

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | JANUARY 28, 2024



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
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday - Friday:
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Have you ever listened to someone give a talk or lecture where the message radiated from the whole person – the language, their personality, their voice, not just the subject? Perhaps that person was speaking of something new, or it could have been a subject that you were already aware of but, for some unknown reason, it suddenly becomes more clearly and thoroughly understood. **The readings for this Sunday concern such a person who speaks “with authority.”**

The First Reading is from the Book of Deuteronomy (18:15-20). Here Moses, the most influential person of the Old Testament, is teaching his followers and the Jewish people about the future, and how they should conduct themselves in matters of faith and morals when they finally enter the Promised Land. He promises that God will send a great person, “... a prophet like himself” who will lead God’s people. Although this is referring to the prophets that God will send later, it cannot be overlooked that Jesus is the ultimate Prophet. Thus, Moses was referring to Jesus and instructing his people to pay attention and take what He says to heart. Moses spoke to his people for God whereas Jesus speaks to His people because He is God.

The Responsorial Psalm (95:1-9), is a meditation on the events of the Israelites’ wandering in the desert. They grumbled and griped about Moses’ leadership and their own situation of having no water or fresh food, which was indicative of their lack of faith in God and in Moses. The whole psalm is an exhortation to “hang in there,” and to listen and obey the voice of God.

The Second Reading is from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (7:32-35). This is a continuation of Paul’s letter read this week, in which he talks about getting distracted by things of “this world.” He is not making a case for the single life over the married life. Rather, he is pointing out that certain vocations or occupations present more of a distraction than others and we should guard against distractions that might prevent us from hearing God speak to us. Our spouses can be the instrument through whom God speaks to us. We must be alert to “hear His voice.”

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of Mark (1:21-28). This is a brief but powerful portion of Mark’s gospel that illustrates two aspects of Jesus’ mission. He came to teach and to overcome evil, and He proves that with a powerful miracle. Jesus came to teach “with authority” – the authority of God – something new and refreshing to the soul. His voice and message had a power even over evil spirits, so why would we not want to listen and obey?

It is interesting that in St. John’s Gospel, Mary, the mother of Jesus, says only five words: “Do whatever he tells you!” (John 2:5) Jesus was God! Whatever He said was an important message and whenever we hear it, even today, we should not harden our hearts and turn away. So, the question to ponder over this week is: **If you heard Jesus speak to you personally, what would you do? Something to think about during your prayer time this week.**

~Rev. Edward J. Smith **2**

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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: “I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him.” (Dt 18:18)

PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

SECOND READING: An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

GOSPEL: The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday - Jan. 28th - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Start of Catholic Schools Week

10:00 am - †Frances Rottman
Requested by: Amy Rottman

Monday - Jan. 29th - Weekday Mass / School Mass

8:30 am - †Elizabeth Kiely
Requested by: Michael & Maureen Negulescu

Tuesday - Jan. 30th - Weekday Mass

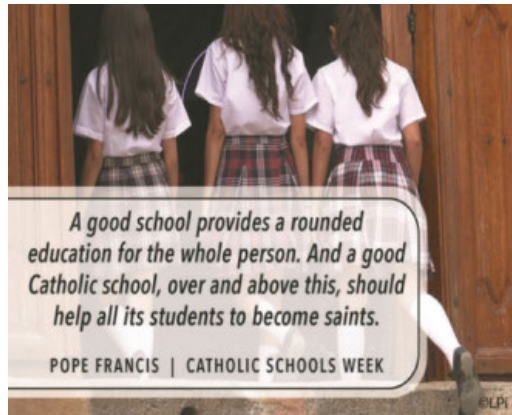
8:30 am - †Sheila Strauser
Requested by: The Burhell Family

Saturday - Feb. 3rd - St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

4:00 pm - †Living & Deceased Members of the Marian Guild
Requested by: The Marian Guild

Sunday - Feb. 4th - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Mary Ann Majjasie
Requested by: Michael & Maureen Negulescu



READINGS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 28, 2024

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Almighty Father,

You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people. As Teacher, He has given us the prime example of the importance of education.

As disciples, we look to Him for inspiration & strength.

Thank you for the many sisters, brothers, priests, & laypeople who have dedicated their lives in service to our Catholic schools.

Thank you for the teachers & administrators who sustain our schools today.

Thank you for the parents who have given support & witness to the importance of Catholic education in their daily lives.

Thank you for the students who work hard to further their education.

Bless St. Anthony School & the many people who advance our mission.

May our building be a home for those who seek to grow in faith, knowledge, & service of others.

May our community always support one another & exhibit hospitality to newcomers. Fill our minds with knowledge & wisdom.

May our understanding of the world help us to grow in appreciation for it. Fill our hearts with gladness. May we always turn to you in times of need.

Fill our hands with the tools we need to serve others.

May we show them your unceasing love through our actions.

St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Saturday, February 3rd at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Patty R., Jerry D., Pam W.

Sunday, February 4th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Steve B., Karen B.

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa S., David L.

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OFFERTORY REPORT

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$6,240.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (1/7/2024) \$7,665.00
 7/1/2023 TO DATE +/(-) BUDGET..... -(\$5,134.53)



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.



THE PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER ENTRUSTED TO THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

FEBRUARY 2024 FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.



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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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.

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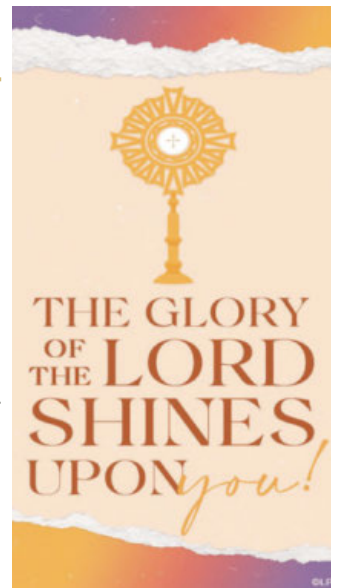
Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests,

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

ADORATION CHAPEL

“The single greatest need in the world today is the practice of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. How can we say this? Logically, we have seen that the conversion of our country calls for an outpouring of marvelous power from God. Christ promised to move mountains at the words of a person who believes. We conclude; there is no greater profession of faith than during prayer before the Holy Eucharist. Why should prayer before Christ in the Eucharist be so potent in obtaining miracles of conversion? Because it is prayer that in animated by extraordinary faith . . . There is no miracle too great, and no miracle is greater than the conversion of sinners provided we believe. That is why we can say and say with complete security; the single most powerful means on earth for the conversion of America is for Catholic Americans to mobilize a crusade of prayer before the Eucharist for the conversion of our nation.”

~From “the Conversion of America through the Eucharist,”
Fr. John A. Hardon, S. J.



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - PART 1: WITH A SUFFERING SOUL

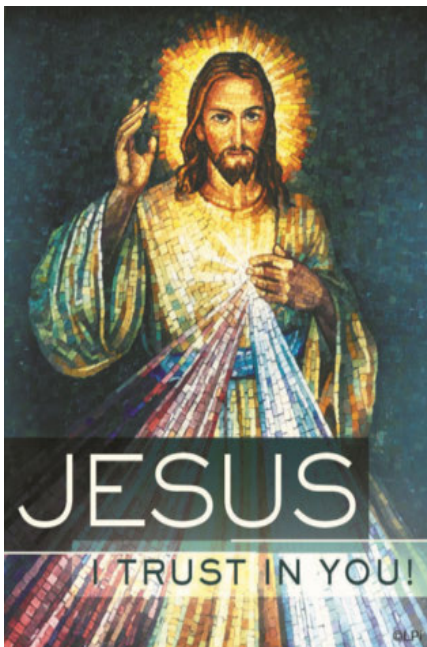
Jesus: **Poor soul, I see that you suffer much and that you do not have even the strength to converse with Me. So I will speak to you. Even though your sufferings were very great, do not lose heart or give in to despondency. But tell Me, My child, who has dared to wound your heart? Tell Me about everything, be sincere in dealing with Me, reveal all the wounds of your heart. I will heal them, and your suffering will become a source of your sanctification** (*Diary, 1487*).

Soul: Your response

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, in my suffering I reveal the wounds of my heart, so You may heal them. May my suffering become a source of my sanctification. *Amen!*



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

From February 14th (Ash Wednesday) to March 24th 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 and 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, 44120. **Join us at the Kickoff Rally at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Sunday, February 11, at 2pm, 29850 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, 44092.** The speakers are Molly Smith of Cleveland Right to Life and Morgan Reece of Students for Life. Please contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information.

Visit www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland for more information.



LOOKING FOR A CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR?

St. Anthony of Padua Parish School & Pre-School is currently taking applications for New Students for the 2024-2025 School Year! Spaces are limited so apply TODAY.

Go to www.stanthonylorain.org and click on **Enroll Online** in the top right corner.

Registration fee is \$50 per family.

A private tour can be scheduled by calling the School Office at 440-288-2155.

COME SEE THE ST. ANTHONY DIFFERENCE.

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

All are invited to come pray before our Eucharistic Lord on **Tuesday, 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.



MARIAN GUILD NEWS

The First Marian Guild Board Meeting of the year will be held on **Sunday, February 4th**, in the Day Chapel after the 10:00 am Mass.

The Marian Guild Mini Retreat will be held on **Sunday, February 18th**, in the church after the 10:00 am Mass.

All parishioners, men AND women, are invited.

The topic will be about *"Forgiving and Forgiveness"*.

A light lunch will be served in the church vestibule after the presentation.

Although there is no charge for this retreat, we encourage you to RSVP to Terri George, 440-320-3272, with your reservation.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE 18TH!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The next St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 11th**, after the 10:00 am Mass in the Day Chapel.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Diocese of Cleveland

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST - THE CHOSEN!



Everyone 40 & over please join us **Monday, February 12th** at **Copper Cup (Ironwood Café)**, 688 Dover Center in Westlake.

Deacon Will Yoho & his wife Liz will discuss The Chosen series, the actors, what it is like to be part of the action and the upcoming season!

Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. Advance tickets highly recommended as space is limited.

Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com

Doors open at 6:30pm & program begins at 7pm.

Hope to see you there!

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If you would like to submit an article for an upcoming Bulletin, please send requests to obermillerk@stanthonylorain.com by Monday at 10 am.

Bulletins are sent to print every Tuesday!

Women for EXCELLENCE

“HEALER OF MY SOUL”

Alumni, family, and friends are invited to join us for a Lenten gathering for sistership, reflection, and prayer

Featuring Sister Mary Berigan, SND and Donna Humphrey '71 of Blessing House

Thursday, February 15
Elyria Catholic High School
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5:30 - 6:30 Sistership & Soup Supper
6:30 - 7:30 Reflection & Prayer

Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 7
at elyriacatholic.com/women-for-excellence



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