



### SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Count to ten . . . blessings

During those dark moments in your life when you are sure God has forsaken you, follow this simple practice endorsed by Jesus: Count your blessings. Think about all that you've been given, the love and mercy that God has shown you and others. Did you demand explanations for those gifts? Wonder at their fairness or equity? Our suffering may never make sense, but it will be redeemed, in fact it has been redeemed many times over. God's love is stronger than sorrow and death. Abide in that love.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33 (94)*. "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."

### MONDAY, JUNE 26 Drop the judgment mask

Matthew's gospel quotes Jesus as saying, "Stop judging, that you may not be judged." While you have to make some judgments every day, Jesus forbids judging a person's character, worth, intentions, or standing before God on the basis of what you see. Jesus used the word *hypocrite*, which comes from the Greek word for "actor," someone who wears a mask. The gospel asks that you unmask yourself, be real, and leave it to God to judge.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5 (371)*. "You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye."

### TUESDAY, JUNE 27

#### MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Can you bear to see the divine?

Cyril of Alexandria (c. 375-444) was a divisive and headstrong leader for much of his life and no great role model for saintly living. He did, however, make one lasting contribution to the teachings of the church. Another bishop, Nestorius, had argued that it was impossible that God could ever become fully human in the weak and vulnerable form of an infant. He argued that Christ's divinity must have come later. Cyril defended Christ's dual nature from the beginning—fully human and fully divine—and defended Mary's title as *Theotokos*, "the bearer of God." The next opportunity you have to gaze upon the face of an infant, see if you can catch a glimpse of the divine. Ask God to give you a touch of the innocence and trust you see reflected in that infant's gaze.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14 (372)*. "A scribe approached and said, 'Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.'"

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 MEMORIAL OF IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR Christ's love is no secret

Irenaeus (second century), a Father of the church, was mentored by people who knew the first disciples, which might explain the confidence he felt to write five treatises on detecting and debunking heresies. Irenaeus tamed the threat of Gnosticism by his sure efforts to "strip the fox," as he put it, so that no one could mistake the Gnostic's claims of secret spiritual knowledge for the real and accessible message of Christ. Irenaeus wrote of God: "He cannot be seen or described in . . . all his greatness . . . Yet he is certainly not unknown. Through his Word the whole creation learns that there is one God . . . who holds all things together and gives them their being."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew 7:15-20 (373)*. "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing."

### THURSDAY, JUNE 29 SOLEMNITY OF PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES Give thanks for the odd couple

Peter and Paul might not have appreciated sharing a feast day. We mean to honor two giants of Christianity, without whom we might not have the church at all. But two more different men would be hard to find. Peter was a Galilean fisherman, impulsive, bull-headed, and rough around the edges. Paul was an educated man of the world, a Pharisee from outside Israel in territory that is now Turkey. These two met rarely and agreed even less frequently. But we value what they taught us about holding the center of orthodoxy (Peter) and pushing the frontier of the Holy Spirit (Paul).

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19 (591)*. "Jesus said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'"

### FRIDAY, JUNE 30

#### MEMORIAL OF THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH OF ROME Don't get burned by prejudice

"Nero fiddled while Rome burned," goes the old saying. Some blamed him for failing to fight the fire in a kind of ultimate urban renewal project. Nero himself pointed the finger at Rome's Christians and used the fire as an excuse to persecute them. Not everyone really believed the Christians were responsible, yet many were eager to denounce them for the tired old reason of prejudice. Prejudice still exacts its price in a world that doesn't always care for the truth. Don't fall for it.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Matthew 8:1-4 (375)*. "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean."

### SATURDAY, JULY 1

#### MEMORIALS OF JUNIPERO SERRA, PRIEST; BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Be a fool for Christ

Blessed Junípero Serra (1713-84) is one of those figures from church history who can start an argument. He followed a calling to bring the gospel to Native Americans in 18th-century California. Some say he opposed the Spanish colonial authorities' mistreatment of the natives; critics think he was part of the problem. Whatever else can be said of him, he gave himself completely for the missions and the people they served. Every Christian is part of the mission of Christ and his church. A member of the Spanish military said of Serra, "There is no mischief he will not attempt if exasperated." How can you be a missionary in your own way? What mischief can you make for the sake of God?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17 (376)*. "You may go; as you have believed, let it be done for you."



## Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street  
White River Jct. Vermont

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 25, 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: Ms. 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](mailto: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

<b>Saturday, June 24</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Skip Culver</b> by family
<b>Sunday, June 25</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>The People of Saint Anthony Parish</b>
Monday, June 26	9:00 A.M.	<b>Real Fournier</b> by Herb & Patty Castellini
Friday, June 30	9:00 A.M.	<b>Deceased members of the Esposito family</b> by the estate
<b>Saturday, July 1</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>The People of Saint Anthony Parish</b>
<b>Sunday, July 2</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Helen Orizzonto</b> by the Jeff Bartlett family



Frank Klymn	John George
Betty Leonard	Sean Hamilton
Mary Mayette	Vicky Chambers
Richard Temple	Rose Temple
Michael Temple	David Usher
Nancy Parkerson	Susan Lashway
John Delap	Joe Baldassini

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.

*There will be no daily Mass at St. Anthony Church next week, July 3 and July 7.*

**Haven:** This week's top five needs are white or brown rice, canned veggies, tuna, can openers and pasta. 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 June 17-18:	\$ 3,606.78
Building Repairs (March):	\$ 625.00
Building Repairs (April):	\$ 460.00
Fuel/Energy (March):	\$ 630.00
Fuel/Energy (April):	\$ 618.00

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

*Message from Fr. Rick*

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Jesus – The New Adam

The scriptures are filled with “types” people or events that besides having their own individual meaning and importance, are also foreshadowings, “hints”, if you will, that point to people or events that lie in the future. The Exodus from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land for example, is a “type” of the salvation that Jesus Christ would bring not to just a single nation but to all peoples. As Moses led his people from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land, so too Jesus leads all of God’s people (all humanity) to freedom from slavery to sin. This is what St. Paul is getting at in this weekend’s 2<sup>nd</sup> reading from his letter to the Romans. Jesus, he explains is the “New Adam” just as Adam, by his sin doomed the human race, his descendants to sin and death. Jesus by his one act of perfect and perfectly human and completely free obedience to God saves the human race from sin and death!

Fr. Rick

**Please be aware Fr. Danielson will be away beginning Sunday afternoon July, 2<sup>nd</sup> returning to the Parish on Thursday evening July 6<sup>th</sup>. In case of emergency, please contact Deacon John Guarino at St. Anthony Parish at 802-295-2225. Thank You**

## Father Rick’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

On Tuesday July, 11<sup>th</sup> I will celebrate my 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood!

I will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving to God for the blessings and graces of the last 25 years on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish followed by a reception (outside weather permitting). I would be honored with the presence of you my parishioners. Your presence will be your gift.

Thank You,

Father Rick

**Second Collection This Weekend:** Our second collection today is for Peter’s Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence). **Please make checks payable to St. Anthony Church.**

**Third Order of Mary:** You are cordially invited to join us at the next monthly meeting on Sunday, July 2nd at noon at the home of Marilyn White, 35 Stacy Lane, White River Jct. We pray, meditate and support each other in our journey to imitate the mind and heart of Mary. Please call Marilyn White (802) 295-3507 with questions.

**Bishop’s Fund:** You will have received at least one request by this date from Bishop Coyne asking for your support for the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Please respond generously. In addition to monies distributed for charitable works, including Vermont Catholic Charities, the diocese is able to be a valuable resource to all parishes, large and small. This week, you’ll meet staff from our Safe Environments department, as well as human resources. They could not continue all that they do, statewide, without your support. Please visit [Bishopsappealvt.org](http://Bishopsappealvt.org) to see how these two departments offer services and support beyond the Chancery, to all parishes.

**Healing Service:** There will be a healing service at the La Salette Shrine, Route 4-A, Enfield, NH, **this Sunday, June 25 at 2:00 p.m.** with Fr. Lance Harlow. **In July**, there will be a concert on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and a Healing Service on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Both the healing service and the concert will feature Fr. André “Pat” Patenaude, M.S. All are welcome to attend.

**Summer Lecture Series:** Join us Wednesday evenings at 7:00 at St. Denis Church in Hanover, NH for “Where God Is in ...”, a Summer Lecture Series by the Dominican Student Brothers. Next up on June 28<sup>th</sup> – Rock ‘n’ Roll. In July, watch for Politics on July 5; Vacation on July 12; Emotions on July 19.