

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Anthony of Padua Parish
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Mass Intentions
for the week 

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

12:05 p.m. +Jim Garcia

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

12:05 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

12:05 p.m. +Alfred & Leoba Dinkel

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

12:05 Living & Deceased Members of St.
Anthony Fraternity of Secular Franciscans

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

4:00 p.m. +Frances Shepler

5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Parish Family

11:00 a.m. Vietnamese Mass

Liturgical Roles for Saturday, April 5, at 4:00 p.m.:

Lector: C. Claycomb

E. Minister: R. Hartman

Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

Liturgical Roles for Sunday, April 6 , 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 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 / 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 /

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Life is not fair. Even though we know this, we expect God to be fair, which may be what irks so many about the Parable of the Lost Son. There is a part of our skewed human nature that agrees with the older son in the story. It certainly seems that the younger son was able to have his cake and eat it too, while the older son could only sit by and watch, missing out on the devil-may-care part of life. It didn't seem fair, and the older son said so.

The point of the story does seem to be that God is both just and merciful, but if ever one of those virtues seems to give way to the other, then, from God's perspective, divine mercy always trumps worldly justice. We, however, think that's not fair. We grow suspect of deathbed conversions, worried that the person is trying to have life both ways. But do we give thought to the suffering such a life without God might entail? The humiliation and near starvation of the younger son as he lived his self-indulgent life?

We think we want God to be fair, but do we really? In C.S. Lewis' novel, *Till We Have Faces*, one character asks another if the gods are just, to which is replied, "Oh, child, pray that they are not!" Do we really want to be treated with justice, getting exactly what we deserve and no more? Or do we want to let God be God and be treated with mercy? ●

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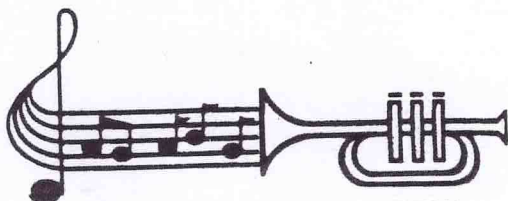
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English: \$ 1,694.00

Vietnamese \$ 4,314.00

Total:\$ \$ 6,008.00

MARCH 30, 2025



WELCOME BACK, FR. BEN!

This weekend the Vietnamese community will be sponsoring another of their yummy **food sales** after all the Masses. The sale takes place in the Pastoral Center (across 2nd Street in the old school.) The receipts benefit St. Anthony Parish.

The next **Parish Council meeting** will be this Wednesday, April 2, at 7 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth Hall (across 2nd street, use the entrance on the north side of building). All parishioners are invited to attend.



April birthdays in the parish: Armando Grajeda (April 1); Brian Wright (April 6); Tim Nance and Kay Dette (April 7); Stacie Alvarez (April 8); Odilio Alvarez (April 10); and Carmen Grajeda (April 15).

Wishing everyone every happiness your special day brings, and multiple joys and blessings in the coming year.

This week on Wednesday, April 2, former parishioner Myrtle Triplett will be laid to rest from St. Anthony's with a 10:00 a.m. funeral preceded by the rosary at 9:30.

During their long tenure at St. Anthony Parish, Myrtle and her late husband Willie were very active in the parish, especially the Altar Society. Myrtle served as a Eucharistic Minister, on Parish Council, and also as president of the Altar Society. The 1987 St. Anthony

Memorial Book shows Myrtle holding the 1987 Commemorative plate, an Altar Society project for the Parish Centennial. Myrtle and Willie were always an inspiring couple with their energy, example and good humor. After Willie's passing in 2013, Myrtle moved to Kansas City to be closer to family. Please keep this lovely lady in your prayers.

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.

Upcoming Lenten Schedule:

Stations of the Cross: Friday, April 4
Time: 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 11

Saturday, April 12:
3:00-3:50 pm. Confessions in church
4:00-5:00 pm: English Mass
5:30-6:30 pm: VN Mass in Pastoral Cent.
6:30-7:00 pm: Confessions-Pastoral Cen.

Palm Sunday, April 13:
9:30 am: English Mass in church
11:00 am: VN Mass in Pastoral Center

Monday, April 14:
6:30-7:30 pm VN Mass in Pastoral Cent.

Tuesday, April 15:
No English Mass
Chrism Mass at Cathedral 10:00 am
6:30-7:30 pm VN Mass at Pastoral Cent.

[To be completed next week]

Prayer will Light up Your Life