

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MAY 5, 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 TO  
THURSDAY  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

## ADORATION CHAPEL

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

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September to May

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Because we are nearing the end of the Easter Season, the Readings for today explore the mystery of Jesus, the Risen Lord and God of all. The summation of all that Jesus is, His ministry and mission are given to us today in one word — **LOVE**. Now, everything has a beginning or source except God Himself. Therefore, God is the source of all that is good, all that is created and all that is holy. From this, John tells us that "*God is love itself.*" It was for this reason that He created mankind so that He could share His love and His entire being with us.

**The First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (10:25-48).** In this story, we hear how Peter had to learn that God's love for His chosen people has now moved beyond the Jewish people to all who believe in Jesus and are baptized in His name. One of the aspects of "*love*" is that it cannot be contained or limited; it must be shared and, as it is shared, it expands beyond its original limits.

**The Responsorial Psalm is (98:1-4).** This is a prayer of praise; giving glory to God for all that he has done, primarily in defense of His people. Today, we look upon this Psalm as a victory prayer. God has given to mankind the greatest of all gifts, the greatest expression of love — that of Salvation, Redemption and Eternal life, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**The Second Reading is from the First letter of John (1 John 4:7-10).** While we are reading or hearing this beautiful passage from John the Evangelist, we must keep in mind that "*love*" is more than a romantic feeling; and it extends beyond our natural emotions. "*Love*" is a decision that we must consciously make to respect, forgive, help, feed and/or nourish our family, friends, and neighbors. Because, when we do these things, we do them to or for Jesus Christ Himself. This is how love is shared among believers. To "*like or dislike*" something is only an emotion. **Love is a decision!**

**The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of John (15:9-17)** and is a continuation of last week's gospel wherein Jesus compares Himself to a living vine and insists that we must "*live in*" or be attached to Him or we shall die, spiritually speaking. Next Sunday's Gospel expands upon that theme of remaining in Him so that He can nourish us with His love, which comes from the Father. He then goes on to say that it is not our love that generates this love from the Father; rather, it is God who loves us first and by sharing this love, we in turn, love not only God, but our neighbor.

Love, something that sounds so simple, is in reality a very complex force because it is from and of God. It is God sharing Himself through us, and it is something that should be pondered in prayer, explored in meditation, and protected in sharing. To do otherwise would be to cut oneself off from the living vine of God Himself. **Something to think about during your prayer time this week!**

~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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John Kowalski, Music Minister

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Art & Environment - Linda Mathewson

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Marybeth Brailer

Lectors - Nadya Cole

Sacristans - Mike Darby

Ushers - Fran Stack



## SUNDAY READINGS

**FIRST READING:** The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. (*Acts 10:45-46*)

**PSALM:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (*Ps 98*)

**SECOND READING:** Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. (*1 Jn 4:8*)

**GOSPEL:** "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (*Jn 15:13*)

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK MAY 5, 2024

**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

**Next Sunday: Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20



### Sunday - May 5th - 6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am - †Janet Mercurio  
*Requested by: Marilyn Mercurio*

### Monday - May 6th - Easter Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †For the Souls in Purgatory  
*Requested by: Judith Duffy*

### Tuesday - May 7th - Easter Weekday Mass

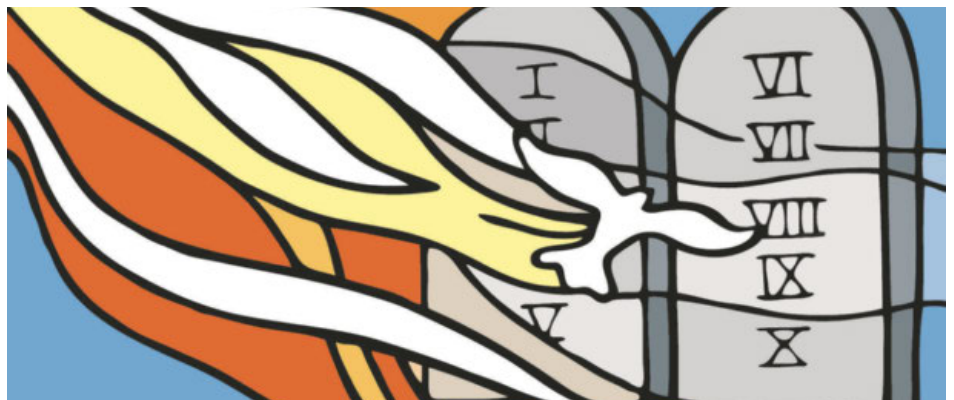
8:30 am - †The Living & Deceased of the Paytosh Family  
*Requested by: Laurie Piskur*

### Saturday - May 11th - The Ascension of the Lord Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - †Domingo, Romana & Gilbert Amador  
*Requested by: Raquel Stein*

### Sunday - May 12th - The Ascension of the Lord

10:00 am - †For the Living & Deceased Mother's of the Parish



“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.” — Jn 15:10-11

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### Saturday, May 11th at 4:00 pm

*Lectors:* Laura V.  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Jerry D., Carol B.

### Sunday, May 12th at 10:00 am

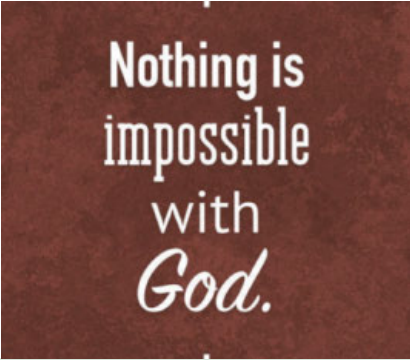
*Lectors:* Celia F.  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Lisa S., David L., Joann T.

# OFFERTORY REPORT

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$6,240.00  
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (4/14/2024) ..... \$3,673.00  
 7/1/2023 TO DATE +/-(-) BUDGET..... -(\$10,144.69)

**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

### MAY 2024 FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS & SEMINARIANS

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



## 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	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	Boston Lee Jackson
Pearl 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
Ellen Morgan	Frank Murphy	Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell
Joe Rizzo	Amy Schmidt	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin
Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Richard Yurovich
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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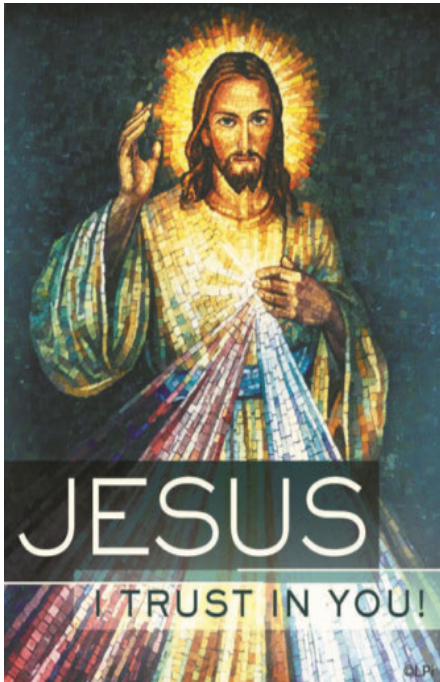
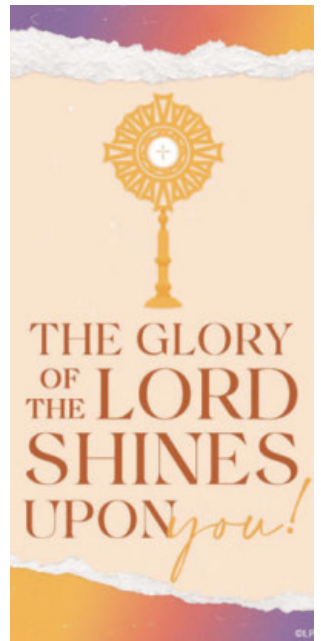
Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests,

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

# ADORATION CHAPEL

During Blessed Imelda's time children couldn't receive Holy Communion until the age of twelve. "She prayed that Jesus would grant her wish and allow her to receive Him sooner . . . To receive Jesus in Communion became the consuming desire of her heart. She would even sometimes exclaim: 'Tell me, can anyone receive Jesus into his heart and not die?' When Imelda was eleven years old, on the eve of the Ascension, she remained behind after Mass praying silently in the chapel. As the other sisters began to leave the chapel, a great miracle occurred. Suddenly, a heavenly fragrance filled the air and a luminous host emerged from the tabernacle and was hovering above Imelda's head. The sisters told the priest and upon seeing the host, he knelt in adoration and received the host on the paten. He immediately gave Communion to Imelda. Upon receiving Jesus, Imelda was so overcome with joy that she had died in a loving state of ecstasy."

Bl. Imelda Lambertini,  
Patron of First Communicants,  
Incorrupt, Italy, 1322-1333.  
(Excerpt from Catholic Fire)



## DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - MY MERCY AS A DEFENSE

**My daughter, tell souls that I am giving them My mercy as a defense.  
I Myself am fighting for them and am bearing the just anger of  
My Father (Diary, 1516).**

Today before Holy Communion, the Lord said to me,  
**My daughter, today talk openly to the superior [Mother Irene]  
about My mercy because, of all the superiors, she has taken the  
greatest part in proclaiming My mercy (Diary, 1519).**

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

### My Prayer Response:

*Thank You, Jesus, that You give Your mercy as our defense in the battle of  
life — and that You Yourself are fighting for us. Help me to talk openly of  
Your mercy to others, not giving into discouragement. Amen.*

**“Jesus I Trust in You!”**

## PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM PROLIFECORNER.COM

Many of the people who are opposed to abortion have been led to believe they should not “impose” their morality on others.

### Think about this:

Every human being is always unique and unrepeatable-  
someone thought of from eternity by God.

In the beginning God created...me!

The days of my life were recorded in God's Book even before I was born.

Thank you, Mom, for not aborting me.

*Lord, let us not be cowards; give us the courage & wisdom necessary  
to stand up & fight the evil of abortion & euthanasia today. Amen!*







## MANY PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

to Dr. Stephen, Dr. Stephen Jr., Elizabeth, Jessica, Barbara and family & friends upon the death of their beloved wife, mother & daughter-in-law, **MaryAlice Evans** on April 25, 2024

*May MaryAlice's soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

**LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED.**

## CHORAL SPECTRUM CONCERT - 5/5

Choral Spectrum invites you to join us for our final concert of the 2023-2024 Season, **"Water, Water Everywhere"** on Sunday, May 5th at 3 pm at St. Peter Parish, Lorain.

We will be featuring music from the Renaissance to the modern day, all the music deals with the theme of water.

The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken.

Choral Spectrum is a auditioned choir under the direction of Anthony Trifletti.

Visit us at [choralspectrum.org](http://choralspectrum.org) for more information.



## MARIAN GUILD ANNUAL MAY LUNCHEON - 5/19

On Sunday, May 19th the Marian Guild will have their annual May luncheon at 11:30 am at the Lorain Senior Center on Garfield Boulevard.

*All ladies of the parish are invited to attend!*

We will have the crowning of the Blessed Mother, officers will be installed and new members will be honored.

In addition to a very tasty lunch, we will be entertained with several games of Bingo!

All winners will receive a little prize.

Very nice door prizes will also be given to a lucky few!

Please join us as we close out another prayerful and inspiring season.

For reservations, please call Terri George, 440-320-3272, or mail your reservation with \$15 to Terri George, 2220 E. Erie Ave., Lorain, OH 44052 by May 13th.

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - 5/19

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 open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart.

**The May Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th with the closest location at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon at 32789 Detroit Rd.**

The Topic will be *"Father's Day & Grief"* and *"Mental Health Awareness"*.

Your RSVP is appreciated but not required to attend.

Please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866 for more information or sign up for the virtual group at <https://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>.

Visit [www.clecem.org](http://www.clecem.org) for the most updated schedule of events with the CCA.



## MEMORIAL DAY MASS - 5/27

Join us on Monday, May 27th to honor those who gave their lives serving God and country.

Mass will be celebrated at 10 am at St. Joseph Cemetery Mausoleum in Avon.

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## BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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

*Bulletins are sent to print every Tuesday!*

## PARISH RUMMAGE SALE AT ST. TERESA - 5/31 & 6/1

The St. Teresa of Avila Altar & Rosary Society will have a Parish Rummage Sale on  
Friday, May 31st from 9 am to 4 pm  
&  
Saturday, June 1st from 9 am to Noon.



*Selling clothing only at \$5 per bag.*

## DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!

They can be dropped off on  
May 20th-24th & May 27th-30th  
from 9 am to Noon & 4 pm to 7pm in the church hall.

*Items that will be accepted are:  
clean clothing, books, small appliances (NO large appliances),  
jewelry & small household items.*

If you have any questions,  
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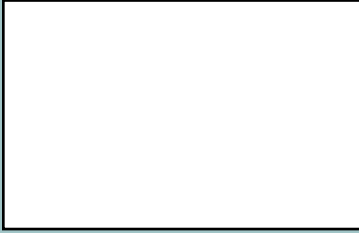
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