

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | NOVEMBER 26, 2023



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” - Mt 25:38-40

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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

One word jumps out at us from today's readings, an "implied" word based on the context of each reading. **That word is judgment.** Ezekiel had reminded the people of their long history of sinfulness and infidelity to God's covenant; now there was no more 'wobble room' – it was now time for judgment. The leadership and stewardship, as well as the acquiescence of the people in violating God's law, was a matter of record. Now it was too late to change - judgment was upon them.

In the pastoral or agricultural society of ancient Israel, the word "Shepherd" had very special significance regarding the King and his relationship to the people. The main role of a king in that culture was to shepherd and safeguard the people. But because of the bad leadership, God himself would have to take over the task of shepherding the people. **Chapter 34 of Ezekiel is all about the abundant life that awaits the faithful from this shepherd. And we all know that this promise [Ezekiel 34:11-17] and prophecy of abundant life was fulfilled only in the Messiah, Jesus Christ.**

St. Paul's message to the Corinthians [1 Corinthians 15:20-28] speaks about Christ, the King of Kings who will turn over his kingdom to the Father on judgment day. And of course, the Gospel [Matthew 25:31-46] is very forthright about the way the true Shepherd, the Son of Man, will himself separate the faithful ones from those unfaithful to God's ways of justice and mercy on that inevitable day of judgment.

What is your own relationship to the "naked people," the hungry, the sick, the prisoner? **We cannot have eternal life unless we freely choose to love God and neighbor (Catechism #1033). With our "daily bread" goes the responsibility of stewardship (Catechism #2831). We, the People of God, are a "sheepfold" and must respond to the true Shepherd (Catechism #754), the One who gave His life for His sheep.**

~Rev. Edward J. Smith

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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: As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)

PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

SECOND READING: When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all. (1 Cor 15:28)

GOSPEL: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." (Mt 25:31-32)



READINGS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



Sunday - Nov. 26th - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

10:00 am - †Grace Matesic
Requested by: Loving Family

Monday - Nov. 27th - Weekday Mass / School Mass

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

Tuesday - Nov. 28th - Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Jeannette Michel
Requested by: Colleen Elmaoui

Saturday - Dec. 2nd - Sunday Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - †The Deceased Members of the Erdei Family
Requested by: Dan & Georgianna Concheck

Sunday - Dec. 3rd - 1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 am - †Jeanne Provenza
Requested by: Nelson Donofrio

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Vigil Mass

Thursday, December 7th
4:00 pm

Holy Day Mass

(with the School Children)
Friday, December 8th
8:30 am



Saturday, December 2nd at 4:00 pm

Lector: Marybeth B.

Eucharistic Ministers: Marybeth B., Patty R.

Sunday, December 3rd at 10:00 am

Lector: Celia F.

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

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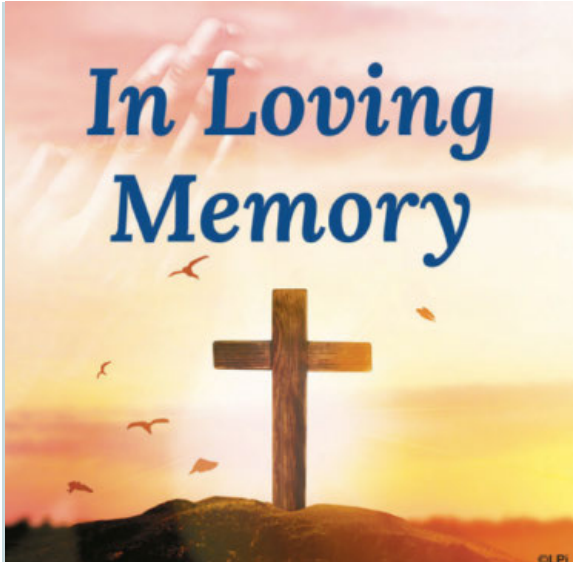
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OFFERTORY REPORT

Amount Budgeted Weekly..... \$6,240.00
 Sunday Collection (11/5/2023)..... \$6,456.00
 7/1/2023 to Date +/- Budget..... - (\$4,482.53)

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 all the friends & family upon the death of **Clarence Skorvanik** on October 4, 2023

to Denise, Thomas, Ellen, Lisa & the many family & friends upon the death of their loving husband & father, **Andrew Butti** on November 10, 2023

May Clarence & Andrew's souls 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	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho
Pat Costello II	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	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 Merkly	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	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

On the Feast of Christ the King: "All the nations shall come to adore you." (Ps 86:9)

Holy Guardian Angel, excellent adorer of our eternal King hidden in the Holy Eucharist, obtain for me an everlasting love and esteem for the Blessed Sacrament. ~From How to Make a Holy Hour

St. Andrew the Apostle Novena: "Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother. Amen." **(It is said that God will answer the prayer of whoever recites this prayer 15 times a day from St. Andrew's Feast Day on Nov 30th until Christmas.)**



Fr. Lacombe, a priest at St. Andrew's Catholic Church exposed the Blessed Sacrament for 40 hours devotion. During the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in which Our Lord remained exposed in the Monstrance, Fr. Lacombe looked up to behold the face of Christ in agony exposed in the Monstrance. Fearing what he was seeing was an optical illusion, he said nothing; but could not banish the image from his thoughts. After Mass, a man asked Father to bless a medal. Wanting to see if the image of Christ in the Host was an illusion, Father sent the man to look at the Host in the Monstrance. The man hurried back, crying that he has seen the face of a Man in the Monstrance. The altar boys who Fr. Lacombe had sent to view the Host in the Monstrance, returned in amazement with the same reports. A little girl who also beheld the face later said, "I cannot forget what I have seen. I will always remember the face of Our Lord . . . it has made an indelible mark on my life." Word of the miracle of the Holy Face of Christ spread quickly across the island. People flocked to the Face of Christ in the Monstrance. Around 2:00 pm, the image of Christ in the Host changed to that of a crucifix; the Host remaining Immaculate. Crowds gathered to adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and as they were singing "Tantum Ergo", the image of the crucifix disappeared. The Bishop ordered the Miraculous Host preserved. Although later attempts were made to discredit the Miracle and Fr. Lacombe, so many eyewitnesses were present that any such efforts were fruitless.

~Eucharistic Miracle: Reunion Island, Indian Ocean (property of France), 1902



Divine Mercy Meditation - Mercy in Spirit

Daughter, I need sacrifice lovingly accomplished, because that alone has meaning for Me. Enormous indeed are the debts of the world which are due to Me; pure souls can pay them by their sacrifice, exercising mercy in spirit (Diary, 1316).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Jesus, teach me to lovingly make sacrifices for souls that I may exercise mercy in spirit. May I always remember that only what is accomplished in love has meaning for You, Lord. Amen.

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - ABORTION VIOLATES THE LAWS OF GOD

We need to review certain facts. **First of all, the most beautiful thing a woman can be is a mother.** Only women have the power to populate God's earth and women are the ones who nurture and cherish their children.

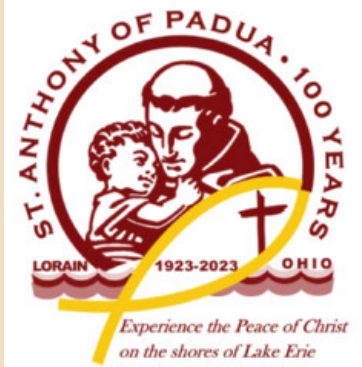
But, sad to say, the most dangerous place on Earth today is the womb of a mother. That is because of legalized abortion – a vicious taking of a life. We need to take the blinders off our eyes and see the horrendous evil that is abortion. It is an abomination in God's eyes.

There is absolutely no government, no law and no man that can override or veto God's law.

Get the facts. Do not believe the lies from the abortion industry. Don't be fooled into believing it's just tissue in the womb. **It's a baby.**

HISTORY OF ST. ANTHONY CONTINUED

Father Christian was also instrumental in constructing the Our Lady by the Lake Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Early in 1995, it was proposed to the Spiritual Life Commission that our parish have Perpetual Adoration. In January of 1996, the St. Anthony Parish Council reviewed the recommendation & approved. The building of the chapel began in 1996 & was completed in May of 1997. It was officially dedicated on June 2, 1997 by Bishop Anthony Pilla. Over the years since, the chapel is no longer used for Perpetual Adoration & the chapel is now open for specific daily hours & closed on weekends or when there is staff vacation.



BE THE LIGHT: SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS

This annual holiday program is meant to help our needy School Families & Active Parishioner Families. We are asking for monetary donations that can be used to purchase gift cards to help these needy families. **Donations can be made through the regular weekend collections on the weekends of November 25-26 & December 2-3 or mailed to the Parish Office.** Checks should include the memo line: *Be the Light*.

If you are a family that needs help, please call 440-288-1752 Ext. 247 and leave your name and phone number. You will be verified and then contacted. **The cut off date will be Tuesday, December 5th.**

**Thank you for considering a donation on behalf of our struggling brothers and sisters.
God Bless You!**

GIVING TREES - RETURN BY 12/9 & 12/20

The students of the St. Anthony of Padua Little Trojans Pre-School class are asking for your support in living in the way of St. Nicholas. As we count our many blessings during the holiday season, we remember those who are less fortunate. The Little Trojans Pre-School class is partnering with Birthright of Lorain for the Giving Tree Program. *Please choose an ornament from one of the Giving Trees located in the Church vestibules. DO NOT WRAP the gifts. Please use an open gift bag & attach the ornament tag, Please return gifts to the church by the weekend of December 9th & 10th and place them in front of the St. Anthony altar.* The gifts will be delivered to the Lorain County Birthright & will be received by those in need this Christmas Season.

The Little Trojans Pre-School students & Birthright sincerely thank you for your generosity.

MARIAN GUILD CHRISTMAS BRUNCH - 12/10

Remember, ALL the ladies of the parish are invited to the Christmas brunch on Sunday, December 10th after the 10 am Mass in the Lorain Senior Center on Garfield Blvd!!

We will be entertained by the famous "Frank and Dean" who will take us down memory lane singing songs from the Rat Pack, and other artists of that era! *They are terrific!*

Reservations are now being accepted.

Please RSVP to Terri George, 2220 E. Erie Ave., Lorain, OH 44052.

You can make your check out for **\$15 to the Marian Guild.**

MARIAN GUILD HOLIDAY BAKE SALE - 12/16 & 12/17

The Marian Guild's 3rd Annual Holiday Bake Sale and Basket Raffle will be held on the weekend of December 16th & 17th in the main vestibule of the church.

This year we will be having a special table for the children of the parish to purchase Christmas cookies! What a nice way to say thank you to grandma! Anyone in the parish who would like to donate homemade cookies for this event, please call Linda at 440-667-9050. We will arrange to have your cookies picked up if you were unable to drop them off that weekend.

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.

The new organ will provide the sounds of a variety of pipe organs from across Europe and even some orchestral sounds. It will render reliability and longevity for future generations.



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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