

*Welcome All*



*Grow as Disciples*

*Meet Jesus*

*Go in Mission*

# SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

*The Twin Who Looks Like Us*

**April 12, 2026**

**Jesus,  
I trust in You.**



## Sunday Worship

**Vigil** Saturday 5:00 PM

**Sunday** 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,  
and 12:00 PM

*Sunday Masses are recordings of the 8:00 AM Mass and will be posted on our  
YouTube page shortly after Mass has ended.*

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## Our Mission

We joyfully welcome all and vibrantly worship Jesus Christ through our Catholic faith, enriched by African American spirituality. We live as a community of disciples, called to mission through evangelization, education, and works of social justice.

## Our Vision

Transform our society so that the lost are found, the hungry are fed, and the community flourishes in Christ—by being a wellspring of hope for all.

## Parish Pillars

Communal Worship,  
Prayer, and  
Evangelization

Faith Formation and  
Education

Service, Justice,  
and Community  
Outreach

Stewardship and  
Parish Vitality

# Welcome to St. Anthony's!

If you are visiting from out of town, we give you a hearty "Welcome, y'all!" We hope that you have a great visit to our wonderful city and parish.

If you are new to St. Anthony's, welcome home! We want to be your sisters and brothers on your walk with Jesus, with all the treasures of our beautiful Catholic faith. Please introduce yourself after Mass or meet one of our ushers - we would love to meet you and help answer any questions you may have.

If you are new to the Catholic faith, or perhaps been away for a while, we are happy that you are here! At the front of the pew in the missalette, you can find the readings for today's Mass. Please talk to Fr. Emerson or Deacon Phil Allen, and we would be happy to help you figure out some next steps on your faith journey.

## Joining St. Anthony's

Registration is the way that one lets us know, "St. Anthony's is my parish!" Even if you are a part-time resident, it's still important that you register with us. It allows us to communicate with you and keep you updated on parish news and events. It is also needed for sacramental preparation and letters of good standing.

Scan QR code to register:



## Be a Beacon: VBS Volunteers Needed!

Help our children discover how "God's Love Guides Our Way" by volunteering for our "Lighthouse" Vacation Bible School! From June 1-5 (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM), we need volunteers ages 16 and older to serve as beacons of faith for our youth. Scan the QR code below to join our team and help guide our youngest parishioners through a week of fun, fellowship, and spiritual discovery! **NOTE: childcare will be available for volunteers!**



Scan QR Code  
to Volunteer

## Parish Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM, Friday 9 AM to 12 PM  
(Closed for lunch from 12:30–1:30 PM)

## Parish Clergy

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Deacon Anthony Cassandra (Retired)

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# From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Church, behind locked doors, the Risen Jesus came to His disciples, stood among them, showed them His wounds, and said, **“Peace be with you.”** In those words, He gave them peace, courage, and a mission.

We need that same peace today. Our world is marked by war, violence, division, and suffering. But as followers of the Risen Lord, we are called to live in hope, to pray with faith, and to share Christ's peace with others.

Even now, the Lord stands among us. Even now, He speaks to our hearts. Even now, He says, **“Peace be with you.”** May His peace fill us and make us instruments of healing in our world.

I warmly invite you to join the **Vigil of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, May 23, from 7:00 PM to 09:00 PM.**

Come for an evening of prayer, Scripture, worship, renewal, and healing as we wait upon the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Guide.

With Mary and the Apostles, let us gather in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to heal what is broken, guide those who are lost, renew those who are weary, and fill our hearts with the fire of God's love.

**“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.”**

With love and prayers,  
Fr. Emerson

## Building & Maintenance Update

Great news! The Social Hall HVAC units have been replaced, and the first phase of our roof repairs (patching and gutters) was completed this week. We are grateful for your support as we continue these vital improvements to our campus!



## CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Choose one wound to bring before the Lord this week, a painful memory, a lingering frustration, or a tension at home or at work, and ask Christ to transform it into mercy rather than resentment.

Then choose one concrete act that lets compassion rise from that very place:

- Offer patience where irritation usually takes over.
- Speak a kind word to someone who often leaves you tired or burdened.
- Extend forgiveness, or take the first small step toward it.

# WORSHIP & PRAYER

## FR. EMERSON'S WEEKEND REFLECTION

### The Twin Who Looks Like Us

My friends, we all know what it feels like to be reduced to a single moment. One mistake. One heated message we wish we could unsend. And suddenly, that moment becomes our name.

We live in a world quick to judge and slow to stay. Slow to sit with the mess, the pain, the person. We do it to strangers. We do it to people we love. We have done it to Thomas. For centuries, we have called him Doubting Thomas. But that is not the whole story.

If anyone understands what it means to be known for their worst day, it is Thomas. Yet the Gospel shows us someone far deeper than his nickname.

John calls him *Didymus*, the Twin, though we never learn of whom. Perhaps that is the deepest truth about him. Not that he doubted, but that he was the disciple most like us, and most like Christ in his willingness to enter suffering. Early Christians imagined Thomas as the one whose searching heart mirrored the heart of Jesus. His questions and his longing were not the opposite of faith. They were faith reaching for the light. In that, Thomas looks very much like us. So before we define Thomas by one Sunday evening, let us look at the whole man the Gospel gives us. We meet him in three moments.

**The Courage to Walk Toward Death.** When Jesus turns toward danger, Thomas steps forward. "Let us also go, that we may die with him." Not doubt. Devotion. Devotion strong enough to walk into the storm.

**The Courage to Speak the Unspoken.** At the Last Supper, Thomas speaks aloud what others only think. "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Because he asks, Jesus gives the answer that has carried believers ever since. "I am the way and the truth and the life." One honest question. One answer that changed everything.

**The Courage to Come Back.** On Easter night, Thomas is missing. We do not know why. Grief, sorrow, confusion. All are possibilities. Perhaps he simply could not bear to hope again. Perhaps the wound of Good Friday was still too raw.

And we know that feeling too. Watching grace touch others while we stand just outside the door.

The Gospel reminds us that peace, the Spirit, and mission were given to the gathered community of the disciples. Faith grows best when we grow together.

But here is the mercy. Thomas comes back. And the moment he returns, Jesus returns for him.

Thomas refuses secondhand faith. He wants to see the wounds and touch the love that suffered for him. Jesus does not scold him for his absence. He does not say, "Where were you?" He says, "Put your finger here. Reach out your hand. Touch."

"Not proof but presence. Not argument but encounter. Not certainty but relationship. And in that presence, Thomas makes the clearest confession in all the Gospels.

**"My Lord and my God."** Why does the risen Jesus still have wounds? Because they are marks of love that refused to let go. God does not erase suffering. God redeems it. And that changes everything, not about what happened to us, but about what It can become.

Perhaps this is the most radical claim of Easter: that what broke us can become the very place where others find healing.

This is why the Church gives us Thomas on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Because mercy is a person. A risen Christ who still carries scars and still says, "Do not be afraid. Come close." And that matters, because we live in a wounded world. Divided, anxious, lonely, and pain. People today are not waiting for perfect explanations about God. They are looking for lives that reveal the mercy of Christ. They want to know whether faith makes us kinder, more patient, more courageous, more compassionate. In other words, they want to see whether Jesus is alive in us.

So the Gospel today is not only about Thomas. It is also about us. Will we let Christ meet us in our questions? Will we bring him our wounds instead of hiding them? Will we allow his mercy to turn our pain into compassion for others?

Thomas was brave enough to question, humble enough to return, and open enough to be transformed by mercy. May we do the same.

And with Thomas, may we look upon the risen Christ and say with faith, with wonder, and with love, "My Lord and my God."

## TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR

### Individuals

Alice Rigler	Dr. Jeff Giguere	Malik McCauley	Ronnie Glenn
Ann Fournier	Drew Butterfield	Margaret Morris	Sabrina Walker
Ann Moore	Elaine Greggs	Marie Bendawall	Sammy Huguet
Ann Nechodom	Ellaniose Johnson	Marilyn Daly	Sandra McNaughton
Annette Martin	Eric Kuhn	Martha Cotel	Sharon Bryant
Bernice Latimore	Erica Hardy	Mary Cormican	Sharon Patton
Bill Higgins	Gregory Kuhn	Matthew Bryson	Sherri Hoffman
Billy Mayes	Hazel Hill	Maureen Lukovic	Stephan Pleasant
Bob Stein	Jason Latimore	Megan Counihan	Stuart MacNaughton
Clarice Hanly	Jen Duhe	Mary Ann Turner	Tara Cleary
Charlene Palmer	Jonathan Turner	Melvin Armstrong	Thelma Williams
Chester Williams	Joseph Neito	Michael Davis	Tom James
David Burnett	Joyce Croce	Olivia Brown	Tyler Korybski
Dee Dee Dzikowicz	Laura Drummond	Ornella Muth	Wilbert Morgan
Donna Neeley	Laurie Rapp	Rhonda Brown	Willie Davis
Donna Nickels	Lillie Davis	Richard Palmer	
	Lori McGinley	Ruth Henderson	

### Families

Carlos & Madalena Lopes Family	Karen Randall & Family	Susan Olson
Barb & Vern Prinzing	Scott Cely Family	Deacon Winston Wright
Dana Lacher	Michael & Ruth Walters	Juan & Christina Francisco
Duhe Family	Tessa & George Skoniecki	June Schammel & Family
Catherine & Michael Branca	Deacon Richard Murtaugh	Faye Schneider & Family
Doug, Debbie, & Barbara DeLeu		

### Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Clenty Fair  
Nicole Campbell Little

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join us on **Fridays during Lent at 6:00 PM inside the Church** for Stations of the Cross. This beautiful Lenten devotion invites us to prayerfully walk with Christ through His Passion and reflect on His love and sacrifice.

**All parishioners and families are welcome** to attend as we journey together through this sacred season.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY, 4/11

- 5 PM Joseph Kammerer

### WEDNESDAY, 4/15

- 11 AM Youth of Our Parish
- 6 PM For All Vocations & Discernment to the Diaconate

### SUNDAY, 4/12

- 8 AM Chris Kerechanin
- 10 AM Henry & Anne Butow
- 12 PM Young Adult Ministry

### THURSDAY, 4/16

- 11 AM Peace in the Middle East

### Monday, 4/13

- 11 AM All Priests & Deacons in the Diocese

### SATURDAY, 4/18

- 5 PM Families & Marriages in Our Parish

### TUESDAY, 4/14

- 11 AM Fr. Emerson

### SUNDAY, 4/19

- 8 AM Unity Choir Benefit Concert
- 10 AM Henry and Anne Butow
- 12 PM Peace in Our Nation

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.**

# PARISH INFORMATION

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Collection for April 4-5, 2026  
(41st week of the Fiscal Year)

	Actual	Budget
Weekly Total:	\$58,00.29	\$46,236.53
YTD* Total:	\$1,266,969.27	\$1,219,061.20

The total weekly includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday for the Holy Land, and Easter Sunday.

\*Our Fiscal Year starts 7/1/2025, so Year-to-Date (YTD) data is total weekly collections since 7/1/2025

### Consider Online Giving:

49% of our YTD giving this year has been online. We want this % to be as close to 100% as possible. Online contributions provide steady, reliable support – even when you are away. Sign-up for online giving by scanning the QR code below:



### Leave a Legacy:

Remember St. Anthony's of Padua in your will or estate plan. Your planned gift helps ensure our parish remains a place of worship, education, and community for generations to come.

Every gift matters – together we make a difference!

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: (864) 271-0167

Website: [www.stanthonyschoolgvl.org](http://www.stanthonyschoolgvl.org)

### CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Diocesan Office: (843) 261-0430

### DO YOU NEED HELP?

**Financial Assistance:** (864) 233-7717 ext. 0

- **Hours:** Monday-Thursday from 9 AM - 1 PM
- We take the first 25 contacts (phone & in-person)

**Food Pantry:** (864) 233-7717

- **Hours:** M-Th from 9 AM - 1 PM

**Catholic Charities:** (864) 331-2626 (at San Sebastián Catholic Church)

### VIEW OUR PARISH CALENDAR

To stay updated on the latest events and updates in our parish, please scan the QR code to view our calendar (link will expire on April 18th):



### Cookies for Kairos

April 12th | Last Day to Drop-off 3 dozen cookies - after 12 PM Mass

Thank you for the support & prayers!



Please Scan QR Code for detailed instructions

### Youth Ministry Meeting

April 12th | 1:30 PM in the Social Hall

Calling all teens 13-18 to join us as our IGNITE Teen Youth Group this Sunday at 1:30pm in the Social Hall. We will have pizza, fellowship, icebreakers, and continuing our bible study journey through Mark. We can't wait to see you there! Want to help out with our youth? Please contact our Coordinator of Youth Kyle Hall for more details.

### Women's Council Meeting

April 12th | 1:30 PM in the Multipurpose Room

All women of the parish are welcome to join us! This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to get involved in our parish community.

We look forward to seeing there!

### Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck!

April 12th after the 10:00 AM Mass | Playground

All are welcome! Please bring 10 filled eggs per child. A labeled bin will be placed in the lobby for eggs. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Last Call: Handcrafted Crucifix Raffle!

April 12th after the 12 PM Mass

This Sunday, April 12th, is your **final opportunity** to purchase raffle tickets for the two beautiful wood and epoxy crucifixes generously handcrafted by Bob Dastou.



Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10, with all proceeds supporting St. Anthony of Padua School. The drawing for the winners will take place during the 12:00 PM Mass. Don't miss your chance to take home one of these unique pieces of art while supporting our students!



### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS

11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 11:00 AM

Tuesday: 11:00 AM

Wednesday : 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Thursday: 11:00 AM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Or by Appointment

### ADORATION

Wednesday: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

# PARISH UPDATE

## Ministry and Council Directory

<b>Senior Leadership Committee</b>	
Tony Smith, Chairperson.....	803-727-5072
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Richard Cade, Chairperson.....	864-275-0257
<b>Finance Council</b>	
Mike Hickey, Chairperson.....	864-630-5987
<b>Liturgy Committee</b>	
Dc Phil Allen.....	864-233-7717
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Paul Herr.....	864-907-9356
Kyle Herr.....	864-907-9355
<b>Altar Servers</b>	
Marie Paula Jaramillo.....	864-365-9877
<b>Women's Council</b>	
Carol Moeller.....	864-380-4155
<b>Men's Club</b>	
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Mike Cumby.....	864-417-8973
<b>Health Ministry</b>	
JoAnn Vergnolle.....	904-327-8952
Mary McNicholas.....	864-630-1081
<b>Homebound Ministers</b>	
Stephanie Rosso.....	864-640-5071
<b>Hospitality Ministry</b>	
Beth Holcombe.....	864-270-0371
<b>Housing Repair Ministry/Rebuild Upstate</b>	
Walt Laiewski.....	864-354-7670
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	
Ken O'Malley.....	864-915-3039
<b>Knights of Peter Claver</b>	
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<b>Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary</b>	
Betty Houston.....	864-275-5703
<b>Living Waters Bible Study</b>	
Nicky & Lillie Jones.....	864-832-4011 or 864-832-4012
<b>Meal Ministry</b>	
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<b>MICAH Ministry</b>	
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<b>Safety and Security Ministry</b>	
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## Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary: Honoring Decades of Service

St. Anthony of Padua Court 360 is proud to announce that three of our members were recently recognized by the National Court for their meritorious service and dedication to the Order.

Please join us in congratulating:

- **Vice Grand Lady Jessie Bowens** – 25 Years of Service
- **Recording Secretary Gwen Whitner** – 25 Years of Service
- **Immediate Past Grand Lady Mary Ann Boyd** – 15 Years of Service

These women are pillars of our parish, serving faithfully as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, and CCD teachers, as well as volunteering at St. Anthony Catholic School. We are blessed by their commitment to our various ministries. Congratulations on these incredible milestones!

– Grand Lady Betty Houston, Court 360



## Unity Choir Benefit Concert

Sunday, April 19th | 4:15 PM  
inside St. Anthony of Padua  
Catholic Church



Scan QR Code  
for Tickets!

## Prayer Shawl & Card Ministry Event

Prayer Shawl & Card Ministry will be hosting:

### TRAVELING CARDS

Sunday, April 26th at 2:00 PM in the Social Hall

If you like playing Spades this is for YOU.....

All are welcome (over 18 years old)  
FUN, Food, Fellowship and PRIZES

The traveling cards event will support both ministries. The needs are postal stamps and yarn, especially white for baptism blankets. Donations are encouraged!

For more info contact: Dee Martinez at 864-201-2204

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12th

#### Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday Masses: 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM  
**Church**  
9:00 AM - Men's Club Breakfast  
**SAP Social Hall**

### MONDAY, APRIL 13th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass  
**Church**

7:00 PM - Daily Mass  
**Church**

### TUESDAY, APRIL 14th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass  
**Church**

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

## APRIL 12TH-19TH

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15th

11:00 AM & 6:00 PM - Daily Mass  
**Church**

6:00 PM - Religious  
Education/CCD Classes  
**Assigned Classrooms**

7:00 PM - Men's Bible Study  
**Zoom**

# PARISH UPDATE

## Formation

### Living Waters Bible Study

Tuesdays | 6:30-8:00 PM  
Via Zoom



Scan QR Code  
for Zoom Link

Zoom Log-In:  
Meeting ID: 834 4618 4219  
Passcode: LWBS  
Participant ID: 529792

The Living Waters Bible Study continues its exploration of faith and grace in **St. Paul's Letter to the Romans**. While we typically meet weekly via Zoom, please **join us for a special in-person fellowship on Tuesday, April 21st, in Classroom A**. Come grow with us in understanding Sacred Scripture and enjoy this time of face-to-face community!

### Calling All Men: Faith & Fellowship in the Year of Catechesis

As we continue the **Year of Catechesis**, Bishop Jacques has invited us to focus on the theme of **"Experiences"** this April. Specifically, we are encouraged to learn from one another by asking those of different ages or backgrounds about their journey growing up Catholic.

There is no better place to do this than our **Men's Bible Study!** This is a fantastic opportunity for the men of our parish to come together, build lasting relationships, and strengthen their faith through shared wisdom and fellowship. Whether you are new to the parish or have been here for decades, your perspective is a gift to our community.

- **When:** Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
- **Where:** Via Zoom (Join from the comfort of home!)
- **How:** Joining is easy and low-pressure! There is no long-term commitment or "prior knowledge" required. Whether you can join every week or just want to drop in when your schedule allows, you are welcome.

Ready to join the conversation? Contact David Quast at thequasts@gmail.com or 864-906-2632.

Scan QR Code for  
Zoom Link



### Women's Bible Study Update - All Women

Women's Bible Study will continue our new series, *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion* on **Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Social Hall** and the series will **conclude on April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**All women are welcome to join us!** For questions, please contact: Nancy at 414-736-6290 or Rita at 864-979-7544.

## Important Dates Ahead

- **April 12<sup>th</sup>**
  - Handmade Crucifix drawing will take place after 12 PM Mass
  - Cookies for Kairos - last day to drop off cookies by 12 PM Mass
  - Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck after 10:00 AM Mass in the Playground
  - Women's Council Meeting at 1:30 PM in the Multipurpose Room
- **April 17<sup>th</sup>** - Health Fair in the School Gym at 9:00-11:00 AM
- **April 18<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Prayer Breakfast at 9:00 AM in the Social Hall
- **April 19<sup>th</sup>** - Unity Choir Fundraising Concert at 4:15 PM in the Church
- **April 21<sup>st</sup>** - **Living Waters Bible Study Meeting in Classroom A**
- **April 25<sup>th</sup>** - Hiking Ministry Hike at Dupont Forest
- **April 26<sup>th</sup>** - Traveling Cards Fundraiser at 2:00 PM in the Social Hall
- **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** - First Communion Retreat
- **May 7<sup>th</sup>** - May Crowning (School) at 9:00 AM
- **May 25<sup>th</sup>** - Memorial Day (No School & Parish Office Closed)
- **May 28<sup>th</sup>** - 5th Grade Graduation at 11:00 AM
- **May 29<sup>th</sup>** - Last Day of School & Awards at 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM Dismissal
- **June 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>** - Vacation Bible School (rising K5-5th Grade) - **Volunteers Needed!**
- **June 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>** - 2026 Archbishop Lyke Conference



### MONTHLY ACTIVITY

#### April | Experiences

Ask someone of a different age or background about their experiences growing up Catholic.



UNDERSTAND THE FAITH

charlestondiocese.org/via-fidelis

### Via Fidelis: Monthly Activity

Join us each month in prayerful study — great for parish small groups. Read a passage from the Bible, then a part of the *Via Fidelis Pastoral Letter*. Helpful questions lead you through thoughtful reflections on both the meaning of the Gospel readings and what the Pastoral Letter teaches.



April Study Guide



Pastoral Letter



### Annual Prayer Breakfast: The Power of the Cross

Join us for a morning of spiritual nourishment and fellowship at our Annual Prayer Breakfast! Sponsored by the Women's Council, this event is **open to the entire parish and our local community**. Together, we will reflect on our theme, **"The Power of the Cross,"** as we gather in prayer and shared community.

- **When:** Saturday, April 18th
- **Time:** 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
- **Where:** Parish Social Hall

Come start your weekend with a delicious breakfast and a powerful message of faith. We look forward to seeing you there!

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM - Women's Bible Study  
SAP Social Hall

11:00 AM - Daily Mass  
Church

### FRIDAY, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>

**Fr. Emerson Day Off**

**No Daily Mass**

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>

**Pickleball Postponed  
until further notice**

9:00 AM - Annual Prayer Breakfast  
SAP Social Hall

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass  
Church

## APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>-19<sup>TH</sup>

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Sunday Masses: 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM

Church

9:00 AM - Men's Club Breakfast

SAP Social Hall

10:00 AM - Baptism

Church

1:30 PM - Youth Ministry Meeting

SAP Social Hall

4:15 PM - Unity Choir Benefit Concert

Church

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Guardians, Teachers, and Friends of our Parish School,

As we begin this first bulletin insert in a series on the essential aspects of Christian education, we start with a question that goes beyond grades and test scores: What is education for? If we get that “for” wrong, then even impressive schooling cannot fully achieve its purpose.

## Education is ordered to man’s last end

Christian education begins with a simple but decisive conviction: education must be directed toward man’s last end—the final purpose for which God created the human person. In plain language, education is not merely training the mind to handle information. It is preparing the whole person—mind, will, habits, and choices—for what he is meant to be and to do on the journey of life.

That means every classroom choice quietly answers this question: Is the child being trained for God, or is God being left out of the meaning of life? A school may be excellent in academics and still fail if it does not orient the student toward the ultimate good for which the human heart was made.

## Why Christian education is necessary, not optional

Christ is the light that shows us the true meaning of that final end. Jesus Himself reveals that He is not an accessory to life but its center: “I am the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). Therefore, Christian education is not only about adding religious activities to a neutral program. It is about shaping the entire formation of the student so that Christ becomes truly central—so that knowledge, virtue, and worship lead the child toward God.

And Christ makes this mission personal. When He speaks about children, He does not treat them as secondary. He tells us: “Whoever shall receive one such child as this in my name receiveth me” (Matthew 18:5). In Christian education, we are not simply “preparing for the future.” We are welcoming Christ in the young and helping them learn to live in His way.

## The essential conclusion for our families

Here is the conclusion we must say clearly: public and charter schools are not enough for integral Christian formation—not because they cannot serve society in real ways, but because they are not designed to provide the complete, Gospel-centered atmosphere and ordering of life to Christ that a child needs for his final end.

For that reason, the Catholic school is the privileged place for integral Christian formation: a school where faith and life are not separated, where the Gospel spirit animates the whole educational environment, and where the entire school culture—teaching, discipline, celebration, and moral formation—truly directs students toward their last end in God.

This does not deny the value of teachers outside our walls, nor does it disparage other educational options. It simply states what Catholic education is: a specific, ecclesial mission to form the whole person for God.

In Christ the Beloved,  
Brian Long  
Principal  
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School



# HEALTH FAIR



DATE: FRIDAY APRIL 17TH  
TIME: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
LOCATION: ST. ANTHONY’S - GYM



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## Looking Ahead in May

- May 7<sup>th</sup> - Crowning of Mary at 9:00 AM
- May 20<sup>th</sup> - Talent Show at 1:00 PM
- May 28<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Commencement at 11:00 AM
- May 29<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of School, Awards & 12:00 PM (Early Dismissal)

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