



SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Earthen vessels

When we hear talk of *flesh* in scripture, we usually think of it as the human body, our flesh and bones. Saint Paul often pits flesh against spirit in his Letters. If at those times we understand Paul's references to flesh to be referring to the body only, we would believe our bodies to be rather nasty indeed. But the news isn't that bad. By *flesh* Paul means "self-centeredness" versus *spirit*, or "God-centeredness." Are we oriented toward ourselves or to the ways of God? If the first option is true for us, then our physical existence, bodies included, can be a drag on our spirit. If we look to God, though, before all else, then our material lives, bodies included, become sacred vessels that house the divine.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 (34)*. "You are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you."

MONDAY, APRIL 3 LENTEN WEEKDAY
Drop it!

In one of the most dramatic moments in scripture, Jesus comes face-to-face with a woman caught in adultery. But because her accusers are only using her as a tool to trap Jesus, he confronts a second and greater sin: the eagerness to judge. At Jesus' invitation—"let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her"—at least those in the crowd were honest enough to let the rocks drop. Being sinless does not lead Jesus to condemn sinners. It leads to forgiving them, showing them how to live without the sin that can destroy. In Lent we scrutinize ourselves for signs of self-righteousness—something we must drop like a heavy stone.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11 (251)*. "In response, they went away one by one."

TUESDAY, APRIL 4
MEMORIAL OF ISIDORE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
School yourself in divine wisdom

There are some who would like to add Divine Intelligence theory, or creationism, to the curriculum to counter the teachings of the theory of evolution, which they contend is contrary to the biblical teachings of the origin of man. Saint Isidore 1,500 years ago assured us that there is no contradiction in God's world between so-called book learning and heart wisdom, what we learn about the world and how we experience God. We can see God's presence in all creation and in all that we learn from science and faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30 (252)*. "The one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
MEMORIAL OF VINCENT FERRER, PRIEST
Gracefully reconcile

Reconciliation means bringing things or people into some kind of harmony. The Dominican Saint Vincent (1350-1419) practiced reconciliation on many levels. He traveled around preaching repentance. "When you have realized your true worth," he said, "you will be able to judge your faults sanely . . . and the faults of your neighbor will remain in shadow." Seeing the shortcomings of others, Vincent reminds us, begins with seeing our own limitations clearly. That perspective can then lead us to gracefulness in accepting criticism and tact in giving it.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42 (253)*.
"If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works of Abraham."

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
Pleased to meet you

The second Commandment warns against using the Lord's name in vain. When Jesus refers to himself as "I AM," as he does many times in John's gospel, he is deliberately associating himself with God, who revealed the divine name to Moses as "I AM WHO I AM." This strange-sounding name declares that God's absolute existence depends upon nothing and no one. It puts God in a unique category, because the rest of us are dependent and fragile creatures. Give thanks today for all the ways your life is nourished and sustained by God's unshakeable presence.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59 (254)*. "Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am."

FRIDAY, APRIL 7
MEMORIAL OF JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, PRIEST
What to do?

Most churchgoing folks are people of good will. We, like the folks around Jesus, try to do what is right in the eyes of God. But we're not always clear on what the expectations are. Some of us are minimalists who hope that not doing anything really wrong is the same as living right. Some are legalists, comfortable with obeying and enforcing moral laws. Some struggle to shed a few more bad habits every year so as to creep closer to the spiritual ideals over a lifetime. Jesus says if we trust in him, we'll always know what to do.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42 (255)*. "Understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 LENTEN WEEKDAY
The Caiaphas inside us all

Caiaphas, the Jewish high priest who presided at the trial of Jesus, saw Jesus as a threat to his own power and privilege. So he took advantage of his close relationship with Pontius Pilate to persuade the latter to condemn Jesus to crucifixion. Though it is easy enough to dislike Caiaphas based on the biblical testimony, we do well to recognize a bit of ourselves in him. Lent is a good time to reflect on how we protect our power and privilege in ways that hurt others. Before condemning Caiaphas let's make sure we haven't done the same thing to Jesus in our own hearts!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56 (256)*. "It is better for you that one man should die instead of the people."



Saint Anthony Church
 15 Church Street
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Fifth Sunday of Lent—April 2, 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.

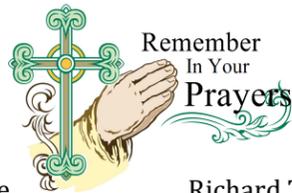


Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 1	4:00 P.M.	Dorilla LaRose birthday remembrance by Fleury, Kramer & LaRose families
Sunday, April 2	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Monday, April 3	9:00 A.M.	Sharman Renehan birthday remembrance by Shelley Renehan
Friday, April 7	9:00 A.M.	Joseph Albanese by Pauline
Saturday, April 8	4:00 P.M.	Mary Jaros 1 st anniversary by family
Sunday, April 9	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish



Mary Mayette	Richard Temple
Rose Temple	Michael Temple
Fr. Adrien Pelletier, S.M.	Sean Hamilton
Kim Holm	Gerard Tellier
Lise Tellier	John George
Andrew Keeler	Elnora Smith
Sue Lashway	Vicky Chambers
Nancy Parkerson	John Delap
Frank Klymn	Linda West
Christian Thompson	James Dubuque

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.

Baby Bags: The Wednesday Night Crafters are collecting items for these bags. All items should be new, either purchased or handmade, and for newborns. Please place any items you can donate at the entrance of the church, or bring to the rectory during working hours. Thank you very much for your support of this project! Questions? Please contact Charlotte Merrill (802) 295-2145 or dcmerrill@myfairpoint.net.

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 March 25-26:	\$ 2,974.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$ 1,075.00

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of Saint Anthony Church!**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Well, now he had gone too far. For three years with mounting alarm the powers that he had watched as an upstart Rabbi from a one horse town in Galilee had set all of Palestine abuzz with miraculous cures and a compelling message.

And now this He had walked into Bethany just outside Jerusalem and had called out of a tomb his friend Lazarus four days dead!

And as if this wasn't enough many of the authorities too were beginning to believe Something had to be done, but what?

It is Caiaphas the High Priest who sees with cold calculating clarity what must be done. The upstart must die or, he argues, the whole nation will perish. And so the challenge Jesus posed from the day of His birth to the "rulers of this age" is taken up.

The Incarnate Son of God who came into this world to die now faces the gathering forces who will, all unwittingly, make possible the fulfillment of God's plan of redemption in the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus!

Please be aware Father Rick will be away beginning Monday, April 17th, returning on Wednesday, April 26th.

In case of funerals please contact Deacon John Guarino at the parish office and Fr. Mike Augustinowitz at Our Lady of the Snows in Woodstock at 457-2322.

Fr. Rick

Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper: Join us for Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 7, then have supper downstairs at a Soup Supper.

Catholic Bible Study: Looking for something this Lent to really get closer to Jesus in His Passion? Saint Anthony's Parish is hosting a prayerful study of the Passion Narratives contained in each the four Gospels. Come and share as we explore together the mystery, power, and loving glory of Christ's last week of earthly ministry. Wednesdays at 6:00PM in the basement of the Parish Rectory. **Come to one session or all** - The Holy Spirit ensures everyone brings a little and receives much more when we turn together to Sacred Scripture. For more information please contact Chris and Dianne Noble (phone: 619-865-2680, email chris.d.noble@gmail.com) or Joanne Collins in the Parish Office.

Third Order of Mary: The next meeting is this Sunday, April 2nd 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.

Second Collection Last Week: Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for *helping Jesus in disguise*. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

Holy Week Schedule: Services for the Holy Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday will be as follows:

Holy Thursday, April 13th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi, Windsor
 Good Friday, April 14th, **5:30 p.m.** at St. Anthony Church
 Holy Saturday, April 15th, 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Anthony Church
 Easter Sunday, April 16th, 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony Church

All are encouraged to attend the Holy Thursday Liturgy which will include the Washing of the Feet, held at St. Francis of Assisi in Windsor. In addition to the Good Friday Liturgy at St. Anthony Church, there will also be a Liturgy held at St. Francis of Assisi in Windsor Good Friday, April 14th at **3:00 p.m.** *Please note the changes.*

Haven: The top five needs this week are pasta sauce, peanut butter, tuna, beans and rice. Thank you!