THE CANDLES IN THE CHURCH

Please put the money in the box under the candles in the Divine Mercy Niche (*the south east corner of the church*).

Candle donations are
\$3 each for the large candles &
\$1 each for the small candles.



Saturday, September 30th at 4:00 pm

Lector: Marybeth B.

Eucharistic Ministers: Marybeth B., Laura P.

Sunday, October 1st at 10:00 am

Lector: Anna S.

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

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

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OFFERTORY REPORT

Amount Budgeted Weekly..... \$6,240.00
 Sunday Collection (9/3/2023)..... \$5,876.00
 7/1/2023 to Date +/- Budget..... - (\$3,646.00)

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.



Thank You ©LPI

THANK YOU ST. ANTHONY PARISHIONERS...

Sr. Emeline Schneider sends a special "THANK YOU" to all who sent her cards and well wishes for her 100th Birthday. It brought back lots of memories from her time in Lorain.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS!



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Marge Cetovich
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	Deacon Luis Maldonado	Dean Martin III	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkle
Jen Mitterholzer	Ellen Morgan	Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell
Joe Rizzo	Amy Schmidt	Patricia Smith	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres
Nanette Truffin	Preston Uber	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth
Paul Winkler	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,
 Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

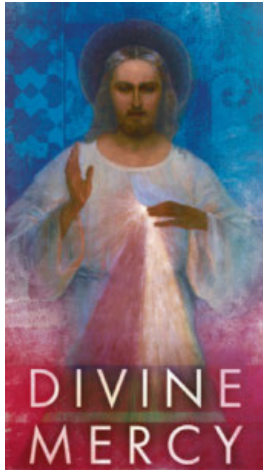
"In the presence of the angels, let us praise our God. Those, who especially in the silent hours of the night gather together in adoration with the Angels and render to the Lamb who was immolated the thanksgiving due to Him, draw abundantly for themselves and for all the church waters from the fountains of the Savior."
~Pius XII

**St. Michael, protector of the Eucharist, pray for us.
St. Gabriel, bring God's word. St. Raphael, bring God's healing.**

"Be a Catholic: when you kneel before an altar, do it in such a way that others may be able to recognize that you know before whom you kneel" proclaimed St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr of Poland (1894-1941) who organized Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

"To cast fire upon the earth, that is my mission. How I wish it were already blazing fiercely. Nothing in the world can set hearts ablaze with love for God like the Blessed Sacrament. That is why this Divine Bread has been pictured as a furnace of love."
~St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor, & Patron of Confessors

"Adore and visit Jesus abandoned and forsaken by men in His Sacrament of Love. Man has time for everything except for visits to His Lord and God who is waiting and longing for us in the Blessed Sacrament."
~St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest, Apostle of the Eucharist (1811-1868).



Divine Mercy Meditation - Be Not Afraid

Today I heard these words: **Pray for souls that they be not afraid to approach the tribunal of My mercy. Do not grow weary of praying for sinners. You know what a burden their souls are to My Heart. Relieve My deathly sorrow; dispense My mercy** (Diary, 975).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

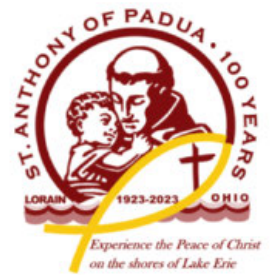
Merciful Lord, bless souls that fear to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation that you call the "Tribunal of My Mercy." Bless fearful souls with Your love, peace, and joy when going to receive Your mercy in Confession. Amen.

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - ABORTIONIST HAS TERRIFYING VISION AT MEDJUGORJE, CONVERTS ON THE SPOT

In 2011, an unlikely group of non-religious abortionist doctors found themselves visiting the most active Catholic apparition site in the world, Medjugorje. One of the doctors, a gynecologist in her sixties, had personally performed 1000s of abortions. But her life suddenly changed after having a supernatural vision on Apparition Hill! The group was led by Valentina, a young woman from Ukraine. She had had her own conversion experience while visiting Medjugorje for the first time in 2007, and since then had been leading pilgrimages there. Inspired by Bl. Mother Teresa, Valentina had also dedicated herself to serving the sick poor. Her work got her connected with her local medical community, which led to her inviting the group of doctors to Medjugorje. An important part of their time in Medjugorje was climbing to the top of Apparition Hill, one of the first places Mary is said to have appeared to the child visionaries in 1981. That's when something incredible happened. "I had scarcely put my foot down on the hill," the abortionist later explained, according to Mystic Post, "when everything changed before my eyes. The rocks disappeared. The hill was suddenly covered with the bones and skulls of all the babies I had aborted over forty years. Look at these hands!" she cried out, stretching out her hands before the group. "Here are the hands which killed an entire city!" With that, the doctor was done with abortions. Many of the other doctors in her group also had conversion experiences. In all, Valentina has taken somewhere around 400 abortion doctors to Medjugorje in the last few years. **Whatever you make of the alleged visionaries, stories of conversion are always something to celebrate! Pray for the conversion of abortionists!**

HISTORY OF ST. ANTHONY CONTINUED

In November of 1972, Father Dominic was elected Vicar of the Province & Fr. Bernard Zajdel, assistant pastor, was appointed as the first Administrator of the parish. Fr. Bernard came to Lorain in August of 1971. During the week of February, 1973, at the Provincial Chapter meeting held in Carey, Ohio, Reverend Pius Poff was assigned the pastorate duties of St. Anthony Parish and Fr. Bernard returned to his previous parish in St. Paul, Minnesota.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE - THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

From September 27th – November 5th you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

You are also invited to stand & peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside: Preterm - 12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland (www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland)

Join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. John Vianney on **Monday, September 25th, at 7pm**, 7575 Bellflower Road, Mentor, 44060. The Keynote Speaker is Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost.

Please contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information.

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE AT ST. TERESA - 9/26

All are invited to come pray before our Eucharistic Lord on **Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 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. Call the office at 440-934-4227 with questions.

CCA ANNUAL WALK TO REMEMBER & ONLINE MEMORIAL WALL OCTOBER 1ST, 2023 FROM 1 – 2 PM

During October, the month of the Most Holy Rosary, Catholic Cemeteries Association invites families to participate in a half-mile walking Rosary in honor of departed loved ones. We walk, we pray, we sing, and we remember. For those who cannot walk, or in case of rain, the Rosary will be prayed in the mausoleum or in the cemetery office. At the end of the Rosary, there is a brief candle lighting ceremony in remembrance of our dearly departed. Whether walking or not, you can also honor your departed loved ones on our "In Remembrance" Wall. **Submit names by September 30th to be included for the month of October**. Register and/or submit Remembrance Names **TODAY** online at www.clecem.org/Events/WalkToRemember.aspx, by email (rabrams@clecem.org), by phone (Rhonda/216-930-4866),

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM - 10/6

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will present Fr. Lukas Laniauskas SJ, pastor of Gesu Parish on Friday, October 6th. Lunch begins at 11:30 am & Fr. Lukas presenting "Bringing People Back to Church with Quality Liturgies" at Noon at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, Elyria. *Reservations need to be received by 6 pm on Monday, October 2nd.* Call 440-213-2132 or email fflorain@gmail.com. Cost is \$25.

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