

Sunday, Aug 27, 2017

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Rock-solid faith

Peter got a lot of things wrong in his dealings with Christ, but on the day when Jesus asked him, “Who do you say I am?” Peter got it right and proved himself an astute and faithful disciple. Jesus’ response to Peter’s confession: “You are the Rock and upon this rock I will build my church.” Jesus chose Peter—despite his many instances of flawed thinking—to care for his faith community because Peter’s spiritual core was rock solid. The lesson here for all Christians is that it is our commitment to follow Jesus, not our perfect understanding, that creates a sturdy foundation of faith.

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20 (121) “*You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.*”

Monday, Aug 28, 2017

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Unsinkable Saint Augustine

While some famous people may have amazing rags-to-riches stories to tell, the drama that launched Saint Augustine (354-430) to greatness went from reprobate to repentant. A brilliant young man who indulged in earthly pleasures to excess (dismaying his mom, Saint Monica), he became “born again” and embraced the opposite extreme, condemning everything appealing to the senses. Thankfully, this champion of church teaching finally chose a more forgiving path, admitting, “Our hearts are restless till they rest in Thee!”

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22 (425) “*One who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who is seated on it.*”

Tuesday, Aug 29, 2017

MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Takes criticism well

It’s human to feel pain and anger, especially at times when you’ve made a mistake and have been soundly called on the carpet for it. King Herod’s wife Herodias wanted to get even with John the Baptist after he spoke out about something she was involved in that was morally wrong. Herodias got revenge, but not a better life. Although hers is an example of extreme vengeance, the moral of her story is one worth remembering. When you make mistakes that others rightfully point out, you can punish the messenger or take the message to heart, but only by doing the latter can you make things right.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (426); Mark 6:17-29 (634) “*Herodias harbored a grudge against [John the Baptist] and wanted to kill him but was unable to do so.*”

Wednesday, Aug 30, 2017

Do what you say

The word *hypocrite* comes from the Greek for “one who acts on a stage” and means “a person who puts on a false appearance of virtue or religion.” Hypocrisy was one of Jesus’ frequent targets, and the criticism of hypocrisy has played a major role in Christian moral life ever since. Those who say one thing and do another, who want people to think they are something different than what they really are, or who hold others to standards they themselves don’t keep fall under this ignominious title. The simple antidote to

hypocrisy comes from *integrity*: consistency between your thoughts and actions and between those actions and what you expect of others.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32 (427) “*On the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing.*”

Thursday, Aug 31, 2017

Ready or not, here I come

On this day in 1886, America recorded its first major earthquake, in Charleston, South Carolina. Forty-one people were killed. We never know when tragedy may strike. Our faith keeps us moving forward. We can’t freeze up terrified of what might come. Living as good a life as we can is the best preparation for whatever happens. So put today in God’s hands and live well and fully. That is the way to make it through anything.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51 (428) “*Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.*”

Friday, Sep 01, 2017

Keeping vigil

Years ago a cartoon appeared in which a monk is standing on a golf course flying a kite. In the distance, two astonished golfers are staring up at the kite, on which is written the word “repent.” This cartoon was a gentler version of the stereotypical wild-eyed, long-haired prophet roaming the streets holding a sign calling on all to mend their ways because Jesus is about to come back. While these figures may seem a little ridiculous, they have a point. We don’t know when the Lord will return, so it’s best to be ready at all times. But we do not wait for him out of fear. If we live in Christ’s presence now, we will have nothing to be afraid of when we meet him again.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13 (429) “*Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.*”

Saturday, Sep 02, 2017

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A prayer for one and all

Saturdays are not only the traditional day to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary but also the day of the week to pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, the preeminent “Marian” prayer. In prayerfully meditating on the events of the Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary, the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, the Birth of Jesus, the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, and the Finding of Jesus in the Temple, we “weave our intentions, thoughts, imagination, emotions, and desire for union with Christ,” says Alice Camille in her award-winning article for VISION Vocation Network, “Full of grace: Reclaiming the Rosary.” The Rosary is a prayer that speaks to everyone as the church but also to each person as an individual. What is it saying to you today?

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30 (430) “*Well done, my good and faithful servant.*”



Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street

White River Jct. Vermont

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 27, 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, August 26	4:00 P.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish
Sunday, August 27	8:30 A.M.	Elnora Smith by her son
Monday, August 28	9:00 A.M.	Frank & Margaret Melisi by Esposito estate
Friday, September 1	9:00 A.M.	Pierre Toutain birthday remembrance by granddaughter
Saturday, September 2	4:00 P.M.	Gen Cleveland 7th anniversary by her daughter
Sunday, September 3	8:30 A.M.	The People of Saint Anthony Parish



Sr. Alice Vincent, C.S.J.	Rosa Maria Santos
Susan Lashway	Samuel Yahoub
Nancy Parkerson	John Delap
Katie Powell	Theresa Lund
Richard Woodward II	Edmond Gaudette
Frank Klymn	Gerard Tellier
Richard Temple	Rose Temple
Michael Temple	Sean Hamilton
Mary Mayette	Vicky Chambers

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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dustin Calevro, the grandson of a parishioner, who died. May his family find solace in their faith and in the promise of eternal life with our heavenly Father.

Third Order of Mary: The next meeting will be Sunday, September 3rd 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. 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 August 19-20:	\$ 3,471.00
Holy Day – Assumption of Mary:	\$ 668.00

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

Message from Fr. Rick

“Who do you say that I am?”

If there is a million dollar question out there it is this one.

My answer to this question will determine my eternal destiny.

A noted Protestant evangelist puts the question Jesus asks like this: Jesus: Lord, Liar, or Lunatic.

“Who do you say that I am?”

Jesus is unique in world history
Because He claims to be God!
No other founder of religion makes this claim
Not Moses
Not Mohammed
Not the Buddha
But Jesus, by His words and actions, by His miracles reveals who He is.

“ ... The Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

Religious Education: It is time again to think of enrolling your children in our Religious Ed program. Registration forms are available at the back of the church or in the parish office. Please return them no later than September 17. Classes will begin for grades 1 thru 5, Sunday, September 24, 2017 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the Religious Ed building. There will be a new time for Middle School classes. Grades 6 thru 10 will meet Sunday evenings, starting September 24, 2017, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the rectory basement.

Teen Mass: We will be hosting a Teen Mass on Sunday, September 17, 2017, at 4:00 pm. Please join us for Mass, potluck, and plenty of fellowship and fun. Teens from 6th grade to 12th grade are welcomed!

Christmas Bazaar: A Planning Meeting will be held this Wednesday, August 30th at 6:00 pm in the Rectory Basement. We hope everyone is having a great summer and looking forward to the 33rd Annual Christmas Bazaar. Please join us on August 30th to see how your special talents can help make this the biggest and best Bazaar ever! As always, the success of the Bazaar depends on our parishioners. We have many different opportunities that require as much or as little time as you have to help. Call Jim (802-738-4602) or Vicki Flanagan (802-738-4600) to learn more. We look forward to hearing from you or seeing you on August 30th!

Canning Jars: We have canning jars available and *ready to be filled!* All sizes available, from the very big to the very small. *We sure would like to fill them all!* If you plan to can for the bazaar please contact the parish office for pick-up.

Knights of Columbus Dinner: On Saturday, September 9, 2017 a Stuffed Roast 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. The dinner is being held to raise funds for the Knights of Columbus. 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.

Haven: Summertime is a busy time for us all, with vacations and fun warm-weather activities. We ask that you not forget that there is no vacation from hunger and hurting for those who are in precarious housing situations. Kids do not have access to school breakfasts and lunches, and it is more difficult for families to stretch their food resources to cover those extra meals. The food shelf continues to see an increase in the number of families we are serving. Tell your neighbors about us, and ask for their help. *Garden produce is always welcome (please bring directly to the Haven.)*

Haven: This week's top five needs are soup, canned beans, tuna, cereal and pasta sauce. Non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the top of the stairs. Thank you!