



# Saint Anthony of Padua

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## WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

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### LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM (African)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:00 AM

### HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Vigil at 5:30 PM, 8:00 AM day of

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday afternoon 3:00-3:30 PM, or by appointment.

### BAPTISM OF INFANTS

All are welcome! Please call the church office to schedule an appointment.

### SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA welcomes all those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith.  
Please contact Fr. Juan with questions.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY** Please contact us at least ONE YEAR in advance to begin preparation.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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As members of the Roman Catholic Church, we believe that God is alive and head of our parish family. We endeavor to be a welcoming, inclusive, charitable and socially responsible faith community. We offer our hearts, our gifts and our time, as we strive to give witness to Jesus' command to love one another. Through the example of our patron Saint Anthony of Padua, we desire to be peacemakers, living the gospel in word and action.

# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

**Vigil: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM Emanuel Pagnotto (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by his daughters  
Nancy Flory (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by her Family

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**World Marriage Day**

8:00 AM Peter A. Gravelle  
by Tim & Kayla Raheb  
Jerry & Teresa Capone  
by Mike & Patty Capone  
10:30 AM Pat Pietila (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
by the Family  
Wilfrido Macias  
by Irene Rojas  
12:30 PM All Parishioners

Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM Open Intention  
by

Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

*Saints Cyril, Mond & Methodius, Bishop*

8:00 AM Placido Lacascio  
by the Kymalainen Trust  
Dr. Mark Rollo  
by his Family

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM Open Intention  
by

Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM Dick Hautala  
by Joan Horgan

Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

**Vigil: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM Pellegrino DePiano  
by the DiVito Family  
Gillian Lambert (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by her Family

Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Open Intention  
by  
10:30 AM Alfred Zarrella, Sr.  
by his son Dominic & family  
Lillian Robertson  
by her Family  
12:30 PM Parishioners

# February 11 - 12, 2023

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

***"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."*** (MATTHEW 5:20) The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner in the parking lot is an example of being a modern day Pharisee.

READ AND PREPARE

**Next Week's Scripture readings**

First Reading Sirach 15:15-20  
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
Gospel Matthew 5:38-48

## PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

**ATTENTION!** – Church Budget Envelope Company, our weekly church donation envelope company, has informed us that **you will NOT be receiving any February or March envelopes** due to their paper shortage. Please place your check/cash in a marked envelope. We are sorry for this inconvenience, but it is out of our control. Below is a list of all the envelopes that would have been in your mail packet. We hope this is helpful for those of you who give monthly or bi-monthly. Thank you for your understanding.

### February Envelopes

4 weekends  
Building & Maintenance  
Catholic Free Press \$39  
Priest Retirement  
Anytime February  
February 22

### March Envelopes

4 Weekends  
Building & Maintenance  
Catholic Relief  
Easter Flowers  
March 26  
March 26 or anytime in March

## February Prize-a-Day Cash Calendar

The lucky winners for this week's cash prize are as follows.

February 6	John & Nancy Bizzotto	\$25
February 7	Irene Rojas	\$50
February 8	Cecile Russo	\$25
February 9	Leslie Little	\$50
February 10	Sue Lambert	\$25
February 11	Anita Carbone	\$100
February 12	Tony Cristofono	\$75

Congratulations! You may pick up your prize money at the church office. Please call ahead Monday – Wednesday 978-342-4706. Good luck to all entries received! Fr. Juan will draw more names on Monday. Thank you for your generosity!

Dear Friends,

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three-part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of the scripture will be done away with. Instead, it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned the murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community needed a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

Blessings,  
*Fr. Juan*

**Personal Hygiene Collection for Catholic Charities is Ongoing.**

Please bring one or two items and place them in the collection bins at the entrances of the church. **Suggested Items Needed:** Shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, soap, body wash, small packs of tissues, deodorant (men & woman's), toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, hand sanitizer, lotion, toilet paper, diapers, baby wash, baby lotion.



**Food Pantry Collection** for St. Francis chapter of St. Vincent de Paul is ongoing. Please bring any nonperishable items when you can. If this is something that you have never done before, please strongly consider it. **Even one or two items a month makes a huge difference to the people the pantry serves.** The collection bin is

located at the entrance of the church. The Food Pantry is open every week to the public so there is always much needed.



**Tax Contribution Statements** have been mailed out to all who requested them thus far. If you would like one, please don't forget to call or email the office.

**ATTENTION:** Beginning Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, the painting of the walls & ceilings in the church will begin. **Please make a note that ALL Masses will be held in the church hall beginning Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.** It is projected that the work will be complete before the end of March. We will keep you updated as the work is in progress. The church hall is not handicapped accessible as there are steps leading down into it. We are sorry for any disruption this may cause you while painting is in progress.



St. Anthony Candle Intention:  
**MaryAnn Smith**  
by her family

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Catholic Men's Conference** - Come and join us on **Saturday, March 25** at Assumption University, Worcester. For information check the new website: [catholicmenworc.com](http://catholicmenworc.com). Looking forward to seeing you in person this year!

**Diocesan Youth Retreat** - All high school youth and current 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to sign up for the Diocesan Youth Retreat on **May 19-21** at Anna Maria College! The theme for the retreat is *Mysterium Fidei* (Mystery of Faith). Join for a relaxing and recharging weekend that will include fun & games (with prizes!), music, guest speakers, breakout sessions, and an experience into the ultimate mystery of Christ in the Sacraments through Eucharistic Adoration, confession, and Mass! The retreat will start Friday evening and will conclude Sunday around noon. Cost is \$125/person. **Deadline to register is April 25.** To sign up or to get more information, go to [neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat](http://neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat). If you have any questions contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or at [tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org).

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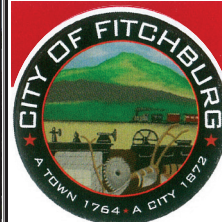
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Matthew 6:10

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