

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MARCH 23, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

IT MAY BEAR  
FRUIT IN THE  
**FUTURE.**

LUKE 13:9

## 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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October 21st to May 5th

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Lent is a time to reassess our relationship with God in Jesus Christ. It is not a time for self-inflicted penance for the sake of self-punishment. That went out with the “dark ages.” Our God is a God of love and forgiveness; however, all good things have their limit or boundaries. Lent gives us time to step back to see where we are going in our relationship and if we are in need of some correction on our course. The one thing we are all guilty of at one time or another is complacency—the belief that we are “doing okay.” Our God wants more from us than what we might think is “good enough.”

**The First Reading is from the Book of Exodus (3:1-8a, 13-15).** This is one of the most profound stories in the Old Testament. It is Moses' first encounter with God where God reveals Himself to Moses and calls him to a special mission. At the same time, God explains that He has heard the cries of the Israelites now in slavery and He intends to free them through Moses' leadership. Moses was not in good standing at this time with either the Egyptians or his own people, the Israelites, and so he asks for a sign to give as proof. God gives him His name, “Yahweh—I AM who AM,” or as we might say today, “I AM all that Is!” In that time and culture, giving one’s name to a stranger or anyone outside of your immediate circle of acquaintances was the same as giving the stranger some authority to represent you. And yet we know that after all of this, their release from slavery and feeding them and caring for them in the desert, the Israelites still rebelled against God and sinned because they became complacent. But God had His limits.

**The Responsorial Psalm is (103:1-11).** In this prayer, the psalmist is praising God for His divine goodness and benevolence, and enumerates many of these qualities, but ends with a veiled warning, “His kindness is toward those who fear Him.” **Warning: Don't take God for granted.**

**The Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (10:1-6, 10-12).** In this passage, Paul gives us the reasons why God was not pleased with the Israelites in the first reading, and he goes on to say, “These things have been written down as a warning to us” and further, “...whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.”

**The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of St. Luke (13:1-9).** The people of Jesus' time often thought, wrongly, that misfortunes of any kind, such as accidents or ill health, were signs of sinfulness in the unfortunate person or persons. Jesus points out that this was not the case. Those who are not careful about their relationship with God are in greater danger. He gives an example of a fig tree that is in full foliage with all the appearance of being healthy, but it does not bear fruit. The owner orders it to be cut down for not fulfilling its intended purpose. However, the gardener asks for more time to work with it hoping that it will respond.

Lent is like that “more time” for us to respond to God's call to fulfill our intended purpose. So, the question to ponder over is: *Are you taking time to be with God in prayer during this Lenten Season, or are you just “doing okay” as is?*

Something to think about during your prayer time this week.

*Rev. Edward J. Smith*

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MARCH 23, 2025 | 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

## SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

### CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

### BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling the Office.

*Baptisms will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month.*

### MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attending 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

## PASTORAL STAFF

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Holy Communion - Marybeth Brailer

Lectors - Nadya Cole

Sacristans - Mike Darby

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## SUNDAY READINGS

**FIRST READING:** "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." (Ex 3:14)

**PSALM:** The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

**SECOND READING:** These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor 10:11)

**GOSPEL:** "But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" (Lk 13:5)

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 23, 2025

**Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9  
*Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

**Next Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
*Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



### Sunday - Mar 23rd - 3rd Sunday of Lent

10:00 am - †Alvin & Rose Hellinger  
*Requested by: Al Hellinger*

### Monday - Mar 24th - Lenten Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Tammy Ann Csillag  
*Requested by: Cheryl A. VanWagnen*

### Tuesday - Mar 25th - The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 am - †Living & Deceased of the Taddese & Crawford Families  
*Requested by: Hilaire Tavenner*

### Saturday - Mar 29th - 4th Sunday of Lent Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - †Helen Jancsura  
*Requested by: Loving Family*

### Sunday - Mar 30th - 4th Sunday of Lent

10:00 am - †Tommy Zaworski  
*Requested by: St. Anthony Classmates*

## LENTEN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Stations of the Cross on Fridays

Children's Stations at 1:15 pm  
Evening Stations at 7:00 pm with Deacon Paul

### Holy Thursday, April 17th

Mass at St. Teresa at 7 pm

### Good Friday, April 18th

Stations of the Cross at St. Anthony at Noon with Deacon Paul  
Passion Services at St. Anthony at 3:00 pm

### Easter Vigil, April 19th

Mass at St. Anthony at 8:30pm

### Easter Sunday, April 20th

Mass at St. Anthony at 10:00 am

### Parish Office Closed

Easter Monday, April 21st & Tuesday, April 22nd  
*Reopens on Wednesday, April 23rd*



## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, March 29th at 4:00 pm

*Lectors:* Marybeth B.  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Pam W., Laura P., Patty R.

### Sunday, March 30th at 10:00 am

*Lectors:* Celia F.  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Hilaire T., Dan L., Karen L.  
*Server:* Ellie O.

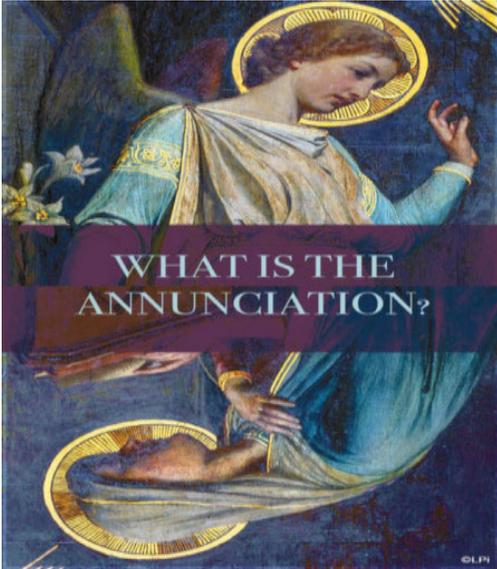
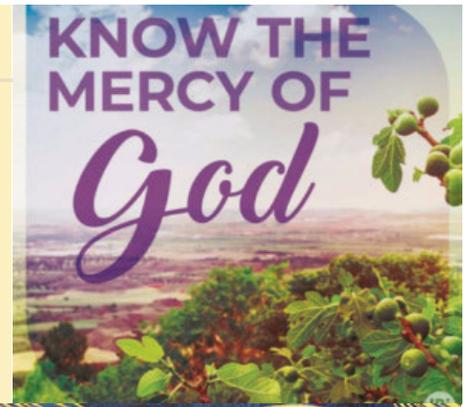
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**FISCIAL YEAR (7/1/24-6/30/25)**

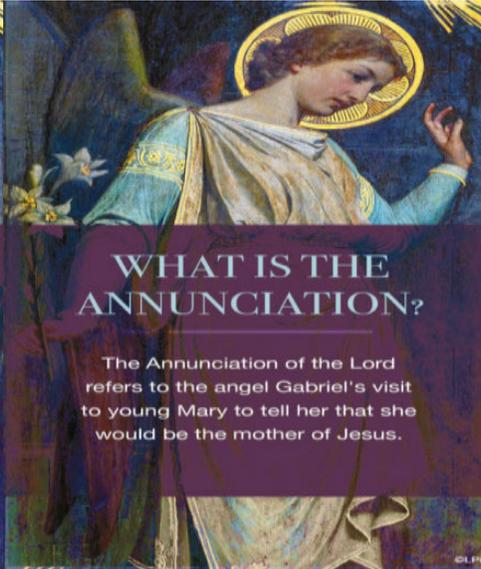
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 SUNDAY COLLECTION (3/2/2025) ..... \$7,586.00  
 7/1/2024 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... - \$(7,279.90)

**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.*

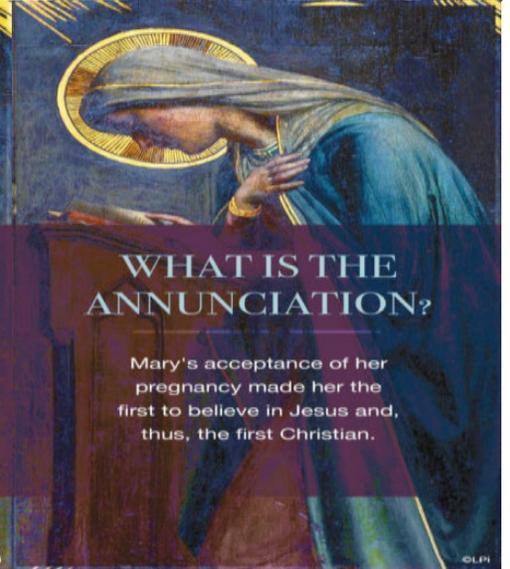


**WHAT IS THE ANNUNCIATION?**



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The Annunciation of the Lord refers to the angel Gabriel's visit to young Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of Jesus.



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Mary's acceptance of her pregnancy made her the first to believe in Jesus and, thus, the first Christian.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho	Ann DiFrancesco	Jerry Donovan
Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick
Joe Gluvna	Brian Grace	Dan George	Renee Golowenski	Carol Gonzales	Jillian Gonzalez
Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Bob Humphrey	Jennifer Humphrey	Boston Lee Jackson
Iris Pearl Jackson	Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter
Dean Martin III	Alan McCartney	Rita McConley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Father Christian Moore
Frank Murphy	Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Joe Rizzo
Emily Stefan	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.*

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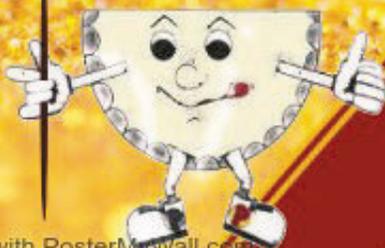
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## MANY PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

To John, James, Robert & family & friends upon the death of their father,  
**Edward Balchak** on March 12, 2025.

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

## LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED.

### ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL SPRING FLOWER SALE - RUNS FROM NOW TO 3/26

BLOOM Spring Flowers are back at St. Anthony of Padua! St. Anthony students will receive 25-30% of the profits from your order. A great way to get ahead of your Mother's Day shopping or spring plants to brighten things up this year!

**Our Online sale runs from NOW until March 26th.**

Simply use this link to order: <https://app.fundraiseit.org/shop.php?code=28FAD6>.  
*Be sure to enter your name, and if there is a specific student you would like to receive credit for your order towards their selling prizes, their names as well.*

**Delivery and pick-up will be organized on our campus on Sunday, May 4th from 2:30-4:30 pm.**  
*Exact flower color by availability only. JOCO reserves the right to send alternate colors in the event of a shortage.*

### TETÉLESTAI PERFORMANCE - 3/28, 3/29 & 3/30

The long-running musical passion play Tetélestai or "*It is Finished*" will be coming to St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Catholic Church, 2143 Homewood Dr., Lorain on Friday March 28th at 8:00 pm, Saturday, March 29th at 8:00 pm and Sunday, March 30th at 2 pm. The cast and crew of this visually moving passion play is excited to share the Good News of Easter with you. Tetélestai brings the Gospel to life with a cast & crew, full theatrical staging, sounds & lighting, costumes and live singing. The performances are FREE. Please visit [LiveThePassion.org](http://LiveThePassion.org) for more information.

### PILGRIMS OF HOPE PRESENTATION - 3/30

Join several pilgrims on Sunday, March 30th at 11:45 am immediately following the 10:30 am Mass at Nativity Parish, 418 W. 15th St., as they share photographs and reflect on their Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Assisi, Florence and Rome with Bishop Edward Malesic that took place in January. Nativity is one of 11 sites designated by the Diocese of Cleveland as a Sacred Site during this Jubilee Year. Come hear about this unforgettable & spiritual journey and what it meant to those who took part. Call 440-244-9090 for more info. A reception will follow. *Please join us!*

### FIRST FRIDAY FORUM - 4/4

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will present Fr. Andy Turner, Vice-Rector of Borromeo Seminary & Professor of Pastoral Theology, at our luncheon on Friday, April 4th.

Fr. Turner will present "*What's New at the Seminary?*". Come join us for good food, fellowship & faith formation. Lunch begins at 11:30 am at the LCCC Spitzer Conference Center, 1005 N. Abbe Rd. Elyria with Father speaking at Noon.

*All reservations need to be received by 6 pm on Monday, March 31st.*  
Call 440-320-3272 or email [fflorain@gmail.com](mailto:fflorain@gmail.com) with your reservation. Cost is \$25.

### JUBILEE OF HEALTH CARE WORKERS - 4/5 & 4/6

Please join us during this Jubilee Year 2025 for a special blessing of all who work in health care. Medical professionals exemplify what it means to be "*Pilgrims of Hope*" by bringing hope to others.

Catholics are sacramental people who believe in the unity of body and soul.

We deeply appreciate those who make sacrifices to help others feel their best.

We hope our prayers will be a source of strength in this demanding line of work.

**Prayers and a blessing will occur during Masses on  
Saturday, April 5th at 4 pm & Sunday, April 6th at 10:30 am at Nativity B.V.M. Church.**

*There will also be a prayer card for all in attendance.*

### COOKED PIEROGI SALE - 4/18

Along with our frozen uncooked pierogi sales on Wednesdays of Lent, we are adding a Cooked Sale on Good Friday, April 18th. *Details coming soon!*



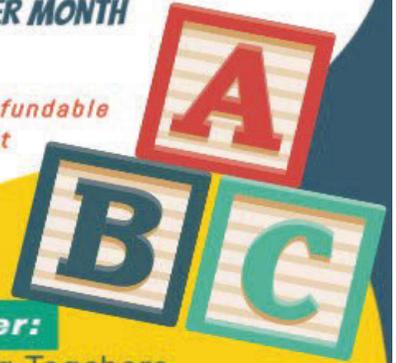
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