### SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY/SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Church: Second & Ohio

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TUESDAY, APRIL 29 12:05 p.m. Jim Garcia

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 12:05 p.m. VN Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 1 12:05 p.m. +William and Sandra Bogner

FRIDAY, MAY 2

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

SATURDAY, MAY 3

4:00 p.m. +Josh Robberson 5:30 p.m. VN Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 4

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

Liturgical Roles for Saturday, May 3, at 4:00 p.m.:

Lector: C. Claycomb E. Minister: R. Hartman

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

Liturgical Roles for Sunday, May 4, 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 Lauren Rome

## **Good News!**

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy (C)
Acts 5:12-16 / Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At this point in history, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church. There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way?

Saint John writes that "whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith" (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God's presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world.

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#### **OFFERING**

April 20, 2025\*

\*includes Easter donations with regular Sunday's

English: \$ 2,971.20 Vietnamese <u>\$ 14,918.00</u> Total: \$ \$ 17,889.20

# EASTER IS JOY THAT LIVES AND ACTS:

Again this Easter, the St. Anthony choir continued its long tradition of outstanding music and choral accompaniment for Holy Week and the Easter celebration. Having the lights turned on in a dark church on Holy Saturday, altar curtains thrown open, and the risen Christ appearing as the Gloria begins, stirs hearts every year with its symbolism and drama. While we know this tradition dates back to the 1950's for sure, it possibly could also date further back.

We cannot thank the choir enough for its service to the parish as it continues its legacy of elegant liturgical music.

## **№ Rest In Peace**

Our beloved Pope Francis passed away on April 21 (the day after Easter) after struggling since February with major health issues. During his tenure as Pope, he has been noted for his humility and outreach efforts to people of disparate backgrounds of faith. There were a lot of "firsts" about Francis: the first Jesuit to be Pope, the first Pope to have a degree in chemistry, the first Pope to write an encyclical (Laudato Si") about the possible causes of global warming, the human toll of climate change, and the need to repair our relationship with the natural world. He was also the first Pope to visit a war zone (in Africa). His time as Pope was much too short.

Please keep this wonderful man in your prayers.

### St. Anthony Parish Car Raffle

This raffle is being done to honor the memory of Phu Nguyen. He dedicated his life to the Wichita Vietnamese Catholic community and St. Anthony Parish since he immigrated here in 1982.

His estate is making this vehicle donation in hopes of raising money for the Parish and the Diocese so God's work can continue and to inspire Catholic education.

Each raffle ticket is \$50. If someone buys three \$50 raffle tickets for \$150, they get one extra \$50 ticket free. Tickets can be purchased in the parish office (1214 East Second Street).

The diocesan Apostle Build 2025 project offers a unique opportunity to work alongside family members and others to strengthen the neighborhood by building safe, affordable homes. Not only will you help improve the lives of others, but you will also work side-by-side with future Habitat homeowners, learn valuable skills, and have fun along the way! This year's Apostle Build will take place in the 2600 block of N. Piatt.

Workdays are Wednesday through Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Volunteers age 16 and older are welcome to participate on the site. Signups are being accepted now. If you would like to sign up, contact Mary McDonald at 316-269-3935 or Mcdonaldm@catholicdioceseof wichita.org. Any interested parties not comfortable building can sign up to provide lunch and/or snacks.

St. Margaret Mary's Annual Mexican Dinner will be held May 4 from 8:30am to 4:30 pm at 2701 S. Pattie here in Wichita. To pre-order, call (316) 992-7736.