



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

June 13th



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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

You are welcomed and loved by St Anthony Community. We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service and stewardship.

MEET OUR PRIESTS

Pastor

Fr. Elie Mikhael 305.807.9087
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SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Confirmation:

1 month in advance with the Pastor

Donations: Church & Priest: \$200

Matrimony:

Couples should make arrangements six months prior to the wedding date

Donations: Church \$500—Priest : Free Will

Reconciliation

One hour Before Thursday & Saturday Liturgies, or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home

Please refer to our website for more Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Hours of Liturgical services changed due to COVID-19

Weekday Liturgies

Mon - Thu: 9:00 AM

Saturday Liturgies:

4:00 PM Vigil (English)

6:00 PM Vigil (Arabic)

Sunday Liturgies:

9:00 AM (English)

11:00 AM (English & Arabic)

Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9:00 AM -4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Saturdays: By Appointment

PARISH SECRETARY:

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS

Deacon Nadim B. Daou

Deacon Michael Charchaflian

Sub-Deacon James T. Demers

Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST-CORPUS CHRISTI- أحد أثلث من زمن ألعنصرة
 FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA - مار أنطونيوس البادوانيّ

Sat	June 13		
	<i>English</i>	4:00 PM	For: + Diana Hatem <i>By Her Husband Tuffic and Family</i>
	<i>Arabic</i>	6:00 PM	For: + 1st Anniversary -Boutros Merheb <i>By His children: Jeanette, George, Elie, Jack , Mona, their spouses and their families</i>
Sun	June 14	9:00 AM	For: In Honor of Mike & Janice Solomon <i>(Anniversary)</i>
	<i>(Church)</i>	11:00 AM	For: + Hares Bejjani <i>By His Family</i>
	<i>(Hall)</i>	11:00 AM	For: In Honor of Our Parishioners - Feast of St Anthony <i>In Honor of Living Fathers and in Loving Memory of the Deceased Ones</i>
Mon	June 15	9:00 AM	For: In honor of Kurt Bistany <i>(Birthday)</i>
Tue	June 16	9:00 AM	For: Cecilia Daher, Andrew Azzi, George El-Hachem
Wed	June 17	9:00 AM	For: In honor Christopher George <i>(Birthday)</i>
Thu	June 18	9:00 AM	For: + Dora Maria, Larry and Souls in Purgatory <i>By Dora Pereira</i>
Fri	June 19		FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST- أحد أرابيع من زمن ألعنصرة

Sat	June 20		
	<i>English</i>	4:00 PM	For: + Diane Hatem <i>By Her Husband Tuffic and Family</i>
	<i>Arabic</i>	6:00 PM	For: The Cause of the Sanctification of Fr Antoun Tarabay <i>By Nada and Antoine Asmar</i>
Sun	June 21	9:00 AM	For: In Honor of Joyce & Manuel Santos; Larry & Magdalena Bejjani; Charles & Gabriella Maroun, James & Ginger Maroun <i>(Anniversary)</i>
	<i>(Church)</i>	11:00 AM	For: Private Intentions
	<i>(Hall)</i>	11:00 AM	For: + Ibrahim abou Diwan <i>(Died in Lebanon) By His sister Najat wife of Mounir Rizkallah and family</i>

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LIVE Streaming

LIVE STREAM OF LITURGIES, ADORATION AND ROSARY

- ⇒ SATURDAY LITURGIES - 4PM & 6PM
- ⇒ SUNDAY LITURGIES - 9AM & 11AM (Church and Hall)
- ⇒ ADORATION - THURSDAY AT 6:00 PM
- ⇒ ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES: VIRTUAL MEETINGS

BIBLE STUDIES -GoToMeeting

- ⇒ ENGLISH SESSION
- ⇒ ARABIC SESSION

BIBLE STUDIES: ENGLISH & ARABIC

We invite you to join us even if you've never participated before. You'll be glad you did!

You can join us remotely via GotoMeeting

When:

◆ **Monday at 6pm in Arabic**

Access Code: 900-280-701

By phone (Toll Free): [1 866 899 4679](tel:18668994679)

◆ **Wednesday at 6pm in English**

Access Code: 534-569-845

By phone (Toll Free): [1 866 899 4679](tel:18668994679)



St. Anthony is offering a weekly virtual min-retreat (15 Min. at noon) for four consecutive Fridays during the month of June, which is devoted to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. Join us right on Facebook live!

THE CHURCH DOORS ARE OPEN!

We appreciate the precautions that everyone has been taking to make sure that they and their families remain safe and healthy during this pandemic. As our State continues a slow, re-opening process, we want you to know that the Church Doors are open.

Please be sure to see the changes in our Liturgical Schedule which include two additional Liturgy times to allow for more physical distancing. Also, we have taken all the needed precautions to ensure your safety. Please refer to page 7 for all the details.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

SAINT ANTHONY'S Parish depends on donations from our parishioners and benefactors to live and expand our Mission, "Loving as Christ Loves, Serving as Christ Serves."

Your donations fund the many ministries and activities of the parish: Sunday and weekly Masses; faith formation for children, youth and adults; fellowship for our welcoming community; and outreach to those in need.

We deeply appreciate your important role within the Church, your integral part of St Anthony's Parish, and the giving of your special gifts of time, prayer, and monetary donations.

Together we glorify God in thanksgiving for the wonderful gifts we have been given.

STEP UP YOUR WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT

REGISTER FOR ONLINE DONATION: TO KEEP UP WITH OUR NEEDS AND, NOT TO FALL SHORT OF OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP GOAL.

Apply Online:

stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/

MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

SALARIES & INSURANCE	\$ 15,260.00
TOTAL MAINTENANCE & UTILITIES	\$ 6,278.58
TOTAL EPARCHIAL DUES	\$3,721.67
MONTHLY OPERATIONAL COSTS	\$25,260.25
WEEKLY COLLECTION NEEDED	\$6,250.00

TREE OF LIFE

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES BY PUTTING THEIR NAMES ON TREE OF LIFE BRASS ALUMINUM PLAQUES SIZES:

1.5" X 3" = \$75 / 3" X 6" = \$150 / 4" X 8" = \$250

Please submit your request either by phone: **978.685.7233**

E-mail: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

First Letter to the Corinthians 2,1-10.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL READING - Saint John 14,21-27.

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?' Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

AS WE PRAY ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

June 15: Peter Abi-Samra, Albert Abraham,
Kurt Bistany, Trinity Sfeir

June 16: Jeanelle Abou Ezzi

June 18: Gaby Daher, Cecilia Daher,
Christopher George, Jihad Rizkallah,
Michelle Solomon

June 19: Andrew Azzi, George El-Hashem,
Matthew Pappalardo

June 20: Gabriella Feghali, Maria Wazen

June 21: Shaker Asmar, Rebecca Hassan,
Elias Saab

AS WE PRAY ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY

June 16: Archambault, Mike & Andrea

June 18: Georges, Peter & Gisele; Kazzi, Elie
& Eliane; Vincent, Kevin & Beki

June 19: Hayek, Anthony & Amanda

June 20: Nasser, Stephen & Cheryl; Sadek,
Richard & Erifili; Sanots, Manuel &
Joyce

June 21: Bejjani, Larry Magdelana; Maroun,

The Pope's Intentions for June 2020 :

The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنتس 2:1-10

يا إخوتي، أنا، لما أتيتكم لأبشركم بسير الله، لم آت ببراعة الكلام أو الحكمة؛ لأني قررت أن لا أعرف بينكم شيئاً إلا يسوع المسيح، وإياه مصلوباً! وقد جنث إليكم بضعف وخوف ورعدة شديدة. ولم يكن كلامي وتبشيري بكلمات الحكمة والإقناع، بل ببرهان الروح والقدرة، لئلا يكون إيمانكم قائماً على حكمة الناس، بل على قدرة الله. غير أننا ننطق بالحكمة بين الكاملين، ولكن لا بحكمة هذا الدهر، ولا بحكمة رؤساء هذا الدهر الذين ماصيروهم إلى الزوال. بل ننطق بسير حكمة الله المحجوبة، التي سبق الله فحددها قبل الدهور لمجدنا. وهي الحكمة التي لم يعرفها أحد من رؤساء هذا الدهر، لأنهم لو عرفوها لما صلّبوا رب المجد. ولكن، كما هو مكتوب: «ما لم تره عين، ولم تسمع به أذن، ولم يخطر على قلب بشر، قد أعدّه الله للذين يحبونه». «لكن الله أعلنه لنا بروحه، لأن الروح يسبر كل شيء حتى أعماق الله.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 14:21-27

قال الرب يسوع لتلاميذه: «من كانت لديّ وصايا ويحفظها، هو الذي يحبني. ومن يحبني يحبني أبي، وأنا أحبّه وأظهر له ذاتي». «قال له يهوذا، لا ذاك الإسخر يوطي: «يا رب، ماذا جرى حتى تظهر ذاتك لنا، لا للعالم؟». «أجاب يسوع وقال له: «من يحبني يحفظ كلمتي، وأبي يحبني وإليه نأتي، وعنده نجعل لنا منزلاً. من لا يحبني لا يحفظ كلمتي. والكلمة التي تسمعونها ليست كلمتي، بل كلمة الأب الذي أرسلني. كلمتكم بهذا، وأنا مقيم عندهم. لكن البرقليط، الروح القدس، الذي سيرسله الأب باسمي، هو يعلمكم كل شيء، ويذكركم بكل ما قلته لكم. ألسلام أستودعكم، سلامي أعطيكم. لا كما يعطيه العالم أنا أعطيكم. لا يضطرب قلبكم ولا يخف!



Faith Formation from the comfort of your own home!

Look for our weekly "Faith At Home" emails
for the Picks of the Week!

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

LEFT SANCTUARY LAMPS WILL BURN
In Honor of our First Communicants
By Fr Elie and Fr. Andrawos

RIGHT SANCTUARY LAMPS WILL BURN
In Honor of our Graduates
By Fr Elie and Fr. Andrawos

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES!

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!!
(8TH, HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE)**

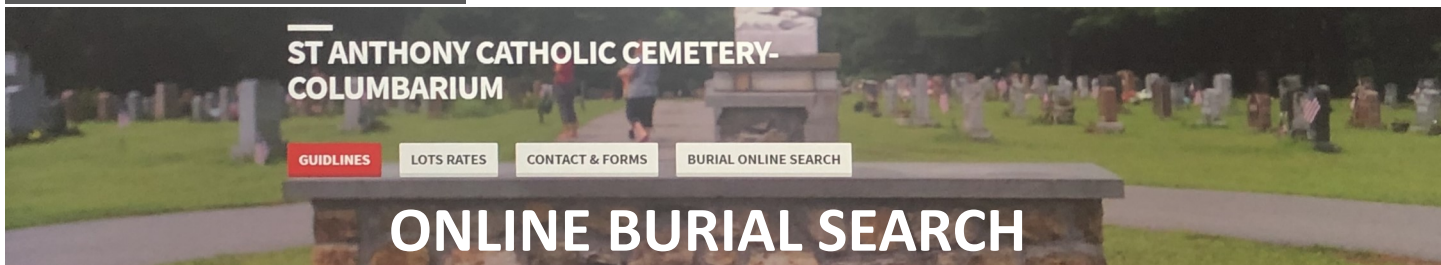
*WE WANT TO CELEBRATE
HONOR YOU! JOIN US FOR AN
OUTDOOR LITURGY IN YOUR
HONOR FOLLOWED BY A
BBQ!*



WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 7PM

**CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE
AND LET US KNOW IF YOU GRADUATED
BY JULY 3RD!**

CEMETERY NEWS



WE NEED YOUR HELP! UPDATE YOUR LOVED ONES RECORD !!

The following steps will help you access the tool:

1. **Go to www.stanthonylawrence.org**
2. **Scroll to the bottom and click on BURIAL ONLINE SEARCH.**
3. **Type in the last/first name or in some cases just last name and click search.**
Please note that this is where we are having the most trouble. For some records, only a first name was documented and often it was put under the “last name” field. You might have to try a few variations before finding your loved one’s record.
4. **Click on the name.**
5. **In the middle of the page, look for “Do you know more about this person or their ancestors”? Click [here](#).**
6. **You can then complete any or all the fields and click submit.**
7. **If desired, you may send obituary notice, special documents, letters, receipts etc. to rectory@stanthonylawrence.org and we will attach that to your loved one’s record. Please make sure all emails are accurately and clearly labeled so we attach them to the correct parishioner.**

LET US PRAY FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

As one community, we join our prayers and lift them to Almighty God that He may bless and protect each of our First Communicants as they receive the Precious Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray!



Saturday, June 27th

11:00 AM Liturgy

Breanne Ata, Isabella Semaan,
Breanne Maroon, Eva Khoury,
Temmer Zouin, Matthew Saab, and Alex Saysouk

1:00 PM Liturgy

Anthony Azzi, John Saad, Michael, Karam,
Robert Danus, Kyle Feghhali, Selina Santana,
Prestly Sfier, Sabine Atallah



We have taken needed precautions to ensure the safety of our parishioners as we open the Church for worship during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Upon Arrival:

- All church doors will be opened wide to avoid touching of door handles
- Masks must be worn by all, ages 5+, while inside the church. No one will be admitted without a mask, unless for health reasons.
- Masks (if needed) and Hand Sanitizer are available at Church Entrance.
- A contact-less collection bin has been placed in the foyer. Please drop your offering right into the bin.

During Liturgy:

- Every other church pew is blocked off to allow for physical distancing.
- The center communion aisle has been marked with 6-ft markers to allow for physical distancing.
- Red *Qurbano* books have been removed. All Liturgical texts are available online and throughout the church, you can find a QR Code that directs you to the online text for your convenience.
- Communion of the Eucharist will continue to be received on the hand.

Between Liturgies:

All church pews and doors will be sprayed down with hospital-grade disinfectant.



A MAGNIFICENT DEFEAT *By Ronald Rolheiser*

Where's the fairness in life? Why are some people so undeservedly blessed in this world while others are seemingly cursed? Why are craftiness, self-serving ambition, taking advantage of others, and dishonesty so frequently rewarded? This has no quick answer.

In his book *The Magnificent Defeat*, the renowned novelist and preacher, Frederick Buechner, takes up this question by focusing on the biblical character, Jacob. He, as we know, twice cheated his brother, Esau. Catching him hungry and vulnerable, Jacob buys his birthright from him for a meal. More seriously, he poses as Esau, tricks their father, and steals the blessing and the inheritance that was Esau's by right. Everything about this seems wrong and calls for retribution, yet Jacob's life seemingly teaches the opposite. In contrast to his cheated brother, Jacob lives a very richly blessed life and is favored by God and by others. What's the lesson? Are God and life really on the side of those who do this type of thing?

Buechner builds his answer by moving from the pragmatic and the short-range to the spiritual and the long-range.

First, from a pragmatic point of view, the story of Jacob teaches its own lesson, namely, that as a matter of fact in this life people like Jacob, who are intelligent, crafty, and ambitious often do end up being rewarded in ways that people like Esau, who are slower on the draw, don't. While clearly this isn't the moral teachings of the Sermon on the Mount, other parts of scripture, including some teachings of Jesus, do challenge us to be intelligent, to work hard, and indeed at times to be crafty. God doesn't necessarily help those who help themselves, but God and life seem to reward those who use their talents. But there's a fine moral line here and Buechner draws it out brilliantly.

He asks: when someone who does what Jacob did and it brings him riches in this life, where is the moral consequence? The answer comes to Jacob years later. He is alone one night when a stranger leaps upon him and the two of them end up wrestling silently with each other throughout the entire night. Just as dawn is breaking and it seems Jacob might win, everything is suddenly reversed. With an infinitely superior strength that he seems to have deliberately held back until now, the stranger touches Jacob's thigh and renders him helpless. Something deeply transformative happens to Jacob in that experience of helplessness. Now that he knows that he is finally defeated, he no longer wants to be free of the stranger's grasp; instead he clings fiercely to his former foe like a drowning man. Why?

Here's Buechner's explanation: "The darkness had faded just enough so that for the first time he can dimly see his opponent's face. And what he sees is something more terrible than the face of death — the face of love. It is vast and strong, half-ruined with suffering and fierce with joy, the face a man flees down all the darkness of his days until at last he cries out, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me!' Not a blessing that he can have now by the strength of his cunning or the force of his will, but a blessing that he can have only as a gift."

There's an entire spirituality here. The blessing for which we are forever wrestling can only come to us as gift, not as something we can snatch through our own talent, cunning, and strength. By his wit and cunning, Jacob became a rich, admired man in this world. But in struggling for all those riches he was wrestling with a force he unconsciously perceived as someone or something to be overcome. Eventually, after many years of struggle, he had an awakening. Light dawned, through a crippling defeat. And in the light of that defeat he finally saw that what he had been struggling with for all that time was not someone or something to be overcome, but the very love he was wrestling for in all his efforts to achieve and get ahead.

For many of us, this will also be the real awakening in our lives, waking up to the fact that in our ambition and in all the schemes we concoct to get ahead, we are not wrestling with a someone or something to be overcome by our strength and wit; we are wrestling with community, love, and with God. And it will undoubtedly take the defeat of our own strength (and a permanent limp) before we realize what we are fighting against. Then we will give up trying to win and instead cling like a drowning man to this face of love, begging for its blessing, a blessing that we can have only as a gift.

Believing that our blessing lies in winning, we strive to wrestle our lives away from others until one day, if we are lucky enough to be defeated, we begin to beg others to hang on to us.