



**SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016** THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
**Christmas is official!**

It wasn't until 1870 that Christmas was officially declared a federal holiday in the United States. Before that, some condemned the celebration of Christmas as an invention of the Catholic Church. In fact in 1647, England's Puritan rulers banned Christmas! The Puritan influence was brought to the Americas and a ban was in place in the Boston area until 1681. Nowadays Christmas Day is a public holiday in the U.S. and many countries around the world. Even though Christmas is six months away, take some time today to give thanks for the gift of Christmas and the gift of religious freedom.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62 (99)*. "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

**MONDAY, JUNE 27**  
**Celebrate hard work and achievement**

Today we unofficially celebrate the life and achievements of Helen Keller, who, even though deaf and blind, grew to be a renowned activist and author. We are reminded that people can overcome challenges and achieve anything they put their hearts into. Despite her challenges, Keller became the first deaf and blind person to earn a college degree *cum laude* in the U.S. In 1980, during Keller's birth centennial, President Jimmy Carter proclaimed today—her birthday—as Helen Keller Day. This is also a good time to celebrate the patience and resilience of Keller's teacher, Anne Sullivan. Today, encourage those in challenging conditions and celebrate the achievements of the most vulnerable among us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Matthew 8:18-22 (377)*. "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

**TUESDAY, JUNE 28** FEAST OF IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR  
**Befriend the outsider**

In the late second century, groups of Christians called Gnostics claimed to have "secret knowledge" directly from Jesus. Saint Irenaeus rejected their divisiveness: Authentic teachers lead the *whole* church, not a closed or secret society. Still, religious division and mistrust are with us today, for example between many Christians and Muslims. Pope Francis says, "Christians, Muslims . . . ought to remain united in working to defeat what disfigures the Face of God by seeking only their own interests." Whom do you consider outsiders? Do you really know much about them? Take time to learn

rather than reject, to share rather than practice secrecy or division.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Matthew 8:23-27 (378)*.

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love."

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29** SOLEMNITY OF PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES  
**Hail to the chiefs!**

Peter and Paul are often called the "chief apostles" because of the way their witness helped spread the gospel far and wide in the early Christian community. Each is an example of what faith can look like. For Peter, it meant spreading his experience of Jesus to everyone he met, to be the "rock" on which the church was built. For Paul, it meant building relationships and speaking to the power of the word to transform lives. Each was a giant in his own right, but together, on this feast, they remind us that disciples never go it alone.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19 (591)*. "Put on your cloak and follow me."

**THURSDAY, JUNE 30**  
**FEAST OF THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH IN ROME**  
**Love and courage**

In the year 64 a fire broke out in Rome and raged for seven days, destroying more than half of the city. Historians suggest that the emperor Nero actually set the fire in order to blame it on the Christians, whom he persecuted throughout his 14-year reign. And blame them he did. But this time, Nero's methods of torture were so horrific that the public turned against him. He took his own life in 68, but not before he had made martyrs of many early Christians. People still face unjust persecution in parts of our world. But most of us forget the price the early Christians paid. When we remember them today we ask for the grace to imitate their faith in God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8 (380)*. "Such things are bound to happen, but that is not yet the end."

**FRIDAY, JULY 1** FEAST OF JUNÍPERO SERRA, PRIEST  
**It starts in the eyes**

Conquest begins in the eyes. We see, we want, and we plot to take. Spanish explorers saw the New World as a land worth possessing to the fullest. That it was inhabited seemed no obstacle. Native peoples—awed, overpowered, or enslaved—made conquest all the richer. Missionaries like Franciscan Junípero Serra, founding father of California, offered "salvation and civilization" ahead of the conquistadors, but also the mantle of church protection. We view all these historical actors more critically now. How can we make up for the injustices of history today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Matthew 9:9-13 (381)*. "We will buy the lowly man for silver, and the poor man for a pair of sandals."

**SATURDAY, JULY 2** MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
**"These scars say I am alive"**

One of Mary's titles is Mother of Sorrows, but her sorrow can seem remote. During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a group of eight British women posed for a photograph. Topless. The shock makes you want to look away, but you cannot, and they don't want you to. They are scarred but strong and smiling, as if to say, "We're survivors. Don't feel sorry for us. Help others caught in sorrow." Mary doesn't need us to weep for her pain, but is there a woman you know who needs your support? You may not be able to remove her sorrows, but at least don't turn away. You can let her know she is loved.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17 (382)*. "Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss."



**Saint Anthony Church**  
 15 Church Street  
 White River Jct. Vermont

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 26, 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

**Secretary:** Mrs. Joanne Collins  
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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**

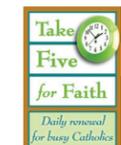
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM  
 Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM

**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

<b>Saturday, June 25</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Everett J. Smith</b> birthday remembrance by George & Roberta Smith
<b>Sunday, June 26</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b> <b>10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>The People of Saint Anthony Parish</b> <b>Melina Leonard</b> by Pais family
Monday, June 27	8:00 A.M.	<b>Mary Dunley and Arthur &amp; Dorothy Dunley</b> by the estate
Tuesday, June 28	8:00 A.M.	<b>Blanche Jarvis</b> by Mrs. Irene Maheu & family
Wednesday, June 29	8:00 A.M.	<b>Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony</b>
Thursday, June 30	8:00 A.M.	<b>Esposito Family</b> by the estate
<b>Saturday, July 2</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Angus MacAskill</b> by Kate Richeimer
<b>Sunday, July 3</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b> <b>10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>The People of Saint Anthony Parish</b> <b>Blanche E. Jarvis</b> by Larry & Marilyn White



Richard Temple	Rose Temple
Michael Temple	Sean Hamilton
Fr. Adrien Pelletier, S.M.	Frank Klymn
Shawn Schriber	Harold Fournier
Mary Mayette	Toni-Ann Gour
Vicky Chambers	James Dubuque
Linda West	

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](mailto: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.**

**Daily Mass Televised:** You can watch the daily Mass televised live Monday through Saturday at 9:30 a.m., with rebroadcasts at 7:00 and 11:30 p.m. Check your local listings for CatholicTV.

## Sanctuary Lamps will burn for:

Saint Anthony Parishioners & friends



## Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,700.00
Offertory collection June 18-19:	\$ 3,845.00

**Thank You for Your Support of Saint Anthony Church!**

**Second Collection This Weekend:** In the second collection today, we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the collection is an opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection. Thank you.

**Catholic Bible Study:** Our bible study series concludes this Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM in the rectory meeting room (downstairs). We will be taking July and August off. Look for our return in the fall, when we will be studying the Gospel according to John. Contact the parish office or Chris Noble at 619-865-2680, or [chris.d.noble@gmail.com](mailto:chris.d.noble@gmail.com) for details.

**Third Order of Mary:** The next meeting of the Third Order of Mary will be Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 at (802) 295-3507 with any questions.

**Assistance to Our Neighbors in Need:** As a parish, we have opportunities to support those in our community who are in need, both through our prayers and our financial help. Saint Anthony Parish provides donations to the food shelf at the Haven on an ongoing basis. We publish the weekly list of needs in the bulletin and collect donations in the basket at the entrance to the church. This parish project helps year round.

We also have a fund that allows us to provide individuals and families financial assistance for emergency needs such as fuel, shelter, clothing and other essentials. Donations to replenish our Assistance Fund allow us to continue to provide for these needs. A check made out to Saint Anthony Church marked "Assistance" will ensure your donation is used for this purpose. Thank you for your generosity.

**Haven:** The top five needs for this week are peanut butter, brown rice, tuna, soup, and fruit. All non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the top of the stairs. **Wish List Items** include tarps, tents, adult backpacks, feminine hygiene products, and 50'-60' garden hose. Thank you.

**Bishop's Fund:** To date our parish has pledged \$19,163.00 with \$14,243.00 or 45.9% paid, toward our Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal Goal. Thank you for your support! We ask that you prayerfully consider all the ministries and initiatives the Appeal supports. Visit [www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org) or [www.bishopsfund.org](http://www.bishopsfund.org) for news, as well as information about the new St. Therese Digital Academy, now accepting enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year!

**Jubilee Year of Mercy:** You are all invited to attend the Celebration for Families at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte on July 17. Bishop Coyne will celebrate Mass at 12:15. A procession to the statue of St. Anne will follow, and then there will be free time for lunch and recreation. Please fill out a registration form, which may be found on **the bulletin boards at the entrance of the church**, if you are planning to attend, especially if you would like to purchase the BBQ meal the Shrine is preparing. This will be an extraordinary day of grace at the oldest religious site in Vermont. Please join us! For more information go to the Diocesan website at [www.vermontcatholic.org/yearofmercy](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/yearofmercy) or find a link on our website [www.stanthonyvt.org](http://www.stanthonyvt.org).

**Theology on Tap:** Young adults aged 21-35 are invited to join us for Theology on Tap, Church Street Tavern, Burlington at 7pm on June 30<sup>th</sup> for "New Evangelization in VT: Starting the Conversation". Speaker will be Phil Lawson, Director of Evangelization & Catechesis. For info, email [burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com)

**Emmaus Ministry:** For grieving parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Please join us. All are welcome. One-day Spiritual Retreat at St. Anthony Shrine, Boston, MA on August 13, 2016. Call Diane at 617-542-8057 or visit [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org)