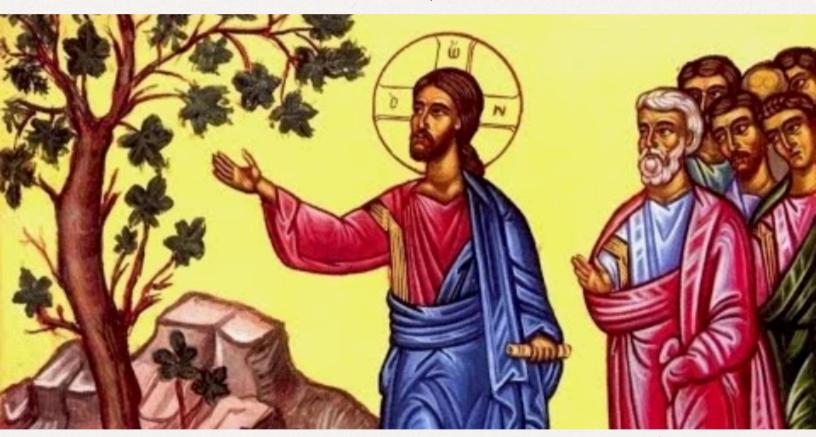


St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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

March 23, 2025



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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PARISH INFORMATION

WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S!

We welcome all new members and visitors to our parish. Please email Kyle Hall at kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org. to register, or you can also register online - scan the QR code below by opening your camera app



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: 11:30 AM - 12:30 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

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CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Diocesan Office: (843) 261-0430

DO YOU NEED HELP?

Financial Assistance: (864) 233-7717 ext. 0

Catholic Charities: (864) 331-2626

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, 3/22

• 5 pm Norma Gonzalez 📋

SUNDAY, 3/23

- 8 AM
- 10 AM Adam Ewoldsen
- 12 PM

TUESDAY, 3/25

• 11 AM Dave Turner

WEDNESDAY 3/26

• 11 AM

THURSDAY, 3/27

• 11 AM

FRIDAY, 3/28

• 11 AM

SATURDAY, 3/29

• 5 PM Ma May Grim 🚹

SUNDAY, 3/30

- 8 AM Herbet Charles Marshall Jr.
- 10 AM
- 12 PM
- 5 PM Youth Mass Special Intention for the Youth

It is a wonderful Catholic tradition to request a Mass Intention for loved ones; living or deceased. In fact, asking for Mass intention for the deceased is not 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.

Please call the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention.

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR

Individuals

Alice Rigler Ann Fournier Ann Moore Ann Nechodom Annette Martin Anthony Davis Bill Higgins Clarice Hanly Charlene Palmer Chester Williams David Burnett Dee Dee Dzikowicz Donna Neelev Donna Nickels Dorothy Baker Drew Butterfield Elaine Greggs Ellaniose Johnson Eric Kuhn Erica Hardy Billy Mayes Ronnie Glenn Gregory Kuhn Hazel Hill Jen Duhe Jonathan Turner Joseph Neito Joyce Croce Julius Pinson Ir Laura Drummond Laurie Rappl Lillie Davis Lori Cortese

Lori McGinley Malik McCauley Margaret Morris Marie Therese Isdiore Marilyn Daly 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

Ruth Henderson 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 Tyler Korybski Wilbert Morgan Willie Davis

Families

Barb & Vern Prinzing Dana Lacher Duhe Family Catherine & Michael Branca Doug, Debbie, & Barbara DeLeu Karen Randall & Family Scott Cely Family Michael & Ruth Walters Tessa & George Skoniecki Deacon Richard Murtaugh Deacon Steve & Susan Olson Deacon Winston Wright Juan & Christina Francisco

Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Clenty Fair Nicole Campbell Little

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!

PARISH REGISTRATION & SACRAMENTS

ACTIVE PARISHONER

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

PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTS

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. **To register, please email Kyle Hall at kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org**, or you can also <u>register online</u> – scan the QR code below by opening your camera app.



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. Pre- registration 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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

This is a process through which non-baptized 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.

BULLETIN CONTENT SUBMISSION

Anyone parish group/organization wishing to submit items for publishing in the weekly bulletin should send the content to **Daffodil Behal (sapgvlcomms@gmail.com)** by **end of day Tuesday** for the coming weekend's bulletin. Submissions after the deadline will be included in the Sunday email.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is not only about the needs of church, rather it is about our desires to give back to God in thanksgiving; by sharing with others the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us. If you would be interested in joining our Stewardship Committee, please contact Jay Pitts at 864-233-7717 ext. 4.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY PARTICIPATION

Collections for March 15-16 Masses

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\$16,784.36

Online Giving \$13,238.77

Envelopes/Cash

Total \$30,023.13

Second Collection - House Fire for Ken's Daughter

Total \$8,114.00

Giving Online 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.

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

SPIRITUAL LIFE

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Emerson Rodriguez Delgado

Have you ever felt, deep in your soul, that God might be asking more of you than you're ready—or willing—to give? Pope Francis speaks of Him as "the God of another possibility." That's a comforting thought, isn't it? But if we're honest, it's also a little terrifying. What if stepping into that possibility means walking away from the safety of what you know? What if it means confronting the parts of yourself you've been avoiding?

Let's make this personal. Imagine Jesus scrolling through your life like a timeline. I'm talking about everything—the late-night searches in your browser history, the words you wish you could take back, the dreams you buried because they felt too risky or impossible. The potential God gave you that you've ignored, paused, or dismissed. He sees all of it.

What would He see? A life of honest faith? Or a carefully curated performance? Something you've polished up just for the show. How many of us are spiritually starving while everything on the outside looks fine? "That's me, Lord."

That fig tree Jesus talks about in His parable in Lk 13:1-9—it's a mirror. For three years, it bore no fruit. Nada. The owner says, "Cut it down. Why should it waste the soil?" That feels harsh, doesn't it? But think about it: how many of us are living like that fig tree? Soaking up blessings. Yet producing... nothing. No change. No growth. No impact. Just leaves, dragged around by the winds of life.

Here's a hard truth: What's the point of faith if it doesn't change you? Why spend hours in worship, in prayer, in routine religious habits if your heart stays the same? Christianity isn't supposed to be a hobby or a social club. It's not something to fit neatly into your life when it's convenient. It's not about being "better than most people" or checking off boxes on some imaginary "good Christian" checklist. Christianity is about transformation. And transformation is hard. Radical. Messy. Uncomfortable. It forces you to wrestle with who you are and who God is calling you to be. And let me tell you—wrestling with God's calling will shake you to your core.

Now, we love to talk about our "Christian roots," don't we? We love to say, "Oh, I've been in the church since I was in diapers," but roots mean nothing if they don't bear fruit. Where's the justice? The compassion? The love? The unity right here in St Anthony? And not just the easy kind of love—a quick kind word or a "friendly" smile or that "bless your heart" we throw out to avoid dealing with people. No, no, I mean the kind of love that costs you something. Your bias? Your sense of superiority? That judgmental attitude? That gossip? Oops! I went there. The kind of love that makes you stay when you'd rather walk away. The kind of love Jesus lived—messy, real, sacrificial, kenotic love.

Here's the thing: God loves you as you are, but He never intended to leave you there. He sees the potential hidden under the distractions, the insecurities, and the excuses you've been making for years. Like the gardener in Jesus' parable, God looks at your life and says, "Give it one more year. I'll dig around it. I'll fertilize it. I'll do everything I can to help it grow." Thank you, Jesus, for your patience!

But let's not romanticize this—fertilizer? That's just a nice word for manure. Oh yes, growth is messy. It's uncomfortable. It stinks. And growth hurts. Pruning? Painful. Transformation isn't a spring cleaning or gentle makeover for Lent. It's tearing down the walls you've built around your heart, your family, and your community. It's uprooting bad habits, breaking toxic cycles, and letting go of the things you think you can't live without.

So, let me ask you again: What kind of fruit is God asking you to grow? And I'm not talking about the fruit you want to grow—the kind that earns applause or makes you look good. I'm talking about the fruit He knows you need. Maybe it's compassion for someone who's hard to love. Maybe it's forgiveness when holding onto bitterness feels easier. Maybe it's patience when you can't see the end of the struggle. Whatever it is, it's probably not the easy thing. But it's the right. It's the thing that will transform you into who God created you to be.

So, my dear friends, what will it be? Will you stay the same?

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God is still the God of another possibility. Offering you one more chance to become the person He created you to be. Are you ready to grow together here as St Anthony Fam? If you are, somebody say, "Amen" Amen!

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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSSFridays during Lent at 6:00 PM inside the Church

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

Pi Day provided the perfect opportunity to engage our students, faculty, and staff in a math-inspired celebration. Together, we showcased our creativity by crafting the iconic π symbol and enjoyed a delicious treat of apple pie. Celebrated annually on March 14th (3/14), this special day honors the mathematical constant π (pi), approximately 3.14. What a perfectly calculated way to recognize the significance of 3.14!



The middle school tour offered our 5th-grade students a meaningful opportunity to explore their options and make well-informed decisions about their middle school education. Throughout the tour, they visited Prince of Peace, St. Joseph's, and Our Lady of the Rosary, with Hughes Academy serving as the final destination, bringing this insightful and enriching experience to a close.



Our St. Patrick's Day celebrations began with great enthusiasm as our talented team designed inventive traps to outsmart the mischievous Leprechaun. True to his reputation, he left a trail of playful chaos, turning our school upside down! The day was filled with joy, enchantment, and engaging activities in every classroom. It was truly a memorable and festive occasion for all.









MINISTRY LIFE

Youth Ministry Dinner Highlights

Thank you to all that attended our Youth Ministry event this past Sunday! We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on **March 30th at 5:00 PM** for a special Mass given by Fr. Emerson. After Mass there will be a meal provided for the youth.









MARCH 29-30, 2025 LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 3/29: 5 PM

ALTAR SERVERS

Mackenzie Grove NOT FILLED

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Laura Combs (Host) Emilie Cantrell (Cup 1) Jane Kirkpatrick (Cup 2) Mark O'Rourke (Cup 3)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Dianne Hemmert(Lector 1) Rick Floyd (Lector 2)

USHERS

Ken O'Malley Kathy Peot Beth Holcombe Bill Kirkpatrick Ed Frey Mike Hemmert

SUNDAY, 3/30: 8 AM

ALTAR SERVERS

Chris Powers Jacob Powers Tom Tilert

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Anna Byrd (Host) Maggie Kleger (Cup 1) Stephanie Rosso (Cup 2) Mary Ann Boyd (Cup 3)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Kimberly Clarke (Lector 1) Kathleen Bitsura (Lector 2)

USHERS

Mike Ayers Robert McDowell Ann Moore Lynn Sholl Lillie Jones Nicky Jones

SUNDAY, 3/30: 10 AM

ALTAR SERVERS

Cindy Caudill James Filchak Tatum Terracino

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mary Morris Williams (Host) Mary Ann Turner (Cup 1) Erena Allen (Cup 2) Kathy Rogozenski (Cup 3)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Sandy Thompson (Lector 1) Mary Corner (Lector 2)

USHERS

Bob Dastou Pam Chivers Mike Connor Jay Korybski Dan Krick Tom Creagan

SUNDAY, 3/30: 12 PM

ALTAR SERVERS

Jaxon Perry Jordan Perry Julian Perry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Gwen Whitner (Host) Joan Higgins (Cup 1) Joseph Green (Cup 2) Suzanne Richmond (Cup 3)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Maureen Watts (Lector 1) Jessie Bowens (Lector 2)

USHERS

Tom Moeller Bryant Boyd Mariel Hunkeler Ray Lecuyer Cynthia Riley Ronnie Dreenon

MINISTRY LIFE





Servant Hearts Flocknote group

Stay connected to what's happening in the parish by joining our Servant Hearts Flocknote group!

- · Prayer Requests
- Upcoming Events
- · Ministry Highlights
- · Ways to Get Involve & More!



HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE

The Health Ministry is sponsoring

The Walk to Jerusalem.

We are making it easier for you this year. You don't even need to sign up. All you need is do is keep track of your steps and put your name and weekly steps on a piece of paper and place them in the box in the lobby each week. The box will say Walk to Jerusalem.

Also, we are making it easier to get involved with the Walk. Each Sunday after 8, 10, and 12pm masses the gym will be open for you. There will be a health ministry member to record your steps. We will let you how many steps it takes to do a lap.

Let's get walking friends!

Any questions call Mary McNicholas: 864-630-1081

40 DAYS FOR LIFE MIDPOINT RALLY

We are excited to announce that Dr. Haywood Robinson will join us for our Midpoint Rally on Tuesday, March 25th at 6:00 pm in the parking lot of Christ the King Church, 1223 Grove Road. Dr. Robinson is a former abortion provider who converted and is now 40 Days for Life director of medical affairs and education. He is co-author of The Scalpel and the Soul: Our Radical Transformation as Husband and Wife Abortion Doctors. Please come and help us welcome him. We will have music and refreshments.

You may wish to bring a chair.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH SURVEY FOR PARISHIONERS

Dear Parishioners,

Father Emerson and the Parish Council are beginning the strategic planning process for St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. As we embark on this journey, we want to better understand the people who worship with us.

We invite you to conduct a short survey to help us gather this important information. You can complete the survey electronically by scanning the QR code below or in the bulletin. A designated box will be available in the lobby for returning complete paper surveys.

We encourage all parishioners aged 18 and older to participate. Your input will help shape the future of our parish community. Please note we want every adult in the parish to take the survey. The surveys are anonymous. The results will be tabulated and shared with the Parish Council.

Thank you for your time and support!



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MARCH 23RD - MARCH 30TH

SUNDAY, MARCH 23rd

MONDAY, MARCH 24th

TUESDAY, MARCH 25th

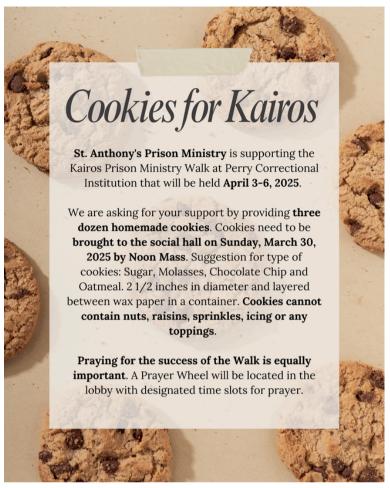
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26th

9:00 AM - Men's Club **Breakfast SAP Social Hall**

7:00 PM - OCIA **SAP Social Hall** 6:30 PM - Living Waters Bible Study Classroom A

6:00 PM - Religious Education **Assigned Classrooms**

MINISTRY LIFE





Vacation Bible School June 2-6, 2025 **WE NEED ADULT VOLUNTEERS!**Sign-up sheet is in the lobby



MARCH 23RD - MARCH 30TH

THURSDAY, MARCH 27th

9:15 AM Women's Bible Study SAP Social Hall

FRIDAY, MARCH 28th

5:00 PM - Fish Fry SAP Social Hall

6:00 PM - Stations of the Cross **Church**

SATURDAY, MARCH 29th

XDA1, MARCH 25th

SUNDAY, MARCH 30th

Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services

10:00 AM - Pickle Ball SAP School Gym

2:00-7:00 PM - First Communion Trunk Sale **Classroom D** 9:00 AM- Men's Club Breakfast SAP Social Hall

9:00 AM-2:00 PM - First Communion Trunk Sale Classroom D

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS







Charity Raffle Knights of Columbus Council 1668



Pit Boss Silver Star 3 Series Digital Electric Smoker (\$350 Value)

Tickets \$10 Each
Only 100 tickets will be sold.
Drawing April 11, 2025
Tickets available after all Masses
March 29th and 30th





Proceeds Benefit Special Needs Children & Pregnant Moms

(Need not be present to win)







Visit us at <u>www.stanthonysgvl.org</u> for more information.