

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

WELCOMING ALL PEOPLE TO WORSHIP GOD IN THE GENIUS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

January 12, 2025

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

309 Gower Street Greenville, South Carolina 29611 Parish Office: 864–233–7717 www.stanthonysgvl.org

Parish Info

WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S!

MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Evening: 5 PM Sunday: 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 PM (Noon)

> HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS 11 AM & 6 PM

> > WEEKDAY MASS Tuesday - Friday: 11 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 12 PM (Noon) - 1:00 PM Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM Or by Appointment

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Please see an Usher before Mass

PARISH OFFICE

Physical Location: 204 Douthit St. Monday thru Thursday 9 AM - 4 PM Friday 9 AM - 12 PM Phone: (864) 233-7717 Website: www.stanthonysgvl.org

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: (864) 271-0167 Website: www.stanthonyschoolgvl.org

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Diocesan Office: (843) 261-0430

DO YOU NEED HELP?

Financial Assistance: (864) 233-7717 ext. 0 Catholic Charities: (864) 331-2626 Food Pantry: (864) 233-7717

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

The men and women who serve in the armed forces do so with a sacrificial love for our country and the world. Lifting them up in prayer to our Lord must be our humble, and yet great support for them.

Lord, may your love encircle our military as they work across the world to install justice and peace for all. And be their hope through the difficulties and stress they face each day. We welcome all new members and visitors to our parish. Please email Kyle Hall at <u>kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org</u> if you would like to register. Please visit www.stanthonysgvl.org for more information.

SATURDAY, 1/11	THURSDAY, 1/16
• 5 pm	• 11 AM
SUNDAY, 1/12	FRIDAY, 1/17
• 8 AM	• 11 AM
• 10 AM	
• 12 PM	SATURDAY, 1/18
	• 5 PM
TUESDAY, 1/14	
• 11 AM	SUNDAY, 1/19
	• 8 AM
WEDNESDAY 1/15	• 10 AM
• 11 AM	• 12 PM

only Catholic tradition, it is biblical (2 Maccabees 12: 38-46). Mass intention is also a wonderful gift for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc.

living or deceased. In fact, asking for Mass intention for the deceased is not

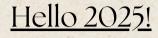
Please call the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention.

HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

If you are sick at home or in the hospital, have a member of your family notify the parish if you are not able to notify us yourself. We care about you and want to help you when you need help from your church family.

If there is someone you would like to be added on the prayer list OR removed, please contact the Parish Office: 864-233-7717 ext 2. Thank you!

News From Our School





We Welcome our students and families back, and we hope everyone had a great, safe break!



The next few weeks will be filled with lots of learning and great adventures!

Catholic School Week begins on January 26 -February 1st! Stay tuned for a fun filled week!

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Fr. Emerson Rodriguez Delgado Administrator erodriguez@charlestondiocese.org

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Steve Olson Deacon Dexter Gourdin Deacon Phil Allen Deacon Winston Wright (Retired) Deacon Anthony Cassandra (Retired)

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Knights of Columbus	
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Richard Cortese	
Knights of Peter Claver	
Paul Latimore	
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Micah Ministry	
David Quast	

PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTS

Active Parishoner

The criteria for an Active Parishioner are:

- Weekly participation in worship through attendance at Sunday Mass and on Holy Days of Obligation.
- Volunteer at St. Anthony's on regular basis (Time)
- Active involvement in a parish ministry/organization (Talent)
- Weekly or monthly use of parish envelopes or online giving (Treasure)

Do you have a couple of hours to volunteer?

Our school is looking for volunteers to work in the school library. Virtus training is required. If you are not trained, it is easy to complete. Interested persons should email Sharon Scovel at <u>scovelsc@aol.com</u> or Paulette Payne at <u>Paulettejpayne@charter.com</u>. Thank you for your support. Those seeking to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Matrimony *must be registered members for at least six months* prior to reception of these Sacraments. You must be a registered member of the parish to ask for Godparent or Sponsor's form of eligibility.

Infant Baptism Class for Parents

Parents must be registered and active member of St. Anthony's. Class is offered on the third Thursday of every month. Preregistration is required. Please call the office to pre-register. Baptisms are not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

First Holy Communion

Preparation begins in the first grade and continues into second grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week in August.

Confirmation

Preparation begins in the eighth grade and continues into ninth grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week of August. Adults who have not been confirmed and would like

to receive the Sacrament are asked to contact the parish office.

Marriage

You must be registered and active member at least six months prior to preparation of the Sacrament. Couples should call the parish office and speak to the priest/ Deacon for pre-nuptial inquiries. Then the couple will begin formal marriage preparations at least six months prior to the wedding date. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) This is a process through which nonbaptized adults known as catechumens or baptized adults who wish to convert from other faith traditions enter in communion with the Catholic Church. Classes begins in September. If you wish to become a Catholic, please call the parish office.

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PASTORAL REFLECTION & WEEKLY OFFERTORY RECAP

FROM THE DESK OF OUR ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Emerson Rodriguez Delgado

Dear friends, this Sunday, we find Jesus at the Jordan River as He is baptized by John the Baptist. No longer the baby in the manger. He now stands as a grown man, ready to step into His mission. As He rises from the water, the heavens open, and He hears His Father's voice: "This is my Son, the Beloved; with Him I am well pleased." Can you imagine that moment? Hearing the voice of God affirming your identity, your purpose, your very being?

Here's the amazing thing: God has that same joy and delight for each of us. Yes, you read that right. God looks at you today and says, "You are my beloved." Do we take the time to listen? To believe it deep in our hearts? God's love for you is real, and He invites you to find joy in the One who takes joy in you.

For Jesus, His baptism was the beginning of His ministry. He started on the extraordinary foundation of being loved and called by God. Through His baptism, Jesus entered into the mystery of life, death, love, purpose, and discernment.

But what about us? Baptism is the moment when God claims us, saying, "You belong to me." It is far more than just a sprinkle of water and a photo. It's a defining moment. Through baptism, we share in Christ's threefold mission: prophet, priest and servant king. We are united with Him in His death and resurrection. Baptism makes us new creations in Christ, and invites us into a life of hope, purpose, and joy.

Yet, let's be honest: living out our faith isn't always easy, is it? Some days, we might find ourselves asking: Why believe? Does faith really matter? Am I truly living out the promises made in my baptism? Am I letting God shape my choices and guide my life? If you wrestle with these questions, you are not alone. Faith isn't about having all the answers. It's about trusting that God meets us where we are— broken, uncertain, or struggling. He journeys with us and help us start again, no matter how many times we fall.

Pope Francis reminds us that faith isn't a dusty relic from the past or a rigid set of rules. Faith is alive and dynamic. It's a relationship with Christ that deepens every time we encounter Him. And in a community of faith like ours here at Saint Anthony, we don't just experience Christ's love individually—we experience Him through one another.

This is why faith matters. Faith transforms us. It gives us purpose when nothing else makes sense. It fills us with joy, even when everything seems bleak. It gives us strength when we feel like we can't go on. Even in our darkest hours, faith anchors us in God's love and infuses us with hope and resilience. Alleluia!

Baptism isn't just something we celebrate and forget. It's the start of a lifelong adventure with God. The Spirit guides and sustains us, and the support of our community encourages and inspires us. After all, some days are tough, and a warm cup of coffee just isn't enough. We need each other.

Howard Thurman captures the work we're called to in these words:

"When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among people, to make music in the heart."

This is the mission we are called to live out. And the good news is, we don't do this alone. The Holy Spirit is with us, like a fire burning within. God's love is like that fire. It changes and strengthens us from the inside out. We can trust the One who leads us through the fire, the One whose hands bear the scars of love and forgiveness, the One who died for us and rose again so that we might live forever with Him.

So today, let's renew and commit to this lifelong adventure with Christ. Let's step forward in faith, as God's beloved children, and live this baptismal life to the fullest

- sharing the Good News, serving those in need, and reflecting God's love in all that we do. Are we ready? May God bless you as we embark on this adventure together. Amen.

BULLETIN CONTENT SUBMISSION

Anyone parish group/organization wishing to submit items for publishing in the weekly bulletin should send the content to Kyle Hall (kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org) by end of day Tuesday for the coming weekend's bulletin. Submissions may have to be edited due to space constraints.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT The First Friday's of each month from 12pm5pm Please consider taking time with Jesus this week. WEEKLY OFFERTORY PARTICIPATION Collections for January 4-5 Masses



Envelopes/Cash Online Giving Total \$8,470.50 \$29,449.77 **\$37,920.27**

<u>Giving Online</u> makes it easier and more convenient to contribute to St. Anthony's Church. Scan the QR code to the right by opening your camera app to start giving online.

<u>Stewardship</u> is not only about the needs of the Church, rather it is about our desire to give back to God in thanksgiving, by sharing with others the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us.

The true spirit of Stewardship is "Equal Sacrifice and not Equal Giving."

Spiritual Life

The South Carolina Student Life Summit will be January 11, 2025, at 2:00pm at the Village Church, 2204 Park St., Downtown Columbia, SC. All students are welcome. Come join us for fellowship, information and service project. Get your tickets at studentlifesummit.com For more information, Cbrown@charlestondiocese.org.

January 18-19, 2025 MINISTRY

SATURDAY, 1/18: 5PM

ALTAR SERVERS Mackenzie Grove Maria Paula Jaramillo

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Tony Smith(Host) Mark O'Rourke (Cup 1) Renee Puckett Smith (Cup 2) Bobbie Cancelliere (Cup 3)

> SCRIPTURE READERS Ingrid Smith(Lector 1) Rick Floyd (Lector 2)

> > USHERS Rick Flyod Jim Tetor Beth Holcombe Bill Kirkpatrick Kathy Peot Mike Hemmert

SUNDAY, 1/19: 8AM

ALTAR SERVERS Noah Armstrong J'Carey Cade

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Bonnie Carfolite (Host) Stephanie Rosso (Cup 1) Dianne Hemmert (Cup 2) Michael Hemmert (Cup 3)

SCRIPTURE READERS Rose Martinez-Brandon (Lector 1) David Carfolite (Lector 2)

> USHERS Mike Ayers Lynn Sholl Robert McDowell Lillie Jones Nicky Jones Jeff Sholl

SUNDAY, 1/19: 10AM

ALTAR SERVERS James Filchak Rita Galley JB Lacy

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Mary Ann Turner (Host) Camilla Hertwig (Cup 1) Barbara Prinzing (Cup 3) Erena Allen (Cup 3)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Deidre Cooper (Lector 1) Nadra Taylor (Lector 2)

> USHERS Bob Dastou Mike Connor Jay Korybski Jim Stavakas Tom Creagan Pam Chivers

SUNDAY, 1/19: 12 PM

ALTAR SERVERS David Mitchell-Dela Cruz Nick St. Pierre Michael St. Pierre

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Emir Ramirez (Host)

Gwen Whitner (Cup 1) Jessie Bowens (Cup 2) Dawn Davis (Cup 3)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Leanne Ramirez (Lector 1) John Gregory (Lector 2)

> USHERS Tom Moeller Mariel Hunkeler Bryant Boyd Ron Drennon Ray Lecuyer Cynthia Riley

JANUARY 12- JANUARY 19

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00am- Breakfast SAP Social Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00pm- OCIA SAP Social Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

6:15pm- Unity Choir SAP Church

6:30pm- Living Waters Bible Study ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

6:00pm- CCD Classes SAP Parish and School

Spiritual Life

January 25-26, 2025 MINISTRY

SATURDAY, 1/25: 5PM

ALTAR SERVERS Mary Grace Gilchrist Maria Paula Jaramillo

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Erena Allen(Host) Laura Combs (Cup 1) Jim Tetor (Cup 2) Jane Kirkpatrick (Cup 3)

SCRIPTURE READERS Bobbie Cancelliere (Lector 1) Dianne Hemmert (Lector 2)

> USHERS Rick Flyod Jim Tetor Beth Holcombe Bill Kirkpatrick Kathy Peot Mike Hemmert

SUNDAY, 1/26: 8AM

ALTAR SERVERS Kai Armstrong Bonnie Carfolite

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST David Carfolite (Host) Anna Byrd (Cup 1) Maggie Kleger (Cup 2) Kyle Herr

SCRIPTURE READERS Paulette Payne (Lector 1) Emma Baldwin (Lector 2)

> USHERS Mike Ayers Lynn Sholl Robert McDowell Lillie Jones Nicky Jones Jeff Sholl

SUNDAY, 1/26: 10AM

ALTAR SERVERS Patrick Doyle Audrey Gilstrap Tatum Terracino

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Cindy Caudill(Host) Ronnie Hudson (Cup 1) Barbara Prinzing (Cup 3) Mary Morris Williams

SCRIPTURE READERS Delores Martinez (Lector 1) Diane Ryan (Lector 2)

USHERS Bob Dastou Mike Connor Jay Korybski Jim Stavakas Tom Creagan

Pam Chivers

SUNDAY, 1/26: 12 PM

ALTAR SERVERS Julian Perry Jaxson Perry Jordan Perry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

OF THE EUCHARIST Carole Conlon (Host) Dawn Davis (Cup 1) Joan Higgins (Cup 2) Mary Kania (Cup 3)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Gwen Whitner (Lector 1) Jessie Bowens (Lector 2)

USHERS

Tom Moeller Mariel Hunkeler Bryant Boyd Ron Drennon Ray Lecuyer Cynthia Riley

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00am- Breakfast SAP Social Hall

Year-End Recap



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Upcoming Parish Events

Join us for the Annual St. Anthony of Padra Prayer Breakfast **PICKLEBALL PLAY** CANCELED on January 18th 2025 SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th, 2025 9-11 AM PARISH SOCIAL HALL in the St. Anthony Gymnasium "The Throne Room" This Parish and Community Event oonsored by the Women's Counci



In South Carolina, ~44% of our Neighbors make up the **ALICE** population and face financial instability. **ALICE** stands for **A**sset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed. Predatory lenders take advantage of our ALICE Neighbors and set them up for a life of endless debt.

The MICAH Program, a catholic lay ministry founded by St. Anthony parishioners, helps people in financial crisis find low cost loans and offers them financial mentoring.

We need your help as we grow the number of Neighbors we are trying to help. Please consider volunteering your time and your talent as Mentors in the MICAH Program. Our Mentors work with our Neighbors to help them secure a low-cost loan with our financial partner, Self-Help Credit Union.

Currently, we are severely limited in serving Spanish speaking Neighbors. *Por favor, si hablas Espanol, necesitamos tu ayuda!*

Contact David Quast at 864-906-2632 or Jim Stavrakas at 864-325-4028 to learn how you can help.

Let us recall Matthew 24:40: "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of My Brethren, ye have done it unto Me"

Scripture Readings For The Week

January 12. THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

January 13, Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20

January 14, Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

January 15, Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

January 16, Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

January 17, Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot Heb 4:1-5. 11/Mk 2:1-12

January 18, Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

January 19, SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Scripture online at - bible.usccb.org



Together We Pray For

Alice Rigler Ann Fournier Ann Moore Ann Nechodom Annette Martin Anthony Davis **Bill Higgins** Carl Sunderlin Charlene Palmer **Chester Williams**

Clarice Hanly David Burnett Dee Dee Dzikowicz Donna Neeley Donna Nickels Dorothy Baker Drew Butterfield **Elaine Greggs** Ellaniose Johnson Eric Kuhn

Families

Barb & Vern Prinzing Dana Lacher **Duhe Family** Catherine & Michael Branca Doug, Debbie, & Barbara DeLeu Karen Randall & Family

Billy Mayes Ronnie Glenn Gregory Kuhn Hazel Hill Jen Duhe Jonathan Turner Joseph Neito Juliet Roy

Joyce Croce

Erica Hardy

Scott Cely Family Michael & Ruth Walters Tessa & George Skoniecki Deacon Richard Murtaugh Deacon Steve & Susan Olson Deacon Winston Wright

Individuals

Julius Pinson Jr. Laura Drummond Laurie Rappl Lillie Davis Lori Cortese Lori McGinley Malik McCauley Margaret Morris Marie Therese Isdiore Marilyn Daly Mary Ann Turner

Martha Cotel Mary Cormican Mary Curran Matthew Bryson Maureen Lukovic Megan Counihan Mary Ann Turner Melvin Armstrong Michael Davis Olivia Brown

Rhonda Brown **Richard Cortese Richard Palmer** Sabrina Walker Sammy Huguet Sandra McNaughton Sharon Bryant Sharon Patton Sherri Hoffman Stephan Pleasant

Steve Miller Stuart MacNaughton Tara Cleary Thelma Williams **Tom James** Troy Koon Tyler Daly Korybski Wilbert Morgan Willie Davis **Ruth Henderson**

Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Clenty Fair Nicole Campbell Little