

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Anthony of Padua Parish
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TUESDAY, MARCH 25
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26
12:05 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

THURSDAY, March 27
12:05 p.m. +Theresa Float-Elliot

FRIDAY, March 28
12:05 Intentions of Rodrigo Duterte

SATURDAY, MARCH 29
4:00 p.m. +Lucille Sheahan
5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 30
9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Parish Family
11:00 a.m. Vietnamese Mass

**Liturgical Roles for Saturday, March 29,
at 4:00 p.m.:**
Lector: C. Claycomb
E. Minister: C. Hartman
Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

**Liturgical Roles for Sunday, March 30,
at 9:30 a.m.:**
Lector: S. Walcher
E. Minister: D. Walterscheid

PARISH PRAYER LINE

Jerry Warrell Kathy Hunter Johnny
Ukraine and its Citizens Julie Munoz
Lori Born Dee Francis Mary Staab
Doug Dischner

Good News!

March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent (C)

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 /
Luke 13:1-9

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Charles Baudelaire was a French poet and essayist in the mid-1800s. He once observed that life is like a hospital in which each patient is possessed by the desire to change beds. In other words, he thought everyone seemed to think life would be so much better if only they had a different set of circumstances, a different job, a different marriage, a different place in life. Like trees, however, not everyone grows and matures at the same pace. There are forty-year-olds who still act and think like teenagers, and there are ten-year-olds who have an attitude toward life like that of an elder. Over time, we all grow into the lives we're given.

In this week's Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, some think God is like the owner who planted the tree, as if God is impatient with us to begin bearing fruit and quick to uproot us if we fail. A case could be made, however, for God to be the gardener who patiently fertilizes and nurtures. In the beginning, it was God who had a garden called Eden, filled with all kinds of trees and plants among which God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. After the resurrection, it was Mary Magdalene who went looking for the body of Jesus and mistook him for the gardener. It is God who hovers over us, watering and nudging and nurturing, waiting until in God's good time, we begin to bear fruit. ●

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OFFERING

March 16, 2025

English: \$ 1,828.11

Vietnamese \$ 2,674.00

Total: \$ 4,502.11

MARCH 23, 2025



Just a reminder of the changed schedule this week since pastor Fr. Ben is still in Rome on pilgrimage:

- **No** 12:05 p.m. Mass this Tuesday, March 25
- There **will be** weekday 12:05 p.m. Masses Wednesday, March 26, Thursday, March 27, and Friday, March 28. Fr. Ben returns later this week and will have the Friday, March 28 Mass, as well as the 6:30 Friday Stations of the Cross.

We owe our former pastor, Fr. Hung Pham a big Thank You for saying the weekday Masses while Fr. Ben was absent.

We were saddened to learn that in spite of announcing the need for more choir members in the last two weeks' bulletins, no one has stepped forward to volunteer. If we want to continue to have an outstanding choir with a such a distinguished history and reputation, it is vital that people volunteer.

Contact Kathleen Carl at 737-9368. Leave a message if she is not available, and she will call you back. There are no tryouts.

Former parishioner Myrtle Triplett passed away in Kansas City recently, and will be buried from St. Anthony's on Wednesday, April 2, with a 10:00 a.m. funeral preceded by the rosary at 9:30.

Stroke, Scan Plus will host a stroke and vital organ screening at St. Anthony Parish Office, 1214 East Second Street, on Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be 7 ultrasounds for \$169. No insurance, no deductibles needed. A representative will be on hand after the weekend Masses on March 29 and March 30 to do sign-ups for the scans. Pre-registration **IS** necessary. You may call 1-866-935-7226 to schedule an appointment if you like, or sign up after those weekend Masses.

Bishop Kemme invites the faithful to participate in a Mass of Repentance and Healing on Sunday, April 6, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Church recognizes the deep wounds caused by sexual abuse of children and vulnerable persons. Through the Mass of Repentance and Healing we pray that those who have suffered abuse may experience God's profound love for them and God's healing powers.

The Diocese is offering two Rachel's Vineyard Retreats in April in Wichita. They will have a retreat in English the weekend of April 4-6, and a retreat in Spanish the weekend of April 25 -27. Rachel's Vineyard is a retreat to aid in the healing of spiritual and emotional wounds of abortion. Throughout the weekend, there are a number of Scripture exercises and group discussion. The retreat is confidential and open to women and men of all faiths. Contact the Office of Respect Life and Social Justice, 269-3900.

Please remember to keep Fr. Ben in your prayers for his safety and that of the other 55 parishioners accompanying him to Rome.