



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sometimes more is better

Today we say yes to two important groups of Catholics observing special days. The first Sunday of Black History Month is the National Day of Prayer for African American Families, who courageously uphold and honor what our history once devalued. Black families matter. The first Sunday after the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) is also World Day for Consecrated Life. Just as we bless candles to recall Christ our light, we recognize those who consecrate their lives in witness to that light. Pray for families. Thank religious women and men.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 58:7-10*; *1 Corinthians 2:1-5*; *Matthew 5:13-16 (73)*. "Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday."

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

MEMORIAL OF PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
An unchanging creed

Paul Miki (1562-97) was baptized at age 5. A man of his culture with a profound knowledge of Buddhism, he made an effective and affectionate preacher among the Japanese. When his fellow Jesuits were expelled from Japan, he remained and was eventually crucified with 25 others in Nagasaki. For each generation of Christians the demands of faith and the promises of Christ remain the same: Love God and love one another and you will live in love eternally.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 1:1-19*; *Mark 6:53-56 (329)*. "Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Be intentional

Whenever we begin something, it is always a good idea to start with an intention. Take a few breaths and ask yourself, "What do I intend to get out of this day, this meeting, this work, this experience?" The dictionary defines *intention* as the "act of determining mentally upon some action or result." In Latin *in-tendere* means "to stretch toward." One way to think about intention is to ask yourself what you are willing to stretch toward. Then imagine that our compassionate and loving God is also stretching toward you, intending what is best for you. Now you're praying. Plan to get up 15 minutes early and write your intention for the day.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 1:20—2:4a*; *Mark 7:1-13 (330)*. "God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good."

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 MEMORIAL OF JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN
Sudan's daughters persecuted, then and now

Many in Italy still call her "our Black Mother." Bakhita (b. 1869) suffered great misfortune in her native Sudan. Kidnapped, sold, and persecuted, she knew no mercy until she wound up the property of the Sudanese Italian consulate. Migrating with the consul's family to Italy, she eventually received baptismal instruction from the Canossian Daughters of Charity. After receiving her Christian name, Josephine often kissed the baptismal font, saying, "Here, I became a daughter of God!" Tragically, Christians in Sudan are still persecuted and sold today. Raise your voice for global religious freedom.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17*; *Mark 7:14-23 (331)*. "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person."

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Loving your enemy is hard work

There was a time not that long ago when Catholics believed that anyone who wasn't Catholic was going straight to hell in a handbasket. The Jews during Jesus' time held similar views toward other religions. Syro-Phoenicians, who were enemies of Israel and didn't share in the same faith, were, in the minds of Jesus' disciples, unworthy of God's help. But Jesus turned that attitude on its head. For Christians, all human life has sacred dignity and is beloved by God, even the lives of our enemies. Stepping up to that truth sometimes requires repentance on our part.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 2:18-25*; *Mark 7:24-30 (332)*. "Jesus said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'"

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 MEMORIAL OF SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

Storm heaven with your prayers

How to be sure God knows our needs? Imitate Saint Scholastica, who knew God can't resist the prayer of a holy person. Near the end of her life, Scholastica enjoyed the usual annual visit from her brother, Saint Benedict, who was anxious to return home at the appointed time. Scholastica entreated him to stay but he refused. So she literally "prayed up a storm" whose ferocity made travel impossible. "What have you done?" her brother asked. Scholastica answered, "I asked and you would not listen; so I asked my God and he did listen." Storm heaven with your prayers!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 3:1-8*; *Mark 7:31-37 (333)*. "People brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him."

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Wishing you well

For 150 years visitors to the shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes have believed in the healing power of water that flows from a natural spring there. Closer to home, some parishes commemorate World Day of Prayer for the Sick by asking pastoral care ministers and ministers of Holy Communion to visit the homebound and hospitalized; by placing the names of the sick in a special book displayed in church; or by writing the names of the sick on pieces of paper and asking parishioners to take a name, pray for the person, and send him or her a card. What can you and your community do today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 3:9-24*; *Mark 8:1-10 (334)*. "They ate and were satisfied."



Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street
 White River Jct. Vermont

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 5, 2017

Father Charles R. Danielson, Pastor
 Deacon John P. Guarino

Bishop of Burlington: Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne

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 4:00 PM
 Sunday 8:30 AM
Weekday: Monday & Friday 9:00 AM
Holy Days: Consult the parish bulletin

Rectory Chapel

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

Religious Education

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

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 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, February 4	4:00 P.M.	Fredo Guarino by family
Sunday, February 5	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Monday, February 6	9:00 A.M.	The Gavell Family by Sandra & Duff Cummings
Friday, February 10	9:00 A.M.	Weekday Mass
Saturday, February 11	4:00 P.M.	Skip Culver by family
Sunday, February 12	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish



Michael Temple	Fr. Adrien Pelletier, S.M.
Sean Hamilton	Mary Mayette
John George	Nancy Parkerson
John Delap	Frank Klymn
Elnora Smith	Sue Lashway
Olivia Heavisides	Vicky Chambers
James Dubuque	Richard Temple
Rose Temple	Linda West
Michael Fleming	Gerard Tellier

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 contact the parish office.

Sanctuary Lamps
will burn for:

Saint Anthony
Parishioners
& friends



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,750.00
Offertory collection January 28-29:	\$ 3,262.00
Catholic Education:	\$ 927.00

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

Message from Fr. Rick,

“For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.” Such strange and disturbing words! A reminder, a challenge thrown out to us by Our Lord Jesus Christ crucified and risen for us, calls us to be a light in this world’s darkness; to be salt to bring savor into the mediocrity that seems to fill so much of what our world values and calls us to value. But we cannot do that apart from Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Our world needs Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for us and we are called, challenged, to be light and salt in the darkness and emptiness of this world. To be for the world and our brothers and sisters in this world light and flavor! As St. John reminds us in his Prologue: “The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”

Fr. Rick

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.

Window Project Underway! As you entered the church, or even just driven by, it is hard not to notice that our beautiful stained glass windows are no longer here. The crews from Stained Glass Resources have been busy removing all of the windows to transport them to their studio in Hampden, Massachusetts, where they will be undergoing a revival for a new life. When they are returned, they will be fully restored to their original beauty. We take a moment to be thankful for the successful Capital Campaign we had a few years ago, as well as the more recent contributions dedicated to the widow restoration.

Holy Family Icon: The Holy Family Icon will be visiting St. Anthony’s Parish February 3rd to February 9th. On Saturday and Sunday, February 4-5, the Knights of Columbus invite you to join with them in praying the rosary to honor the Holy Family before Mass. Please meet forty-five minutes before Mass in the pews nearest the tabernacle at the front of the church. Rosary will be prayed Saturday, February 4th at 3:15 p.m. and Sunday, February 5th at 7:45 a.m. We hope to end the Rosary so participants will have 15 minutes to reflect on the mysteries before Mass.

Religious Education: Classes will meet this Sunday, February 5th at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for grades 1-8 and at 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. for grades 9 & 10.

Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner: On Saturday, February 11, 2017 a Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner will be held in Saint Anthony Parish Hall from 4:45-6:15 p.m. The cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this event, and will donate any profits to the parish. If you can help by making a pie or dessert, serve at the dinner, or help with cleanup, please call Dominick Montuori at 802-295-5562.

There will be a sign-up sheet on a table at the rear of the 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.

Second Collection Next Week: Next weekend, February 11-12, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which strengthens the faith of our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support is bringing the faith to those in remote villages who would otherwise not have access to church programs and outreach. Share your faith! Support the second collection. To learn more about the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Minister & Counter Schedules: Requests for the upcoming Minister and Counter schedules that will include March, April, and May, should reach the office by Sunday, February 12th. **Please note: this schedule will include Holy Week and Easter liturgies.** You may e-mail or phone our office, or drop a note in the collection basket or in the mail. Thank you for your service to Saint Anthony Church!

Third Order of Mary: The next meeting of the Third Order of Mary will be this Sunday, February 5th 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.

Haven: This week’s top five needs are peanut butter, brown rice, tuna, soup, and shelf-stable milk. All non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the top of the stairs. Thank you!

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