




# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

WELCOMING ALL PEOPLE TO WORSHIP GOD IN THE GENIUS OF  
AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

February 23, 2025

*Loving*  
  
*Judging*



## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

309 Gower Street  
Greenville, South Carolina 29611

Parish Office: 864-233-7717  
[www.stanthonysgvl.org](http://www.stanthonysgvl.org)



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# Parish Info

## WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S!

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5 PM Sunday: 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 PM (Noon)

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS

11 AM & 6 PM

### WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday - Friday: 11 AM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Or by Appointment

### HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Please see an Usher before Mass

### PARISH OFFICE

Physical Location: 204 Douthitt St.  
Monday thru Thursday 9 AM - 4 PM  
Friday 9 AM - 12 PM  
Phone: (864) 233-7717  
Website: [www.stanthonysgvl.org](http://www.stanthonysgvl.org)

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: (864) 271-0167  
Website: [www.stanthonysschoolgvl.org](http://www.stanthonysschoolgvl.org)

### CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Diocesan Office: (843) 261-0430

### DO YOU NEED HELP?

Financial Assistance: (864) 233-7717 ext. 0  
Catholic Charities: (864) 331-2626  
Food Pantry: (864) 233-7717

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

The men and women who serve in the armed forces do so with a sacrificial love for our country and the world. Lifting them up in prayer to our Lord must be our humble, and yet great support for them.

Lord, may your love encircle our military as they work across the world to install justice and peace for all. And be their hope through the difficulties and stress they face each day.

We welcome all new members and visitors to our parish. Please email Kyle Hall at [kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org) if you would like to register. Please visit [www.stanthonysgvl.org](http://www.stanthonysgvl.org) for more information.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

#### SATURDAY, 2/22

- 5 pm

#### SUNDAY, 2/23

- 8 AM
- 10 AM Ruben & Gene Prinzing
- 12 PM

#### TUESDAY, 2/25

- 11 AM Ann Chielowiec

#### WEDNESDAY 2/26

- 11 AM Ann Chielowiec

#### THURSDAY, 2/27

- 11 AM

#### FRIDAY, 2/28

- 11 AM For our church family

#### SATURDAY, 3/1

- 5 PM

#### SUNDAY, 3/2

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM

It is a wonderful Catholic tradition to request a Mass Intention for loved ones; living or deceased. In fact, asking for Mass intention for the deceased is not only Catholic tradition, it is biblical (2 Maccabees 12: 38-46).

Mass intention is also a wonderful gift for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc.

**Please call the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention.**

### HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

If you are sick at home or in the hospital, have a member of your family notify the parish if you are not able to notify us yourself. We care about you and want to help you when you need help from your church family.

If there is someone you would like to be added on the prayer list OR removed, please contact the Parish Office: 864-233-7717 ext 2. Thank you!



# PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTS

## Active Parishoner

- Weekly attendance at Sunday Mass and on Holy Days of Obligation.
- Volunteer on regular basis (**Time**)
- Active involvement in a parish ministry/organization (**Talent**)
- Weekly or monthly use of parish envelopes or online giving (**Treasure**)

## Do you have a couple of hours to volunteer?

Our school is looking for volunteers to work in the school library. Virtus training is required. If you are not trained, it is easy to complete. Interested persons should email Sharon Scovel at [scovelsc@aol.com](mailto:scovelsc@aol.com) or Paulette Payne at [Paulettejpayne@charter.com](mailto:Paulettejpayne@charter.com). Thank you for your support.

## BULLETIN CONTENT SUBMISSION

Anyone parish group/organization wishing to submit items for publishing in the weekly bulletin should send the content to Kyle Hall ([kyle.hall@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:kyle.hall@charlestdiocese.org)) by end of day Tuesday for the coming weekend's bulletin. Submissions may have to be edited due to space constraints.

Those seeking to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Matrimony ***must be registered members for at least six months*** prior to reception of these Sacraments. You must be a registered member of the parish to ask for Godparent or Sponsor's form of eligibility.

## Infant Baptism Class for Parents

Parents must be registered and active member of St. Anthony's. Class is offered on the third Thursday of every month. Pre-registration is required. Please call the office to pre-register. Baptisms are not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

## First Holy Communion

Preparation begins in the first grade and continues into second grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week in August.

## Confirmation

Preparation begins in the eighth grade and continues into ninth grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week of August. Adults who have not been confirmed and would like to receive the Sacrament are asked to contact the parish office.

## Marriage

You must be registered and active member at least six months prior to preparation of the Sacrament. Couples should call the parish office and speak to the priest/ Deacon for pre-nuptial inquiries. Then the couple will begin formal marriage preparations at least six months prior to the wedding date.

## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

This is a process through which non-baptized adults known as catechumens or baptized adults who wish to convert from other faith traditions enter in communion with the Catholic Church. Classes begins in September. If you wish to become a Catholic, please call the parish office.



# PASTORAL REFLECTION

## FROM THE DESK OF OUR ADMINISTRATOR

*Fr. Emerson Rodriguez Delgado*

### **Love Your Enemies**

My friends, this Sunday, Jesus calls us to move beyond the familiar "golden rule" of treating others as we wish to be treated. Instead, He invites us to embrace something higher, harder, and more transformative: to love our enemies.

Is it even possible? Radical? At first glance, it might seem so. How can we love someone who has hurt us, betrayed us, or treated us unfairly? Yet, this command is rooted in the very nature of God, who "is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked." Jesus urges us, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Why? Because we are called to imitate our Father, who makes His sun rise on both the good and the bad. Just as God transcends justice with mercy, so too are we called to do the same. It's a hard teaching. It goes against the grain of our pride, selfish desires, and natural instincts.

When Jesus talks about love, He's not referring to a warm, sentimental feeling. He speaks of agape—a love that demands action. Agape is a love that does good, even to those who oppose or harm us. Ouch! That's not easy to hear, is it?

In the New Testament, agape refers to doing good even for those who tear us down. This kind of love is not about loving someone in the hope that they'll return the favor. It's not rooted in sentiment but in the will—a deliberate choice to do good, to say good, and to pray for our enemies. These three concrete actions are the guideposts Jesus gives us to live out this love.

Let's be honest, though. Loving others doesn't mean allowing ourselves to be abused or mistaking passivity for meekness. Jesus Himself showed us what love looks like in the face of injustice. When a soldier struck Him, He didn't sink into passivity or rage. Instead, He responded with courage and truth, saying: "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" (Jn 18:23).

What about us? When someone wrongs us, how do we respond? Do we fight? Do we flee? Or do we take the harder, more transformative path—the path of love? Jesus shows us that love isn't weak. It's a force for justice, peace, and transformation. Alleluia!

Jesus met violence with reason and truth, not retaliation. You see, the enemy doesn't want to see your face or hear your voice. They want to dehumanize you, to reduce you to an object. Why? Because it's easier to harm an object than a person. But Jesus calls us to resist. By responding with love, we hold onto our humanity and invite our enemies to rediscover theirs. We open a door for their transformation. What if our love could turn things around?

Here's the truth Jesus leaves us with: "For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." How we treat others—especially our enemies—determines how we will be treated. If we give mercy, mercy will come back to us. If we sow love, we will reap a harvest of love. But if we sow hatred, revenge, gossip, or bitterness, we'll be consumed by the very darkness we unleash.

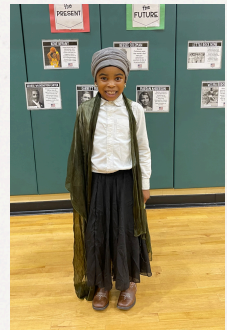
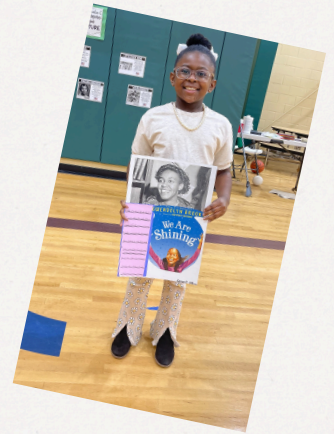
Let me give you a striking image. Think of the jellyfish, the Medusa, found in the Bay of Naples. When this jellyfish swallows a nudibranch snail, it draws it into its digestive tract. The snail then slowly begins to devour the jellyfish from the inside out. By the time the snail is fully grown, it has consumed the entire jellyfish.

My dear friends, that's what happens to us when we harbor revenge, hatred, and bitterness. They devour us from the inside out. They steal our joy. They poison our souls. They leave us empty and broken. But the love Jesus calls us to is different. It frees us. It heals us. It pulls us out of darkness and into light.

At the end of the day, the choice is ours. We decide how we respond to our enemies. Will we choose hatred? Or will we choose love? The ball is in your court, my friends. Choose wisely—for eternity. Because love never fails. Amen.



# News From Our School



**Each student was assigned a historical African American figure to research. They dressed in character and immersed themselves in learning key facts about their assigned individuals.**

**The students assembled in the gymnasium and, when prompted, presented information about their historical figures to the audience.**

We are pleased to invite you to our Open House(s) at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School. This event will be held on two dates to accommodate your schedule: Thursday, March 6, and Thursday, March 11. You may join us during either of the following time slots: 9:00-11:00 a.m. or 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Our Open House offers a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more about the outstanding academic programs, exceptional faculty, and vibrant community at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School. During your visit, you will have the chance to tour our campus, meet with teachers and staff, and discover the various ways we support the growth and development of our students.

We look forward to welcoming you and showing you what makes St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School a special place for learning and growth. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at [mboyd@stanthonygreenvillesc.org](mailto:mboyd@stanthonygreenvillesc.org), or call 864-217-0167.







# Welcome To Our Home





# Spiritual Life

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PRESENTS



## THE HISTORY OF BLACK VAUDEVILLE

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025  
AT 4pm**

CELEBRATE THE RICH LEGACY OF  
BLACK VAUDEVILLE, WHERE  
PIONEERING PERFORMERS BROKE  
BARRIERS, CAPTIVATED AUDIENCES,  
AND SHAPED AMERICAN CULTURE

A SOUL FOOD DINNER WILL BE SERVED  
FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
309 GOWER ST, GREENVILLE, SC 29611

Get ready for  
**Youth Ministry!**  
At St. Anthony of Padua!



Teens, 9th thru 12th grade  
**Welcome!**

Ministry Kick-off March 2, 2025  
(mark your calendars!)

The food pantry has been giving 160-200 bags of food each day this month. The supply and demand has reached new levels! We are in constant need of Vienna Sausage, peanut butter crackers, fruit cups, instant grits and oatmeal, pop tarts or fruit bars for the daily bags. Other items are, Mac said cheese, rice, cereal, peanut butter and jelly.  
Thank you for your support.

## FEBRUARY 23 - March 2

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00am- Breakfast  
**SAP Social Hall**

4:00pm- Black History  
Program  
**SAP Church**

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00pm- OCIA  
**SAP Social Hall**

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:15pm- Unity Choir  
**SAP Church**

6:30pm-Living Waters  
Bible Study  
**Zoom**

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:00pm- CCD Classes  
**SAP Parish and School**



# Upcoming Parish Events



## HELP WANTED

The MICAH Program is seeking volunteers to be Mentors

### What is the MICAH Program?

We are a lay ministry recognized by Bishop Fabre-Jeune and St. Anthony's.

Our mission is to help people in our community with poor credit secure a low interest loan (~4.3%). We refer to people seeking a loan from the MICAH Program as Neighbors.

In South Carolina, financial companies can charge people with poor credit extremely high interest rates. The loans typically range in the 150% and higher range! **A 12 month loan for \$1,000 from a predatory lender can cost >\$980 versus our low cost loan costing ~\$24!**

### What does a Mentor do?

1. Help Neighbors with loan application
2. Recommend Neighbor for Loan
3. Accompany Neighbor to Loan Closing
4. Monthly check-ins with Neighbors

### What sort of time commitment is it?

Steps 1 to 3 take between 4 to 8 hours spread across two to three weeks.

Step 4 typically takes 15 minutes a month and is done via texts, emails, phone calls or face to face.

### What skills do I need?

1. Compassion and empathy toward the Neighbor
2. Basic personal finance skills
3. Listening skills

### How do I sign up?

Please contact David Quast at 864.906.2632 or Jim Stavarakas at 864.325.4028



The Health Ministry is sponsoring The Walk to Jerusalem.

We are making it easier for you this year.

You don't even need to sign up. All you need is do is keep track of your steps and put your name and weekly steps on a piece of paper and place them in the box in the lobby each week. The box will say Walk to Jerusalem.

Also, we are making it easier to get involved with the Walk.

Each Sunday after 8, 10, and 12pm masses the gym will be open for you. There will be a health ministry member to record your steps. We will let you how many steps it takes to do a lap.

Let's get walking friends!

Any questions call Mary McNicholas. 864-630-1081

## FEBRUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 23

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:30am Women's Bible  
Study  
**SAP Social Hall**

1:00pm Black History  
Quiz Bowl  
**SAP School**

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:00pm Movie Night  
"CABRINI"  
**SAP Social Hall**

### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

9:30am- Prayer Shawl  
Ministry  
**Multi-Purpose Room**

10:00am- Pickle Ball  
**SAP Gym**

### SUNDAY, MARCH 2

9:00am- Breakfast  
**SAP Social Hall**

5:00pm- Youth  
Ministry Mass  
**SAP Church**



# Together We Pray For

## Individuals

Alice Rigler  
Ann Fournier  
Ann Moore  
Ann Nechodom  
Annette Martin  
Anthony Davis  
Bill Higgins  
Clarice Hanly  
Charlene Palmer  
Chester Williams

David Burnett  
Dee Dee  
Dzikowicz  
Donna Neeley  
Donna Nickels  
Dorothy Baker  
Drew Butterfield  
Elaine Greggs  
Ellaniose Johnson  
Eric Kuhn

Erica Hardy  
Billy Mayes  
Ronnie Glenn  
Gregory Kuhn  
Hazel Hill  
Jen Duhe  
Jonathan Turner  
Joseph Neito  
Joyce Croce

Julius Pinson Jr.  
Laura Drummond  
Laurie Rappl  
Lillie Davis  
Lori Cortese  
Lori McGinley  
Malik McCauley  
Margaret Morris  
Marie Therese  
Isdiore  
Marilyn Daly

Martha Cotel  
Mary Cormican  
Mary Curran  
Matthew Bryson  
Maureen Lukovic  
Megan Counihan  
Mary Ann Turner  
Melvin Armstrong  
Michael Davis  
Olivia Brown

Rhonda Brown  
Richard Cortese  
Ruth Henderson  
Richard Palmer  
Sabrina Walker  
Sammy Huguet  
Sandra McNaughton  
Sharon Bryant  
Sharon Patton  
Sherri Hoffman  
Stephan Pleasant

Steve Miller  
Stuart  
MacNaughton  
Tara Cleary  
Thelma Williams  
Tom James  
Troy Koon  
Tyler Korybski  
Wilbert Morgan  
Willie Davis

## Families

Barb & Vern Prinzing  
Dana Lacher  
Duhe Family  
Catherine & Michael Branca  
Doug, Debbie, & Barbara  
DeLeu  
Karen Randall & Family

Scott Cely Family  
Michael & Ruth Walters  
Tessa & George Skoniecki  
Deacon Richard Murtaugh  
Deacon Steve & Susan Olson  
Deacon Winston Wright  
Juan & Christina Francisco

## Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Clenty Fair  
Nicole Campbell Little

# February 22-23, 2025 MINISTRY LIST

### SATURDAY, 2/22: 5PM

#### ALTAR SERVERS

Maria Paula Jaramillo

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jane Kirkpatrick (Host)  
Frank Palombo (Cup 1)  
Tony Smith (Cup 2)  
Bobbie Cancelliere (Cup 3)

#### SCRIPTURE READERS

Christen Palombo (Lector 1)  
Ingrid Smith (Lector 2)

#### USHERS

Ken O'Malley  
Jim Tetor  
Ed Frey  
Mark Combs

### SUNDAY, 2/23: 8AM

#### ALTAR SERVERS

Kai Armstrong  
Noah Armstrong

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Bonnie Carfolite (Host)  
Kyle Herr (Cup 1)  
Maggie Kleger (Cup 2)  
Mary Ann Boyd (Cup 3)

#### SCRIPTURE READERS

Kimberly Clarke (Lector 1)  
Paulette Payne (Lector 2)

#### USHERS

Mike Ayers  
Robert McDowell  
Ann Moore  
Lynn Sholl  
Lillie Jones  
Nicky Jones

### SUNDAY, 2/23: 10AM

#### ALTAR SERVERS

Patrick Doyle  
James Filchak  
Audrey Gilstrap

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Camilla Hertwig (Host)  
Erna Allen (Cup 1)  
Mary Morris Williams (Cup 2)  
Kathy Rogozenski (Cup 3)

#### SCRIPTURE READERS

Deidre Cooper (Lector 1)  
Sandy Thompson (Lector 2)

#### USHERS

Bob Dastou  
Pam Chivers  
Mike Connor  
Jay Korybski  
Dan Krick  
Armando Krick

### SUNDAY, 2/23: 12PM

#### ALTAR SERVERS

David Mitchell-Dela Cruz  
Michael St. Pierre  
Nick St. Pierre

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jessie Bowens (Host)  
Carol Moeller (Cup 1)  
Anna Byrd (Cup 2)  
Joan Higgins (Cup 3)

#### SCRIPTURE READERS

Yvonne Reynolds (Lector 1)  
Maureen Watts (Lector 2)

#### USHERS

Tom Moeller  
Bryant Boyd  
Mariel Hunkeler  
Ray Lecuyer  
Ronnie Dreenon



# STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is not only about the needs of church, rather it is about our desires to give back to God in thanksgiving; by sharing with others the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us. If you would be interested in joining our Stewardship Committee, **please contact Jay Pitts at 864-233-7717 ext. 4.**

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY PARTICIPATION

*Collections for February 15-16 Masses*

Envelopes/Cash	\$13,988.50
Online Giving	\$14,233.00
Total	<b>\$28,221.50</b>

**Giving Online** makes it easier and more convenient to contribute to St. Anthony's Church. Scan the QR code to the right by opening your camera app to start giving online.



**The true spirit of Stewardship is "Equal Sacrifice and not Equal Giving."**

## Teen MINISTRY

5:00 Teen Mass

(w/ Teen Lectors, ushers, choir, and greeters)

Followed by 6:00 Dinner in Social Hall



FOOD...FUN...& FRIENDS

Come for the **THRILL**,  
Leave being **FUJILLED**

## MARCH 2

<https://saintanthonysofpaduateenm.rsvpify.com>

## **Hospitality Ministry**

Our Hospitality Ministry is recruiting volunteers to become greeters and ushers at all Masses, welcome visitors who attend our church and assist in a welcome dinner to all our newest parishioners twice a year.

The mission of the Hospitality Ministry is to create opportunities for our newest parishioners to grow in a way that inspires them to engage in our church activities and to become active members within our Parish by praying, adoring, connecting and serving.





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

