

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | NOVEMBER 5, 2023



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The greatest among you must be your servant.”  
- Mt 23:11

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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

**This week the Church honored all the saints; those that we know and, more so, those that we don't know.** Remember, everyone in heaven is a "saint." The word saint means "holy one," or one set apart who has reached the degree of holiness to be with God. You may recall the phrase in other scripture readings where God says, "Be holy for (or because) I am holy." **Now, most of us might say, "Wow, how can anyone be as holy as God?" The answer to that is: we can't on our own, but God is there to help us if we are willing to bend our ways and heart to His way.** Because God is divinely perfect, He cannot abide or live with anyone who is not perfect. Therefore, everyone who is in heaven has been made perfect by the grace of God and, perhaps, a little time in Purgatory. The subject of Purgatory was on our minds the very next day when we honored those still in Purgatory on the Feast of All Souls. **Because this is such an important topic, I wanted to focus our attention on the readings from All Saints.** It will be a good review for those who attended Mass on the Solemnity of All Saints (a holy day of obligation for all Catholics), and for those that didn't, a worthwhile first-time reflection.

**The First Reading is from the Book of Revelation (7:2-4, 9-14).** This first part of this passage talks about the people in heaven being "signed" with a seal. **This seal is the commitment of the Sacrament of Baptism.** The Sacrament of Baptism is more than a little sprinkling of water followed by a big party. It is a serious commitment to follow Jesus Christ in His teachings and His Church. When we do this we are assured of being among the large group mentioned in the second part of the passage.

**The Responsorial Psalm is (24:1-6).** This Psalm is a song sung by people entering heaven. It is a reminder of what they left behind, and what they are now about to encounter in heaven – the "mountain of the Lord" is an ancient Jewish expression for being with God in heaven. **Verse 4 of this Psalm is the ultimate detail, or requirement, for entrance to heaven.** We would do well to review this Psalm and to see if we are measuring up to its requirements.

**The Second Reading is from the First Letter of John (3:1-3).** This is such an important part of Holy Scripture that I encourage you to read the entire chapter. It contains the essence of what it takes to get into heaven and the alternative, which is a serious matter, but again, we cannot do this on our own. God wants to help us if we ask. **So, I encourage you to read this chapter again privately and then see how you measure up.** It can be a real eye opener.

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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:

You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction. (*Mal 2:8*)

### PSALM 131:

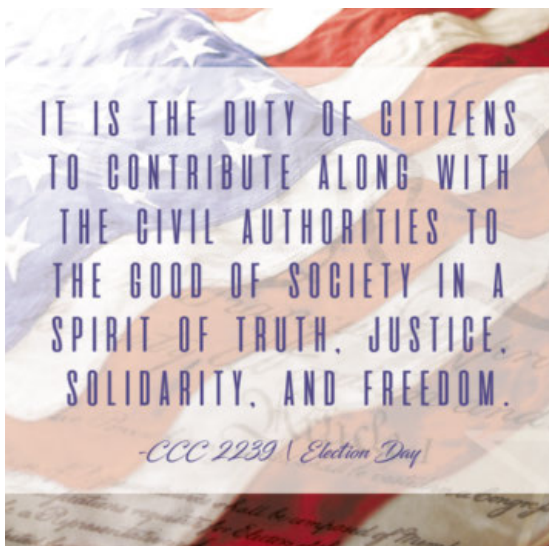
In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

### SECOND READING:

With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. (*1Thes 2:8*)

### GOSPEL:

"Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice." (*Mt 23:3*)



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 5, 2023

**Sunday:** Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

**Monday:** Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday:** Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

**Friday:** Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday:** Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13



## Sunday - Nov. 5th - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Peg Ropolewski

*Requested by: Mr. & Mrs. Kovach & Family*

## Monday - Nov. 6th - Weekday Mass / School Mass

8:30 am - †Robert Tavenner

*Requested by: Hilaire Tavenner*

## Tuesday - Nov. 7th - Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Sheila Strauser

*Requested by: The John Strauser Family*

## Saturday - Nov. 11th - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop / Veteran's Day

4:00 pm - †Al Schultz

*Requested by: Loving Family*

## Sunday - Nov. 12th - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Jeanne Provenza

*Requested by: Mr. & Mrs. Nick Curci*

# ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 7TH!

## ELECTION DAY PRAYER

**Lord God,** as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues & concerns that confront our city/state/country, & how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers & sisters, one & equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse & violence, deceit & poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn & those abandoned, Men & women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds & hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, & keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus & his Apostles & guide us to your Kingdom of justice & peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ & through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## VOTE NO ON ISSUE 1 & 2



**Saturday, November 11th at 4:00 pm**

*Lector: Laura V.*

*Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry D., Patty R.*

**Sunday, November 12th at 10:00 am**

*Lector: Steve B., Karen B.*

*Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa S., David L., Joann T.*

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# OFFERTORY REPORT

Amount Budgeted Weekly..... \$6,240.00  
 Sunday Collection (10/15/2023)..... \$4,418.00  
 7/1/2023 to Date +/- Budget..... - (\$3,761.00)

## 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.*



## PRAYER FOR VETERANS DAY

**God of peace**, we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace. Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor! May the peace you left us, the peace you gave us, be the peace that sustains, the peace that saves us.

**Christ Jesus, hear us!**  
**Lord Jesus, hear our prayer!**  
**Amen.**



## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho
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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.
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Baby Jackson	Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Deacon Luis Maldonado
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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

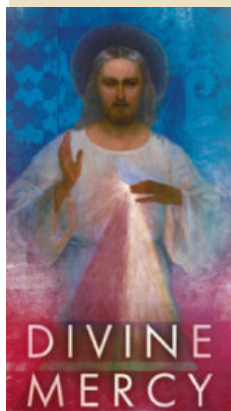
"St. Martin de Porres identified with Jesus who was ignored and mistreated in the Blessed Sacrament. As they consoled each other, St. Martin became more charitable, not hostile, better not bitter. He would spend as many as eight hours each day in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This so pleased Jesus that He made St. Martin a miracle worker. He would take a basket of fresh bread from the monastery and go out into the streets to feed the poor. With a single basket of bread he would feed an entire barrio. St. Martin fed hundreds of starving people with a single basket of bread. You . . . save hundreds of people from hell with a single holy hour of prayer in the Presence of the Living Bread come down from Heaven."  
~From *Letters to a Brother Priest*



Jesus told St. Gertrude that this prayer releases 1,000 souls from Purgatory:

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus,  
in union with all the Masses said throughout the world today for all the holy souls in Purgatory,  
for sinners everywhere, for the sinners in the universal Church,  
those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

This St. Gertrude prayer is often prayed in November. St. Gertrude's Feast Day is November 16th.



## **Divine Mercy Meditation - Pure & Unadulterated**

**My child, you please Me most by suffering. In your physical as well as your mental sufferings, My daughter, do not seek sympathy from creatures. I want the fragrance of your suffering to be pure and unadulterated**  
(Diary, 279).

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

### **My Prayer Response:**

*Lord Jesus, may souls who are suffering offer their sufferings in union with Yours — like the pure and unadulterated fragrance of incense — all for souls. Amen.*

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

### **VOTE NO - ALLOWS ABORTION THROUGH NINE MONTHS**

**This Tuesday, the rights & safety of women, children, & parents are on the ballot.**

Issue 1 not only puts women at risk & threatens parental rights, but this extreme amendment also allows abortions through all nine months of pregnancy. The vague language of Issue 1 endangers preborn children & Catholics cannot be silent when the most vulnerable are in harm's way.

#### **Catholics must Vote NO on Issue 1 because it endangers children by...**

~Allowing abortion through all nine months by using the overly broad term "health" to permit painful, late-term abortions. In U.S. law, "health" includes age, as well as psychological, emotional, or physical well-being, so an abortion providing-physician could justify an abortion in the third trimester by citing a woman's age or emotional well-being.

~Leaving preborn children without protection by giving abortion providers the ability to determine on a "case by case" basis when a preborn child is protected by state laws. If abortion-providing physicians can decide when a preborn child is viable, this allows the same clinician to sidestep regulations & end the lives of potentially viable children.

Our Catholic faith teaches us that every human being deserves protection, love, & care – especially the most vulnerable. **This Tuesday, to defend the preborn from painful, late-term abortions & to protect children in the womb, Vote NO on Issue 1.**

Visit [www.voteohio.gov](http://www.voteohio.gov) to find your polling location or  
be sure to postmark your absentee ballot no later than November 6th.



## PASTOR COLUMN CONTINUED

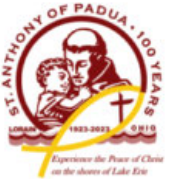
**The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew (5:1-12a).** This is the opening to the Sermon on the Mount, one of the most famous passages in the New Testament. And yet, do we really understand it? Often we hear familiar passages in church, and because they sound familiar we let them go over our head thinking we know all about it. But do we really? This opening, often called the Beatitudes, outlines the many benefits of those who are obedient to the teachings of Christ. Here they start out with simple works and gradually increase in depth and reward. We may not be faced with all of them, but if you look back on your life you might see where you were faced with one or more of these challenges. How did you measure up?

**All Saints Day is a special day when we remember in some special way all of those who have passed away, and hope that they have reached heaven, or the New Promised Land, or the Lord's Mountain - whatever you want to call it. Being with God is the ultimate goal of our life - or it should be. The alternative is not that great!**

*~Rev. Edward J. Smith*

## HISTORY OF ST. ANTHONY CONTINUED

Pauline Adams had a long tenure as parish secretary, retiring in the 1970's. She was replaced by Esther Koontz & Denise Butti. At Esther's retirement in 1998, Linda Mathewson was hired as Parish Secretary & Denise became Bulletin Editor. Fr. Gerry was succeeded by Fr. Keith O'Neill who led the parish until August of 1985. He was transferred to serve in Georgia.



## DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE

to Marian Guild in memory of **Mary Ann Majjasie & Marge Cetovich**  
from *Linda Mathewson*

&

to the Michael Thomas Scholarship in memory of **Len & Irene Thomas**  
from *Richard & Marie Schweinberg*

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

The Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups both In-Person at 3 pm and Virtually at 5 pm via Zoom on the same day. We meet the 3rd Sunday of most months; 4th Sunday if the third falls on a holiday. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart. **The October Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 19th** at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon, 32789 Detroit Rd. or virtually by signing up at <https://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>. The Topic will be "Thanks-giving Grief" and "Preparing for the Holidays". For more information, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

## MARIAN GUILD NEWS - ATTENTION LADIES!

**Please join Marian Guild on Sunday, November 19th after the 10 am Mass in the Social Hall (elevator not available).** We will be having speaker **Abbey Spiro from Inner Bliss** speak to us about well-being and good health and we will also participate in "Chair Yoga."

A relaxing, no impact, no skills needed, enjoyable yoga session!

Please wear comfortable clothes. No other supplies are needed and there is **NO** charge.

**Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Marian Guild Christmas lunch, which will be held on Sunday, December 10th, after the 10 am Mass in the Lorain Senior Center.** We will be entertained by "Frank and Dean" who will take us on a musical ride down memory lane!

**On the weekend of December 16th & 17th the Marian Guild will be sponsoring their 3rd annual "Holiday Bake Sale and Basket Raffle"!**

All the baked goods will be plated on ceramic Christmas plates or holiday novelty items!

*More details about this event and the Christmas lunch will be announced soon!*

# St. Anthony of Padua Organ Fund

The sound of a beautiful organ elevates worship at a Mass like nothing else. The current organ was installed in 1979 and is experiencing increasing deterioration and inconsistencies. We have started an organ fund to replace and install a new Italian made digital pipe organ with new amplifiers and speaker cabinets.

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If you would like to contribute to this endeavor, please drop-off your donation at the parish office during regular hours or place your financial gift in an envelope marked "ORGAN FUND" and put it in the weekend collection basket. All donors will be recognized on a plaque unless they wish to remain anonymous.

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