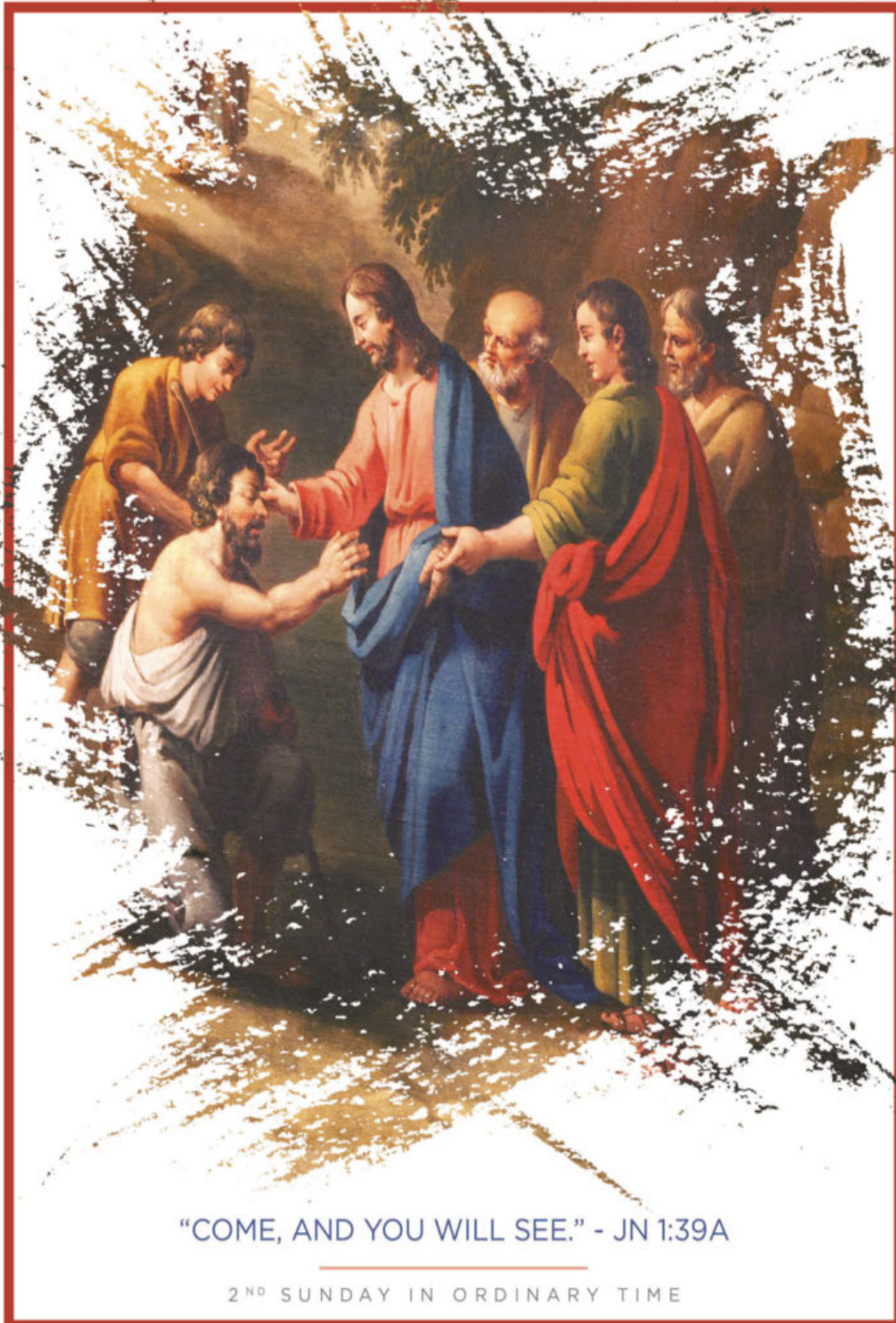


# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | JANUARY 14, 2024



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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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**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, *"If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."*

With even greater emphasis he said, *"And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."*

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, *"And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."*

Then, with the sermon complete, he sat down.

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, *"And for our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365, 'Shall We Gather at the River.'"*

This joke, sent to me by a parishioner, suggests tongue-in-cheek that the river is where we should go. Certainly, in our Gospel, the Jordan River had become the place to be for all those who heard John the Baptist's call to repentance and sought baptism. Even Jesus finds himself with John on the riverbank. John testifies that Jesus is the Son of God who has come to baptize with the Holy Spirit. He came to remove our sins by offering his life in exchange for our eternal life. In turn, he calls us to be his disciples so that we can proclaim the Gospel in our lives. *As we reflect on our discipleship, how are you doing proclaiming Christ by the witness of our life?*

~ 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.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office

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## SUNDAY READINGS

**FIRST READING:** The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

**PSALM:** Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

**SECOND READING:** Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

**GOSPEL:** So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday - Jan. 14th - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Lillian Margaret Neal  
*Requested by: The Kocay Family*

### Monday - Jan. 15th - Martin Luther King Day / No School

8:30 am - †Stacie Artino  
*Requested by: Sandra Smith*

### Tuesday - Jan. 16th - Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Marge Cetovich  
*Requested by: Carol Bainbridge*

### Saturday - Jan. 20th - St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

4:00 pm - †Nick Penick  
*Requested by: Mary Jane Penick*

### Sunday - Jan. 21st - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †The Living & Deceased Members of All Our Families  
*Requested by: Hilaire Tavenner*



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 14, 2024

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

### PRAYER FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

*Oh God* who made us in Your image,  
Give us **Your eyes** that we might see You in all  
people – especially those not like us.  
Give us **Your ears** that we might respond to those around  
us in love – especially when it costs us be silent or  
demands that we speak out for the sake of others.  
Give us **Your heart** and move it to act with radical love  
and compassion – especially when we are inclined to do  
nothing or to do what is beyond ours to do.  
We ask this for the sake of Your prayer:  
that we may be one in **You**.  
*Amen.*



## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, January 20th at 4:00 pm

*Lectors:* Laura V.

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Joanne C., Carol B., Pam W.

### Sunday, January 21st at 10:00 am

*Lectors:* Rose J.

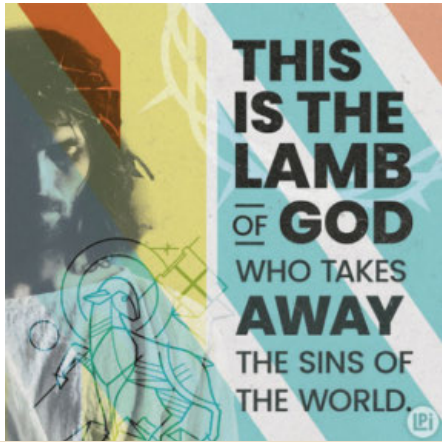
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Anna A., Anna S.

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**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# OFFERTORY REPORT

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$6,240.00  
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (12/17/2023) ..... \$4,974.00  
 7/1/2023 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... - (\$4,269.53)



## 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

upon the death of  
**Father Thomas Montovan** on January 4, 2024.

Fr. Montovan was a senior-retired priest in the Diocese of Cleveland who was named the founding pastor of St. Colette Parish in Brunswick.

*May Fr. Montovan'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	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	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter
Deacon Luis Maldonado	Dean Martin III	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer
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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,

Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

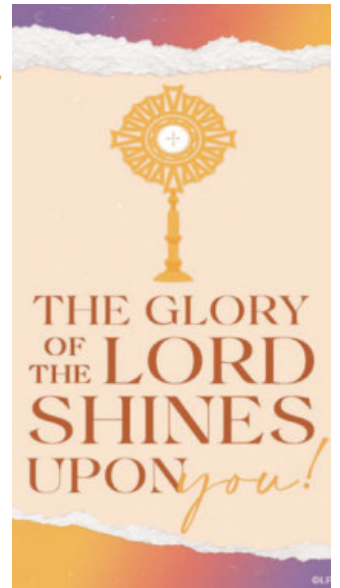
# ADORATION CHAPEL

*“In martyrdom, St. Agnes also seals the other crucial element of her life; virginity for Christ and for the Church. The total gift of martyrdom is prepared in fact by the conscious free and mature choice of virginity; a witness to the will to belong totally to Christ. If martyrdom is a final heroic act, virginity is the result of a long friendship with Jesus that has matured in the constant hearing of His word, in the dialogue of prayer, in the Eucharistic encounter.”*

*~Pope Benedict XVI, Address at the Almo Collegio Capranica, Roma for the Feast of St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr, Patroness of Girls, Chastity, Engaged Couple, 291-304*

*“Through Mary the cause of our joy you discover that no where on earth are you more welcomed, no where on earth are you more loved than by Jesus living and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament . . . He is really there in Person waiting just for you.”*

*~Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



## DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - PART 3: WITH A PERFECT SOUL

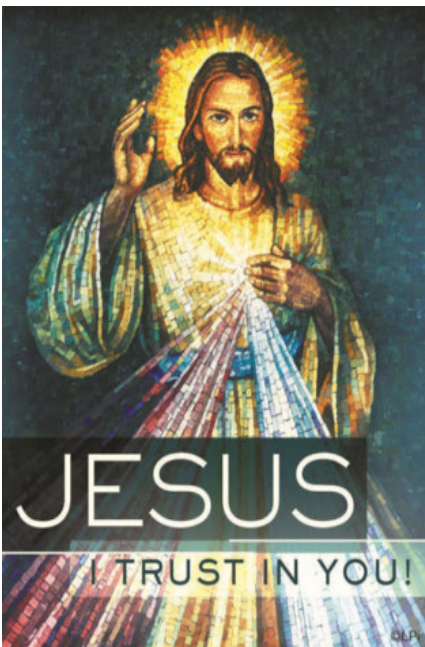
Jesus: **The smallest act of virtue has unlimited value in My eyes because of your great love for Me. In a soul that lives on My love alone, I reign as in heaven. I watch over it day and night. In it I find My happiness; My ear is attentive to each request of its heart; often I anticipate its requests. O child, especially beloved by Me, apple of My eye, rest a moment near My Heart and taste of the love in which you will delight for all eternity (Diary, 1489).**

Soul: Your response

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

### My Prayer Response:

**My Lord Jesus, may I do everything out of love for You, even the smallest act. May I know Your love throughout eternity. I rest near Your Heart, Lord. Amen.**



## PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - THIS TROUBLED WORLD

We are living in a very troubled world! Nature itself is even trying to warn us to change our ways, but do we listen? No! We ignore the signs.

Back in the time of Moses, God gave us the Ten Commandments to live by. They are the same today as they were then. God has never changed them, because God never makes mistakes. But we human beings have! Money, power and greed have replaced God. We make our own laws that allow sinful deeds to become legal such as abortion. Abortion is the greatest sin against God there is! With abortion we are refusing His precious gift of Life. We have allowed over 63 million innocent babies to be killed! Yet, we are appalled when the terrorists ISIS kill innocent people. Since when do we have the right to kill?

This whole war is a battle between good and evil. The devil is having a field day with us. He wants us to keep him company in hell! We can put a stop to this. We need a spiritual awakening. We need to turn back to our God for forgiveness. We need to change our hearts and minds. We need to uphold the dignity of all human life, young and old. **It can be done.**



**DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE**  
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# Trivia Night & Raffles

**DAY**  
**JAN 20**

**TIME**  
**5PM**

**WHERE**  
St. Mary Parish  
Hall, Elyria

**ELYRIACATHOLIC.COM/TICKETS**

## **CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups both In-Person at 3 pm & Virtually at 5 pm via Zoom on the same day. Meetings are 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 January Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 21st with the closest location at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon, 32789 Detroit Rd.** or virtually by signing up at <https://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>. The Topic will be "*Facing the New Year with Hope & Love*". For more information, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866 or visit [www.clecem.org](http://www.clecem.org) for the most updated schedule of events with the Catholic Cemeteries Association.

## **WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY AT ST. TERESA'S - 1/27**

Please join us on **Saturday, January 27th from 10 am to 1 pm** in the St. Teresa Parish Life Center. Doors open at 9:30 am. The retreat is called "*Transformation: How God Used Women in the Bible*". Our Presenter will be Sr. Sean Groh, SND, the DRE at St. Peter Church, North Ridgeville. Sister will walk us through the lives of some of the women in the Bible – Old and New Testament – to show us how God used them during the challenging times in their lives. Event is **FREE** – good will offerings accepted. Lunch will be served. **Please RSVP** to St. Teresa's office at 440-934-4227 **by January 23rd.**

## **MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE AT ST. TERESA - 1/30**

All are invited to come pray before our Eucharistic Lord on **Tues., January 30th at 7 pm at St. Teresa of Avila Church.** The Holy Hour will include Scripture Reading, Litanies & the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



## **2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

...are available by request only. You can call the parish office, email [kuhnk@stanthonylorain.com](mailto:kuhnk@stanthonylorain.com) or return the coupon below. All statements can be mailed or emailed. Please make sure we have your correct mailing address or email when requesting.

### **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST**

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