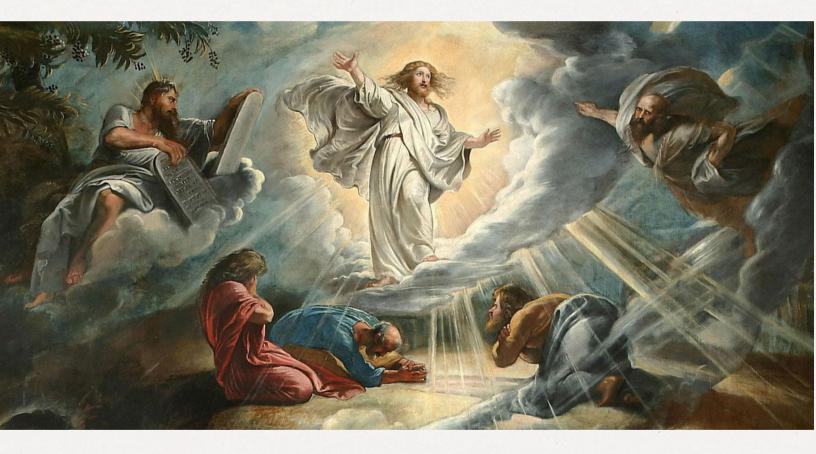


# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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

March 16, 2025



# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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## **PARISH INFORMATION**

## 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 Douthit St. Monday thru Thursday 9 AM - 4 PM Friday 9 AM - 12 PM Phone: (864) 233-7717 Website: www.stanthonysgvl.org

## ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: (864) 271-0167 Website: www.stanthonyschoolgvl.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

## 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!

We welcome all new members and visitors to our parish. Please email Kyle Hall at kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org if you would like to register. Please visit www.stanthonysgyl.org for more information.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

## SATURDAY, 3/15

• 5 pm Mary Velton

### SUNDAY, 3/16

- 8 AM Celeste Banet
- 10 AM
- 12 PM Reggie Bowens 🚹

### TUESDAY, 3/18

• 11 AM Our Church Parish & School SUNDAY, 3/23

Elaine Greggs

Eric Kuhn

Erica Hardy

Billy Mayes

Hazel Hill

Ien Duhe

Joseph Neito

Joyce Croce

Laurie Rappl

Lillie Davis

Lori Cortese

Ronnie Glenn

### WEDNESDAY 3/19

• 11 AM

SATURDAY, 3/22

• 5 PM MaMay Grim

THURSDAY, 3/20

• 11 AM

• 11 AM

**FRIDAY**, 3/21

#### • 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.

## **TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR**

## Individuals

Lori McGinley

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

Barb & Vern Prinzing

Catherine & Michael Branca

Doug, Debbie, & Barbara DeLeu

Dana Lacher

Duhe Family

Ellaniose Johnson Malik McCaulev Margaret Morris Marie Therese Isdiore Marilyn Daly Martha Cotel Gregory Kuhn Mary Cormican Mary Curran Matthew Bryson Jonathan Turner Maureen Lukovic Megan Counihan Mary Ann Turner Julius Pinson Jr. Melvin Armstrong Laura Drummond Michael Davis Olivia Brown Rhonda Brown **Richard Cortese** 

## **Families**

Karen Randall & Family Scott Cely Family Michael & Ruth Walters Tessa & George Skoniecki Deacon Richard Murtaugh

## **Our Sick & Shut-Ins**

Clenty Fair Nicole Campbell Little 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 Tyler Korybski Wilbert Morgan Willie Davis

Deacon Steve & Susan Olson Deacon Winston Wright Juan & Christina Francisco

# **PARISH REGISTRATION & 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**)

## PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTS

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.

## **BULLETIN CONTENT SUBMISSION**

Anyone parish group/organization wishing to submit items for publishing in the weekly bulletin should send the content to **Daffodil Behal (sapgvlcomms@gmail.com)** by **end of day Tuesday** for the coming weekend's bulletin. Submissions after the deadline will be included in the Sunday email.

## **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 March 8-9 Masses

Envelopes/Cash	\$8,846.85	
Online Giving	\$15,911.50	
Total	\$24,758.35	
Second Collection - Black and Indian Mission		
Total	\$1,565.00	

**<u>Giving Online</u>** 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."

## **SPIRITUAL LIFE**

## FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Emerson Rodriguez Delgado

Hey friends, have you ever had a "mountaintop moment"—that stirred your soul so deeply that you wished it could last forever? Maybe it's a hymn that moves you to tears. Or a retreat that fills you with peace. Or a homily that speaks straight to your heart. Or the cry of a baby. Now, how did you feel when it was over?

This second Sunday of Lent, we're standing on Mount Tabor with Jesus and His disciples. Something incredible happens. Jesus is transfigured—His face shining, His clothes dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appear, standing with Him, showing us that everything in Scripture points to Him. But here's the thing: this isn't just about Jesus. It's also about us. It's about who we're meant to become.

Christianity isn't about following a set of rules or checking off rituals. It's about transformation. Conversion. It's about becoming one with God-letting His light pour into us and radiate through us.

But let's pause for a sec. How often do we settle for what it's called "mountaintop Christianity"? You know, those spiritual highs that make us feel so close to God... but only last until we hit the parking lot? Ouch! We can do better than that.

These moments are precious gifts. But here's the danger lurking here: we can start chasing effervescent experiences instead of the God behind them. We can start believing that God is only present in those extraordinary moments. And when we do, we miss Him in the quiet, ordinary moments where most of life happens.

That's exactly what Jesus teaches His disciples as He leads them back down the mountain. Look at Peter. He's ready to go full Airbnb host, setting up tents on Mount Tabor. He wants to stay in the numinous experience forever. And honestly—can you blame him? Who wouldn't? But Jesus? He's got other plans. He always does.

Faith isn't about staying on the mountaintop. It's about bringing the light of the mountain back into the valley—into the messy, unpredictable, sometimes heartbreaking reality of everyday life. Why? Because the mountain isn't the destination. It's the epiphany and the confirmation of the mysterious presence of God that equips us for every good work. It's where we encounter God so we can carry His light into the world. So, let me ask: how might your Monday look different if you saw it through "mountain eyes"? What if the same light you experienced in worship could transform the way you respond that family conflict? That difficult co-worker or fellow-parishioner? Just name it.

This truth hits home in our fast-paced, distracted world. We live in a culture that's lost its sense of awe and wonder. Sure, technology makes life easier and convenient, but it's also numbed us to the mystery. We scroll, we swipe—lost in the glow of the screen. We rush, we run—chasing what we don't even need. And all the while, God's been here. In the cracks. In the quiet. In the ordinary. Waiting.

Karl Rahner, a theologian, once warned, "The Christian of the future will be a mystic or will not exist at all." Translation? Without real, personal encounters with God, our faith risks becoming hollow. Lifeless routines. Empty rituals. Abstract ideas that never touch our hearts or change our lives.

The Transfiguration shakes us awake. It whispers that Jesus' glory isn't some distant, unreachable reality. It's God breaking into our world, showing us that every moment—yes, every moment—has the potential to reveal Him.

But here's the catch: we have to surrender to it. When the Father says, "This is my Son...listen to Him," it's an invitation to trust, to go of control (and let's be real – how much control de we really have, anyway?), and to open our hearts to a relationship that changes everything.

Our challenge is to live in that tension. To carry the mountain's light into the valley's darkness. Because the mountain gives the valley meaning, and the valley gives the mountain depth.

So, what's next for us? Let's carry the light – the light we experience here together at St. Anthony's—into every corner of our lives. The light of the mountain isn't meant to stay up there—it's meant to transform us and, through us, the world. Are you ready to carry the light?

### 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.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Fridays during Lent at 6:00 PM inside the Church

## **NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL**





## School Closure

The school will be closed from March 17–21 for Spring Break.

## **Beta Club**

St. Anthony of Padua is excited to announce the establishment of a Beta Club for 4th and 5th grade students. This organization is dedicated to fostering academic excellence, character development, leadership skills, and a commitment to service. Through participation, students will engage in activities that promote personal growth and contribute meaningfully to their community through service projects. An induction ceremony is planned for early April.

## **Grants Received**

St. Anthony of Padua has been awarded several grants and financial assistance to support its mission of providing quality education:

- SC Arts Commission 4K Arts Integration Grant: Five grants totaling \$1,875.
- Black and Indian Grant: \$27,000.
- Diocesan Grant: \$800.

## **Upcoming Events**

- **Spelling Bee (March 27):** Students will compete in our annual spelling competition for the title of Spelling Bee Champion.
- Science Fair: An opportunity for students to conduct experiments, showcase findings, and demonstrate their understanding of scientific principles.
- **Book Fair (TBA):** A week-long celebration of reading, where families can browse and purchase a wide selection of books.
- Health Fair (April 12): A wellness-focused event featuring activities, demonstrations, and information booths promoting healthy living.
- Art Fair (May): A showcase of diverse student artworks.
- **Spring Concert (May):** 2nd to 5th grade students will perform a medley of songs, with additional performances by band, strings, and percussion groups.

# **MINISTRY LIFE**

## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:**

We are seeking volunteers to serve on the Stewardship committee for St Anthonys. The mission of the committee is advance and encourage the spirituality of Stewardship through personal invitation, opportunities, formation, and practical initiatives. **Please call or email Jay Pitts 864-233-7717 ext. 105 or <u>Jpittsstewardship@gmail.com</u> to sign up to volunteer.** 

## HOSPITALITY MINISTRY UPDATE

The **first meeting** of the Hospitality Ministry will be on **Tuesday**, **March 18th at 6 PM in the Social Hall**. This ministry will be for all who are interested in volunteering.

All Ushers, Greeters and new Parishioners Dinner Committee are asked to attend. **The purpose of the Hospitality Ministry is to recruit 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**. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

### 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 ( $\sim$ 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 Stavrakas at 864.325.4028

## MARCH 22-23, 2025 LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY, 3/22: 5 PM

ALTAR SERVERS Mackenzie Grove Maria Paula Jaramillo

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Frank Palombo (Host) Tony Smith (Cup 1) Erena Allen (Cup 2) Jim Tetor (Cup 3)

### SCRIPTURE READERS

Bobbie Cancelliere (Lector 1) Ingrid Smith (Lector 2)

> USHERS Ken O'Malley Kathy Peot Beth Holcombe Bill Kirkpatrick Ed Frey Mark Combs

### SUNDAY, 3/23: 8 AM

ALTAR SERVERS Noah Armstrong NOT FILLED

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Stephanie Rosso (Host) Mary Ann Boyd (Cup 1) Anna Byrd (Cup 2) Mark O'Rourke (Cup 3)

#### SCRIPTURE READERS David Carfolite (Lector 1) Suzanne Newton (Lector 2)

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

### SUNDAY, 3/23: 10 AM

ALTAR SERVERS Patrick Doyle (*sub requested*) Audrey Gilstrap JB Lacy

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Delores Martinez (Host) Cindy Caudill (Cup 1) Barbara Prinzing (Cup 2) Camilla Hertwig (Cup 3)

### SCRIPTURE READERS

Deidre Cooper (Lector 1) Diane Ryan (Lector 2)

## USHERS

Bob Dastou Pam Chivers Mike Connor Jay Korybski Dan Krick Tom Creagan

### SUNDAY, 3/23: 12 PM

ALTAR SERVERS Adrian Drummond Arianna Drummond David Mitchell-Dela Cruz

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Joseph Green (Host) Dawn Davis (Cup 1) Suzanne Richmond (Cup 2) Carol Moeller (Cup 3)

### SCRIPTURE READERS

Jessie Bowens (Lector 1) Yvonne Reynolds (Lector 2)

#### USHERS

Tom Moeller Bryant Boyd Mariel Hunkeler Ray Lecuyer Cynthia Riley Ronnie Dreenon

# **MINISTRY LIFE**



## HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE

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

## PICKLEBALL HIGHLIGHT



## Join us for pickleball on Saturdays at 10 AM in the School Gym



# **MINISTRY LIFE**



## Servant Hearts



Servant Hearts Flocknote group

**Stay connected** to what's happening in the parish by joining our **Servant Hearts Flocknote** group!

- Prayer Requests
- Upcoming Events
- Ministry Highlights
- Ways to Get Involve & More!



## YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING

The Youth Ministry will be meeting on **Sunday, March 16th** with a meal, ice breaker, and an amazing talk. We will see you at **6:00 PM in the Social Hall**.

## SECOND COLLECTION: KEN BASSETT'S DAUGHTER

Our second collection today is for Ken Bassett's daughter who lost her home to a house fire.



Scan the QR code to give

## ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH SURVEY FOR PARISHIONERS

Dear Parishioners,

Father Emerson and the Parish Council are beginning the strategic planning process for St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. As we embark on this journey, we want to better understand the people who worship with us.

We invite you to conduct a short survey to help us gather this important information. You can complete the survey electronically by scanning the QR code below or in the bulletin. A designated box will be available in the lobby for returning complete paper surveys.

We encourage all parishioners aged 18 and older to participate. Your input will help shape the future of our parish community. Please note we want every adult in the parish to take the survey. The surveys are anonymous. The results will be tabulated and shared with the Parish Council.

Thank you for your time and support!





## **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**





Visit us at <u>www.stanthonysgvl.org</u> for more information.



## **Mini Lent Retreat**

Saturday, April 5th 3:00 PM

## More details to follow!

# **Cookies for Kairos**

**St. Anthony's Prison Ministry** is supporting the Kairos Prison Ministry Walk at Perry Correctional Institution that will be held **April 3-6, 2025**.

We are asking for your support by providing **three dozen homemade cookies**. Cookies need to be **brought to the social hall on Sunday, March 30**, **2025 by Noon Mass**. Suggestion for type of cookies: Sugar, Molasses, Chocolate Chip and Oatmeal. 2 1/2 inches in diameter and layered between wax paper in a container. **Cookies cannot contain nuts, raisins, sprinkles, icing or any toppings**.

**Praying for the success of the Walk is equally important**. A Prayer Wheel will be located in the lobby with designated time slots for prayer.