



SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Calling all Christians!

As Christians, we strive to be attuned to God's calling in our lives. But what if God's calling seems to take us in unexpected and even unwanted directions? Scripture offers many examples of this. Moses initially resists God's invitation. Mary's "yes" is preceded by perplexed astonishment. Jeremiah argues that he just isn't capable of what God has in mind for him. These are understandable reactions, ones we too may have felt in response to situations God seems to be calling us to. Walk with the saints and prophets today, reflecting on and celebrating God's calling in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-31:4-13; Luke 4:21-30 (72).* "Ab, Lord God! I said, I do not know how to speak. I am too young!"

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1
Thank you to our spiritual "first responders"

In every society since the beginning of recorded history spiritual experts such as clergy and holy men and women were the go-to healers when someone in the community was troubled and having difficulties coping. Religious men and women continue to play an important role in mental healthcare, typically as first responders. As we close the Year of Consecrated Life, it is good for us to remember the important work of our men and women in religious life who are often active on the margins reaching out to the most vulnerable and helping "cast out the demons" that keep good people from living full, productive lives.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20 (323).* "They caught sight of the man who had been possessed by Legion, sitting there clothed and in his right mind."

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Happy Candlemas!

The Presentation of the Lord, or Candlemas, marks the ritual presentation of Jesus in the Temple 40 days after his birth, as was the Jewish custom. On the day the infant Jesus was presented, Simeon, a devout and just man, couldn't help but declare Christ's glory at the sight of the child. "My eyes have seen your salvation!" Traditionally, Candlemas is marked by a blessing of and procession with candles, an act that signifies the light brought into the world by Christ. Simeon witnessed that light firsthand; today, why not be a walking celebration of Candlemas? Shine Christ's light for the world to see!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 (524).* "And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek."

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 FEAST OF BLAISE, BISHOP, MARTYR
May your words bring healing

Tradition has it that fourth-century Armenian bishop Blaise once saved the life of a boy who had a fish bone caught in his throat. Thus it came to be that for centuries, and still in many parishes today, Catholics honor this martyred saint by having their throats blessed on his feast day. Perhaps you will have the chance to participate in this age-old ritual today. But if not, you might pause and ask God to protect not only your throat but also your tongue and the words that flow from it. Ask for the grace to work in tandem with God so that the words you speak will be marked by love and compassion.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6 (325).* "What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!"

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4
God heals us in the dark days

The ministry of discipleship is one of healing that is as old as scripture and endures for all time. To that end, the church offers the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to all who are seriously ill or who face major surgery. Those partaking of the sacrament are anointed with oil as they hear the words: "Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit." It is sacramental grace that assures you when you are ill and suffering that the One who suffered for all people will not leave you alone in your own dark time.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13 (326).* "They expelled many demons, anointed the sick with oil, and worked many cures."

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 FEAST OF AGATHA, VIRGIN, MARTYR
Save our children

The World Health Organization estimates that 150 million girls under the age of 18 have experienced sexual violence. And U.S. studies estimate that one in four girls and one in six boys experience some form of sexual abuse before age 18. Further studies indicate that 93 percent of reported sexual assaults of juveniles in the United States are committed by someone known to the victim. Indifference to these tragic statistics, which the Centers for Disease Control warn have severe health and social consequences, is a sin of the gravest order. Ask for the intercession of Saint Agatha, patron of rape and torture victims, to spur action among all of us to protect the most vulnerable in our society.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29 (327).* "When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb."

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 FEAST OF PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
Be happy even in times of trial

For those who live in a 21st-century democracy, it is difficult to grasp that in some times and places, death has been the punishment for those who preach their Christian faith. Yet the cruelty of martyrdom is part of our history. In late 16th-century Japan, Jesuit brother Paul Miki was crucified along with other Jesuits, Franciscans, and laypeople for sharing the Good News. It is said that from the cross Miki reminded his followers to "ask Christ to help you to become happy." That simple prayer, if asked and answered by each of us, will have a profound effect on our lives.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34 (328).* "They returned to Jesus and reported all that they had done and what they had taught."



Saint Anthony Church
15 Church Street
White River Jct. Vermont

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 31, 2016

Father Raphael Nyabenda
Deacon John P. Guarino

Bishop of Burlington: Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop Emeritus: Most Rev. Kenneth A. Angell

Parish Office

Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
11:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Closed on Wednesday

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Weekday: Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM
Holy Days: 8:00 AM & 5:30 PM

Rectory Chapel

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM
Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Religious Education

Coordinator: Mrs. Julie Hamilton, 295-3989, juliehamilton130@comcast.net

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday from 4:00 – 4:45 PM
Baptism: Parents must come to the rectory to get the necessary forms at least a month in advance.
Marriage: Couples must contact the parish at least 6 months in advance.



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 30	5:00 P.M.	Jeannette Fournier by Harold & the Fournier family
Sunday, January 31	8:00 A.M.	Marc, Estelle & Paul St. Jacques by Tom & Karen Terry
	10:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Monday, February 1	8:00 A.M.	Michael Collins by Joann & Ray de Reyna
Tuesday, February 2	8:00 A.M.	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Davis by Marilyn & Larry White
Wednesday, February 3	8:00 A.M.	Weekday Mass
Thursday, February 4	8:00 A.M.	Edward Gempka birthday remembrance by his wife
Saturday, February 6	5:00 P.M.	Fredo Guarino 19 th anniversary by the family
Sunday, February 7	8:00 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
	10:30 A.M.	Skip Culver by the family



John George	Lise Tellier
Sylvia Dolan	Harold Fournier
Sean Hamilton	Mary Mayette
Vicky Chambers	Richard Temple
Rose Temple	Michael Temple
Fr. Adrien Pelletier, S.M.	James Dubuque
Donna Elder	Frank Klymn

Please also remember others who are in need of our prayers.

Names will be published in our bulletin for one month. If you would like to renew your prayer request after one month, please call the rectory office at 295-2225 or contact us by email at Info@SaintAnthonyChurchWRJ.org

Low Gluten Altar Bread: If you require a low gluten host for communion, come to the altar with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The celebrant will give you the consecrated low gluten host from a separate paten.

St. Anthony Parish would like to welcome all those who are visiting with us this weekend.

Sanctuary Lamps will burn for:

Saint Anthony Parishioners & friends



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,700.00
Offertory collection January 23-24:	\$ 3,211.00
Catholic Education:	\$ 518.00

Thank You for Your Support of Saint Anthony Church

Bishop Coyne's Installation Anniversary: Friday, January 29, 2016, marked the First Anniversary of Bishop Coyne's installation as the tenth Bishop of Burlington. Please pray for our Bishop as he continues to shepherd us into the future.

Pray the Rosary: On the fifth Sunday of the month, January 31, the Knights of Columbus invite you to join them in praying the rosary. In January, they will be praying the rosary before all three Masses. Please meet forty-five minutes before Mass in the pews nearest the tabernacle at the front of the church. Rosary will be prayed at 4:15 p.m., Saturday, January 30; and at 7:15 a.m. & 9:45 a.m. Sunday, January 31. The Rosary will end 15 minutes before Mass to allow the participants time to reflect on the Mysteries of the Rosary.

Second Collection Last Week: Thank you for your support of the Catholic Education Collection, which took place last weekend. Your generosity to this annual collection helps to support the continued faith formation of our young people. One half of the collection will remain in our parish for the local religious education programs, and one half supports 13 Catholic schools throughout the Diocese. Your generosity to this very important mission in the life of the Church is greatly appreciated.

Religious Education: On February 7 - Class for grades 1-8, 9:00 am to 10:15 am; grades 9 & 10 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm (due to Super Bowl). On February 28 - Class for grades 1-8, 9:00 am to 10:15 am; grades 9 & 10, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

Minister & Counter Schedules: Requests for the upcoming Minister schedules will include March, April, and May, and should reach the office by Sunday, February 14th. You may e-mail or phone our office, or drop a note in the mail or in the collection basket. Please note, this schedule will include Holy Week and Easter. We do not yet know the time of those Liturgies, but if you would like to be scheduled, please let us know. **Thank you for your service to Saint Anthony Church!**

Third Order of Mary: The next meeting of the Third Order of Mary will be Sunday, February 7th at 12:00 noon at the home of Marilyn White, 35 Stacy Lane, White River Jct. You are cordially invited to join us. We pray the Rosary, the Hail Mary, and the *Memorare* daily, as well as meditating on Sacred Scripture and the life of our Blessed Mother. We meet on the first Sunday of each month to pray the Rosary and other Marian prayers, and to support one another in our journey to take on the mind and heart of Mary. Please call Marilyn White (802) 295-3507 with any questions.



Knights of Columbus Valentine's Day Dinner: On Saturday, February 13, 2016 a Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner will be held in St. Anthony Parish Hall from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children, and preschoolers are free. This is a Knights of Columbus sponsored event, and any checks should be made as such. If you can help by making a pie or dessert, serving at the dinner, or helping with cleanup, please call Dan at 802-356-3527 or Dominick Montuori at 802-295-5562. There will be a sign-up sheet on a table at the rear of St. Anthony Church after Masses on the weekends prior to the dinner. The purpose of the sign-up is to get a general idea of how much food to purchase, but everyone is welcome to attend, even if they did not sign up.

Lent Starts Next Week: The Season of Lent will begin Wednesday, February 10th with Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be given at daily Mass at 8:00 a.m. While not a holy day of obligation, all Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass to start the season of Lent.

Sanctuary Lamps: The Sanctuary Lamps that are always burning in front of the tabernacle may be sponsored for your intentions. Each candle burns for 14 days. A donation to help defray the cost of the candle is appreciated, but not necessary. Please call the office for availability.

Haven: The top five needs for this week include soup, rice, tuna, milk and cheese. All non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the top of the stairs. *Wish List Items* include hand warmers, and gift cards. Thank you!