

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Anthony of Padua Parish
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MASS SCHEDULE



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

12:05 p.m. +Bob Walterscheid

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

NO MASS-Clergy Conference at SLC

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

12:05 p.m. Intentions of Vincent Jordan

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

12:05 p.m. +Mildred Ferderer

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

4:00 p.m. +William and Sandra Bugner
5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

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

Liturgical Roles for Saturday, February 28, at 4:00 p.m.:

Lector: P. Andrews
E. Minister: C. Hartman
Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

Liturgical Roles for Sunday, March 1, at 9:30 a.m.:

Lector: S. Walcher
E. Minister: D. Walterscheid

PARISH PRAYER LINE

Johnny Todd Nguyen Ukraine & its Citizens
Julie Munoz Deb Anton Dee Francis
Jennifer Glass Manny Godsey
Elizabeth Mulhell Bernard and Kay Dette

Good News!

February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent (A)

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 /

Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 / Matthew 4:1-11

MIGUEL DULICK

The account of the temptations could be presented as a comical play. Pope Francis insisted, "Don't talk to the devil!" Indeed, Jesus does not engage in dialogue with Satan, much less any negotiation or any business. Stones become bread? Jesus may have fasted for forty days, but he's had plenty to eat—"every word that comes forth from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). Nor will Jesus "test" his Father by jumping off the "parapet of the temple" (like the bell tower of a gothic church). (See Matthew 5-7.) You don't play God, and you don't play with God. Satan really beclowns himself with the last temptation—promising the whole world if Jesus would just take a knee? No one would fall for that, would they?

Except—most of us. We'd do the bread; we'd do the jump; we'd definitely do the world! Look at the first reading, from Genesis. Adam and Eve give up paradise for a piece of fruit! It's a sad story because Eve does chat with the serpent, answering questions, allowing for a different point of view. But, as they say on Facebook, Satan "destroys" her! And Adam, too. If they didn't sew fig leaves for each other, the whole story would be unbearable. Even as they realize their sin, there is a little tenderness.

Saint Paul explains it clearly. Sin entered the world, but with Jesus Christ, there is an "overflow" of grace for the many. (See Romans 5:15.) And that's what Lent is about—a flood of grace. ●

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OFFERING

February 15, 2026

English: \$ 1,786.00
Vietnamese: \$ 4,353.00
Total: \$ 6,139.00

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

↓ NOTICE ↓

This weekend we welcome Bishop Kemme to St. Anthony Parish, as he will be attending the 11:00 VN New Year's Mass on Sunday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Now that Lent has arrived, Stations of the Cross (in English) are being said at 6:30 p.m. on the following Fridays:

- February 27
March 6
March 13
March 27

On March 20, there are no Stations due to the Youth Day Retreat.

March starts next Sunday, with the following scheduled that first week:

March 4: Monthly Adoration on the first Wednesday of the month, with a VN Mass at 8:00 a.m., ending with Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Also that Wednesday: Pastoral Council meeting that evening at 7:00 p.m.

Additional details will be in next Sunday's bulletin.

This Wednesday, February 25, there will be no 12:05 Mass due to the overnight Clergy Conference at the Spiritual Life Center.

If you haven't picked up your End-of-the-year Financial Contribution Statement, it is waiting for you in the back of church.

SUNSHINE ROOM UPDATE

Parishioners Bob Hartman and Robert Fusco spent more multiple hours this past week working on the Sunshine Room. The stud wall framing is now complete. The electrical boxes (a/k/a 'J' boxes) have been installed in preparation for the sheet rocking, which is the next project. They meticulously cut and installed 2' x 6' pieces for the handrail attachments as part of the framing. The next projects will be installation of the sheet rock, painting it, and hanging the two lights plus installing the light switch, which is a 2-way switch.

Our condolences to parishioner Brian Wright, upon the recent loss of his father. May flights of angels sing him to his rest.

Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child. Here are two of the winners:

* A four-year-old child, whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman, who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy just said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

*Teacher Debbie Moon's first graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair color than the other members. One of her students suggested he was adopted. A little girl said, "I know all about adoption, I was adopted." What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child. "It means," said the girl, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy."

