

March 18, 2018 | Fifth Sunday of Lent



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

◆ CATHOLIC CHURCH ◆

Pastor: Reverend James Philip Dieker

Parochial Vicar: Reverend Jacob Paul Schneider

Visiting Priest: Reverend Timothy Hickey

TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU,
UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT
FALLS INTO THE EARTH AND
DIES, IT REMAINS ALONE; BUT IF
IT DIES, IT BEARS MUCH FRUIT.

John 12:24

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WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

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COUNCILS

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Veronica Aguilar	Debi Flores
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Ryan Farrar	Beronica Moncayo

Finance Council

Diana Alonso	Matt Durler
Tina Call	Celso Franco
Julio Castaneda	Chuck Lamberson

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

ENGLISH

Saturday.....	5:30 pm
Sunday.....	9:00 am

SPANISH

Saturday.....	7:00 pm
Sunday.....	11:00 am & 1:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday.....	6:00 pm
Tuesday.....	6:00 pm
Wednesday.....	English 12:05 pm Spanish 6:00 pm
Thursday.....	6:00 pm
Friday.....	12:05 pm

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Thursday.....	5:00 - 6:00 pm
Saturday.....	4:00 - 5:00 pm

(And by appointment)

There are no confessions on the last Thursday of the month

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

Meetings

- Fr. Jim's 25th Anniversary & St. Anthony Feast Planning Committee- Tuesday, April 3 at 7pm
- Finance Council- Tuesday, April 10 at 7pm
- Pastoral Council- Tuesday, April 17 at 7pm

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

Offering March 11, 2018

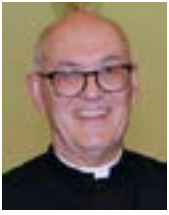
Envelopes.....	\$7,906.00
Loose Currency.....	\$2,530.15
Property Improvement.....	\$1,185.00
Children's Collection.....	\$458.50
TOTAL.....	\$12,079.65
Budgeted per week.....	\$11,875.00
YTD average weekly collections.....	\$11,769.73
YTD average weekly deficit.....	(\$105.27)
YTD deficit.....	(\$3,894.99)

Thank you for your continued support of the parish. Please remember to continue to fulfill your Vibrant Ministries pledge. Orange envelopes are available in the entryway of the Church. We continue to struggle to meet our budget, but we are much better than last fall. Please continue to rise to the invitation to stewardship of our parish.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

PRIEST CORNER



Monday, March 19, is an important day in the Church calendar. We keep the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (May 1 is another feast of St. Joseph's wherein we honor him under his title, "The Worker.") The Gospels record not a single word of Joseph's. Religious art often depicts him as sleeping. Pope Francis keeps a statue of a sleeping St. Joseph near his office. He says that when a particularly challenging problem arises for him, he writes it down on a piece of paper, slips it beneath the little statue, and entrusts it to Joseph's prayerful intercession.

St. Matthew records Joseph's uncertainty about serving as the foster father of Jesus after he learns that Mary has become pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. But, "being a just man and unwilling to

put her to shame" (Matthew 1:19), Joseph listens to the angel who appears to him to calm his fears about what God is asking him to do.

Two other saints with special devotions to St. Joseph are St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582), the Spanish Carmelite nun and mystic, and St. Andre Bessette (1845-1937), a Canadian lay brother and member of the Congregation of the Holy Cross. St. Teresa attributed her recovery from a deadly illness to St. Joseph. During his life thousands reported miraculous healings using oil provided them by St. Andre. "I do not cure," he would tell people again and again. "Saint Joseph cures."

St. Joseph was completely available to the will of God. Through his intercession, may we learn to follow his example.

Fr. Tim

HOMILY REFLECTION

Becoming a Bridge for Others

"I am here to serve you" or "at your service" are expressions we use in our daily life almost automatically; they respond to an education that we have acquired together with great values for service and dedication to others. Sometimes they come out automatically; but, if we reflect on it, we will notice the deep meaning they have.

In Baptism, we were conferred the nature of being God's children: kings, priests, and prophets. As kings, it would seem that we would be served; but this isn't about that, since the Kingdom of Christ is a kingdom of service. Christ came to the world to serve, not to be served; he came to be a bridge between God and humanity. A bridge is to be walked on by the people, to be, in some symbolic way, trodden; and in this case, it does the service of allowing access to God. It is a difficult task, requiring that we forget ourselves to make the access easier. If you were in the way and fail to step aside, it could be that people would not reach God. The importance of the bridge is its function and utility: serving people to reach the other side.

The priest becomes a bridge by making an offering to God. In Christ, the offering is Him, his very person. Those of us who follow Christ, also make an offering of ourselves; and in doing so, we commit ourselves to a life of service, not because we are ser-

vile or submissive to others, but to seek the good of all and so that everyone may have access to the life of God. As such, we will be bridges in our families and communities, and between cultures and convictions.

Lastly, today we are asked to live in the hour of Christ, which has arrived. At this time, the grain of wheat, which is us, falls on the soil and dies so that there is plenty of fruit. That is, in the small deaths we suffer each say for the benefit of others, we join the option of Christ and give the fruit of life. Perhaps it is difficult for us to see it. Maybe in this lifetime we will not have the satisfaction of seeing it. It may even be that we feel frustrated by the lack of appreciation and reciprocity for our sacrifice and by the lack of response we get from others; and yet, we know by our own experience being the beloved children of God, that mercy is stronger than resentment. God loves without any conditions. What we receive for free, we must therefore give for free. Jesus accepts death without calculating the personal price to be paid; and, through his death, he gives true life to humanity.

For Reflection

What opportunities of service am I offered each day? Do I live them as impositions or as occasions to exercise my ministry with Christ? Do I resent having to do things for others or do I live it with joy and generosity?



STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

MINISTERS March 24-25

Saturday 5:30 pm

Lectors: Paula Diepenbrock; Matilda Scheurer

Servers: Charli Sena; Christian Flores; Allen Thottasseril

Eucharistic Ministers: Paty Tovilla; Ashleigh Robertson; Mary Amerin; Martha Brown; Elma Davis

Ushers: Cody Sander; Volunteer

Music: Jana Widener & Mindee Limon

Sunday 9:00 am

Lectors: Lindsey Durler; Matt Durler

Servers: Elizabeth Dinh; Annaleise Limon; Bentley Fitzgerald

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Parker; Fran & Don Smith; Armando Andrade

Ushers: Sam Widener; Volunteer

Music: Jana Widener & Mindee Limon

Church Linens: Maria T.

MINISTROS 24-25 de Marzo

Sábado 7:00 pm

Lector: Tila Michel; Gabriela Martinez

Monaguillos: Erick Delgado; Lluvia Delgado; Aaron Rodriguez; Ariel Rodriguez

Ministros de Comunión: Adolfo & Maria Guerrero; Celso & Carmen Franco; Andrea & Jesus Oropeza

Acomodadores: Jorge Flores; Rodrigo Marino; Heriberto Delgado; Jesus & Andrea Oropeza

Sacristanes: Jesus y Andrea Oropeza; Ramon & Bertha Carrasco

Equipo de Bienvenida: Celso & Carmen Franco

Coro: Voluntario

Domingo 11:00 am

Lector: Lupe & Adalberto Sepulveda; Irene Martinez

Monaguillos: Amalia Sepulveda; Emilse Monarrez

Ministros de Comunión: Ernesto Weissel; Amparo & Rogelio Martinez; Azucena Monarrez; Marta Rodriguez; Olga Mencos; Bartolome Sebastian Diego

Acomodadores: Jose Cardenas; Rosa Portillo; Bero Moncayo; Isidoro Valoy

Sacristanes: Ernesto Weissel; Bartolome Sebastian Diego; Lidia & Jaime

Equipo de Bienvenida: Juan & Ramona Rodriguez

Coro: Manantial

Domingo 1:00 pm

Lector: Norma Aguilar; Sandra Navarro

Monaguillos: Guadalupe Silverio; Luciana Silverio; Crystal Cardenas

Ministros de Comunión: Adela Torres; Margarita & Chago Martinez; Narcisa Coronado; Salvador Alvarez; Maria Carrera; Salvador Lopez

Acomodadores: Dolores & Roman Chavez; Hugo Rodriguez; Marisela Sepulveda; Maurilio Coronado

Sacristanes: Lucila Chavez; Maurilio & Narcisa Coronado; Ibon & Mario Salais

Equipo de Bienvenida: Fernando & Maria Carrera

Coro: Manantial

Limpieza de Purificadores: Maria T.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 19-25

Monday

6:00 pm.....Bud & Patricia Banning

Tuesday

3:30 pm-Brookdale.....For the Community

6:00 pm.....Anthony Welsh+

Wednesday

12:05 pm.....Anthony Welsh+

6:00 pm.....Bud & Patricia Banning

Thursday

6:00 pm.....Basilio Olguin+

Friday

12:05 pm.....Mike Zirkle

Saturday

5:30 pm.....For the Community

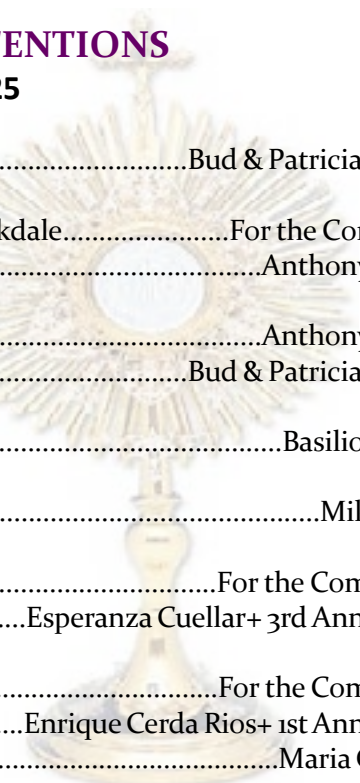
7:00 pm.....Esperanza Cuellar+ 3rd Anniversary

Sunday

9:00 am.....For the Community

11:00 am.....Enrique Cerda Rios+ 1st Anniversary

1:00 pm.....Maria Chavez+



STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

Rosary Before Mass



Pray the Rosary with us every Saturday before Mass at 5:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Hours Available for Perpetual Adoration

Sunday 3:00 am; 4:00 pm

We are in need of substitutes.

If you would like an hour permanently or would help substitute, please call Maria Rios at 626-7373 or Ann Ruder 620-388-6420.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Tuesday.....6:00 pm



Pray for the sick

Jessica Dixon; Rose Garber; Jose Cruz Ibarra; Arturo Martinez; Grace Martinez; Coraima Marquez; Sandra Marquez; Hector Mesa; Jim Rowley; Yolanda Santacruz; Lyam Wolgamot

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

SOUP & STATIONS
OF THE CROSS



Every Friday of Lent beginning

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm Soup

Served by the Franciscan
Fraternity

Pastoral Ministry Formation

THEO 4881 Get Equipped 1hr. course

Get equipped supports the spiritual life and the practical ministry of those who serve during Eucharistic Liturgy. Focusing on hospitality, proclamation, prayer and mission, it is for greeters, lectors, ministers of holy Communion, music ministers, all who gather for Eucharist.

*This course is one of the elective courses needed to obtain the Diocesan Certification in Liturgical Ministry.

Presenters: Fr. Frank Coady, Dolores Martinez, Fr. Robert Schremmer and others to be announced

Class Dates: Fri., April 27 and Sat., April 28

Begins with Registration Friday 4:00 p.m. ends Saturday 1:30 p.m.

Location: Heartland Center for Spirituality, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS

Cost: \$57.00 room and meals, \$22.00 commuter

Additional \$50.00 for 1 hr. college credit - contact Coleen at cstein@dcdiocese.org or 620-227-1538

Personal enrichment fee is included with your payment to Heartland Center for Spirituality.

Make reservations at Heartland Center for Spirituality: <https://heartlandspirituality.org/pastoralministryformation/>

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT ENCOUNTER ALEFA

We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God's creation this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

"Light It Up" Youth Rally

All area youth are invited to the ABC Pregnancy Care Center's "Light It Up" Youth Rally on **Sunday, March 25th at 3pm**, Clifford Hope Auditorium, 1412 Main Street, Garden City. Guest speaker, Claire Culwell, will be sharing her amazing story that touches on teen pregnancy, abortion, adoption and forgiveness. There will also be live music and prizes. Doors open at 2:30pm. For more information call 620-271-1330 or hannah@abcpcc.org

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday, March 25

9 AM 11 AM (Sp.) 1 PM (Sp.)
Mass

Holy Thursday, March 29

7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 30

3 PM The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Sp.)
7 PM The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Sp.)
8 PM The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Mother (Sp.)

Holy Saturday, March 31

9 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 1

9 AM 11 AM (Sp.) 1 PM (Sp.)
Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

Love Gives Life Conference

Teen and adults are invited to the "Love Gives Life" Conference on **Saturday, April 7th, from 11am to 4:30pm** at **Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City**. The conference will be hosted by Kansans for Life and the Knights of Columbus Council #2955 and will feature Terry Beatley, who will share the personal testimony of Dr. Bernard Nathanson about the deception used to convince Americans to accept legalized abortion. Several educational workshops will also be offered, in both English and Spanish. Come for just an hour, or come for the entire program. The cost is only \$5 for adults, and teen tickets are free! Lunch is included but you must RSVP by April 4 if you will be eating lunch. Register by April 4 at kansansforlife.salsalabs.org/04718dodgecity or call 1-800-928-5433. See www.kfl.org for a complete schedule.

Encounter with God's Call

The Encounter weekend is April 14-16. Young men – high school juniors, seniors, and those of college age – are invited to join Fr. Wesley for a road trip to Conception Seminary College. The weekend is a time to hear talks and spend time with seminarians while enjoying time with other young men who are seeking God's will in their life. There is no charge for the weekend and transportation is provided. Register online at <http://dcdiocese.org/vocations/discernment-events> or contact Ana Gaytan at 620.227.1500 or agaytan@dcdiocese.org

Stewardship Reflection

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - JEREMIAH 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

The Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on **Sunday March 18 at 3:00 pm.**

Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.

Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry.

Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.



FAITH FORMATION

Our Catholic Faith

Beginning with April 2018, our parish will begin to offer two preparation classes for parents and godparents preparing to baptize children. This rich beginning of faith for our children demands better and more comprehensive preparation of our faith leaders in the home, the domestic church.

www.Formed.org provides some wonderful resources to enrich this preparation. Remember, all parishioners of our parish have access to the wealth of Catholic presentations, videos and spiritual reflections provided on this Catholic "netflix." One only needs the parish access code of MY67W3.

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