

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The price is wrong

Prosperity theology, sometimes called the prosperity gospel, is the notion that believers who confess their faith and are generous with tithes and offerings will in turn be rewarded generously by God with material riches. Most popular in Pentecostal traditions, it can be heard on some or another television station every hour of the day and night. Be wary of any teaching that disguises the love of riches behind the veil of such teachings. Jesus warned us that we can only serve one master. Ask yourself which it will be—the love of money or the love of God—around which you will center your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:14-15; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34 (82)*. "No one can serve two masters . . . You cannot serve God and wealth."

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

The Ten Commandments count

"The Ten Commandments are not multiple choice," a church sign stated. Admittedly we sometimes do pick and choose among them. But most of the time it may be that we just haven't thought through how they apply to our own lived experience. Here's one way to rediscover the Commandments and be more conscious of living them. Create a chart with four columns. In the first, list the Ten Commandments. In the second, write something from Jesus' life and teaching that relates directly or indirectly to that Commandment. In the third, prayerfully write your own paraphrase of the Commandment. In the fourth, list specific ways that you can incorporate the spirit of the Commandment into your daily life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 17:20-24; Mark 10:17-27 (347)*. "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Give your body a rest

"Carnival" ends today, and tomorrow our time of attentiveness to spiritual matters begins. Being in the world of the senses, and then stepping back for a time through a bit of denial, is part of the process of deepening our spiritual identity in the world. Flesh and spirit are essential elements in Christian discipleship, as are justice and mercy and intimacy and awe. Knowing how to appropriately weave these elements in our daily lives is the role of wisdom. Use Lent as a time to give your full attention to prayer, spiritual reading, and devotional practices. Ultimately your body and soul will be the stronger and wiser for it.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31 (348)*. "But many that are first will be last, and the last will be first."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Out and about

With the beginning of Lent we might tend to look inward, to focus on prayer and repentance, on resetting our interior compass in a more God-ward direction. But the three traditional practices of Lent—prayer, fasting, almsgiving (which work all year round,



by the way)—point us outward as much as inward. We pray for both ourselves and others. We fast to clear our lives of what prevents us from seeing God in others and the world. And we learn to show more generosity to those around us. So this year don't let yourself get Lenten cabin fever. Practice also in the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (219)*. "We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us."

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Make the right choice

Choosing life over death seems like a no-brainer—instinctive, natural, wholesome. Yet our culture, with its emphasis on escaping pain at all costs, can easily lead us to emotional, spiritual, and even physical death: Don't want to face the humiliation of asking for forgiveness? Cut off your relationship with a loved one. Don't want to be hurt by anyone? Close the door on intimacy. Don't want to feel the pain of loss, confusion, or failure? Numb yourself with alcohol or drugs. Our faith offers a different strategy. It's called love. Try loving yourself, others, and God just a little bit more to get you past the pain.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25 (220)*. "I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then."

FRIDAY, MARCH 3 MEMORIAL OF KATHARINE DREXEL, VIRGIN

Hold nothing back

What would you sacrifice to keep a good thing going? After 125 years serving Catholics of color, the Blessed Sacrament Sisters, founded by Katharine Drexel, put their motherhouse near Philadelphia up for sale a few years ago in order to dedicate more funds to ministry. Drexel, the "Millionaire Nun," would have approved. She herself gave away a fortune to educate struggling communities few Americans cared about. A white woman of privilege, Drexel used pencils to the nub and wrote on the backs of envelopes to save precious resources for land, schools, and teachers. Fast today and support the liberation of the disenfranchised with an education.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15 (221)*. "Would that today you might fast so as to make your voice heard on high!"

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Family is the treasure behind family income

While for most Americans, working has as its goal the creation of a stable home, it can become a hindrance to people's coming together as a family. Is making money more important than the family life the income is meant to support? With the high cost of living in America today, the majority of families find two incomes are needed simply to stay afloat, but how can we make sure the family stays front and center? We are called by the prophet Isaiah to be rebuilders of our household. That, of course, begins at home. Bring the family together whenever possible.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32 (222)*. "Repairer of the breach, they shall call you, Restorer of ruined homesteads."



Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street

White River Jct. Vermont

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 26, 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

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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 25	4:00 P.M.	John Jarvis, Jr. by Herb & Pat Castellini
Sunday, February 26	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Monday, February 27	9:00 A.M.	Theresa Baribeau by June Rock & Gerry Goslar
Ash Wednesday, March 1	9:00 A.M.	Weekday Mass
Friday, March 3	9:00 A.M.	Andrew Boright by The Third Order of Mary
Saturday, March 4	4:00 P.M.	Joseph Jaros 6 th anniversary by family
Sunday, March 5	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish



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

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.

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.

Sanctuary Lamps
will burn for:

Saint Anthony
Parishioners
& friends



Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,750.00
Offertory collection February 18-19:	\$ 3,413.00

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

Message from Fr. Rick,

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be given you besides....” How providential that on this last weekend in Ordinary Time before we enter the Season of Lent we are reminded of where our priorities should be. Not on accumulating worldly wealth, money, possessions, power, influence or any of the things the world teaches us to value. Nor should our focus be on worries, fears and anxieties for the future. Instead, our Lord tells us we should focus on growing our relationship with God, striving for holiness and virtue. The Father knows what we need to nourish physical life and health and if we but give Him our focus He can be trusted to provide us with what we need for our physical existence.

Wednesday, March 1st is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Mass will be celebrated at both St. Francis and St. Anthony Parishes at the following times:

9:00 a.m. Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes at St. Anthony Parish, White River Jct.
5:30 p.m. Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes at St. Francis Parish, Windsor

Please note Ash Wednesday is a day of universal Fast and Abstinence.

Fr. Rick

Ash Wednesday Collection: There will be a special collection Ash Wednesday to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered, including Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, Project Rachel, and Residential Care Homes. Envelopes will be available in the church. Know that every gift – of any size - makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

Religious Education: Classes will meet Sunday, February 26th 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.

Knights of Columbus Dinner: On Saturday, March 4, 2017 a Corned Beef 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. 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 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.

Third Order of Mary: The next meeting will be Sunday, March 5th at noon at the home of Marilyn White, 35 Stacy Lane, White River Jct. You are cordially invited to join us. Please call Marilyn White (802) 295-3507 with questions.

St. Mary's Annual Fish Fry is Back: St. Mary's annual fish fry begins on Friday, March 3rd and will continue every Friday through Lent until April 4th. It will be held at St. Mary's Nolin Murray Center in Springfield, VT. We will offer fried or baked haddock, baked potato or French fries, coleslaw, coffee or lemonade and a dessert. Adult \$12, Seniors 55+ \$10, Child age 6-12 \$5, and under 6 years old are free. We will be serving from 5pm-7pm. Take outs available; to place an order, please call the Friday of the fish fry between 3pm-5pm at 802-885-4123. For more information please call or email Mike Knoras at 802-885-4375 or mikeknoras@vermontel.net Sponsored by St. Mary's Social Function Committee as a fundraiser to benefit St. Mary's Church.

It Could Be Worse - 2017 Comedy Show: Do you like to laugh? If so, please join us at St. Mary's Nolin Murray Center Hall, Springfield, VT Saturday, March 11 for our 7th annual comedy show. This show is put on by the one and only Father Peter Williams. Ticket by donation only. We have 40 tickets available to the first callers. The show starts at 7pm; doors open at 6:30pm. Coffee, punch, popcorn and a brownie will be served. Proceeds benefit the fuel fund at St. Mary's Church.