



*Expect temptation to your
last breath.*

St Anthony the Great

**Feast of
Saint Anthony the Great
Sunday, January 17, 2021**

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH SECRETARY: 978.685.7233 ... rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR PRIESTS:

Fr. Elie Mikhael305-807-9087.... pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

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MEET OUR DEACONS

Deacon Nadim B. Daou /Deacon Michael Charchaflian

Sub-Deacon James T. Demers / Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

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.



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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)

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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Second Sunday after Epiphany - الأحد الثاني بعد الدنح
 Feast of St Anthony the Great - عيد مار أنطونيوس الكبير

Sat	Jan. 16		For: In honor of Grece Abou Ezzi (Birthday)
	<i>English</i>	4:00 PM	<i>By Her husband Ghassan and Children Chaniel & Chloe</i>
Sun	Jan. 17		For: + Samia and her son + Tony Nicolas <i>By the Hbaiter Family</i>
	<i>English</i>	9:00 AM	
	<i>Ara/Eng</i>		For: + 1 Year Anniversary - Mary Makhoulf Abi Awad <i>By her family</i>
	<i>Church</i>	11:00 AM	+ Antoine Karam Asmar <i>By his wife Nada & his daughter Eliane</i>
Mon	Jan. 18	9:00 AM	For: + Iskandar and + Helen Bijjani and their family living and deceased <i>By Lili Bijjani and her family</i> The intentions and donors of Catholic Extension
Tue	Jan. 19	9:00 AM	For: + Larry and +Dora M. Pereira and the souls in purgatory <i>By Dora Pereira</i>
Wed	Jan. 20	9:00 AM	For: + Elias and + Mariam Bijjani and their family living and deceased <i>By Lili Bijjani and her family</i> The intentions and donors of Catholic Extension
Thu	Jan. 21	9:00 AM	For: The intentions and donors of Catholic Extension
		9:45 AM-12Noon	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Fri	Jan. 22		No Liturgy

Sunday of the Priests - أحد الكهنة

Sat	Jan. 23		For: + 1 Year Anniversary - Ida M. Thomas
	<i>English</i>	4:00 PM	<i>By her daughter in law Phyllis, Ida's Grandchildren, their spouses and her great-grandchildren</i>
Sun	Jan. 24	9:00 AM	For: + The Assad Coury Family <i>By Sheryl A. Coury</i>
	<i>English</i>		
	<i>Ara/Eng</i>	11:00 AM	For: + Tanous Ata <i>By his wife Leila and his children Elie, Ibrahim, Diana, Mirna & Alfred Ata and their families</i>
	<i>Church</i>		



Venmo your Parish

- 1- Scan the QR code.
- 2- Choose the amount
- 3- Use the Memo to indicate which account the contribution is made towards. (e.g. Weekly Contribution, Energy needs...)

TITHES & OFFERINGS STEP UP YOUR WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL GIVING

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/

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"X8" = \$250

Please submit your request either by

Phone: 978.685.7233

or by E-mail:

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

CEMETERY LOT SALES AND AVAILABILITY

Saint Anthony Cemetery offers affordable payment plans to fit any family's budget. For more information:

By Phone (*During Office Hours*) 978-685-7233

or email rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Or by visiting: www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/

Burial Pre-Arrangements

Making arrangements for a burial in advance should be no more difficult than providing insurance or having a will. It is a sensible thing to do. By pre-arranging your burial, you can avoid the unnecessary confusion plus the financial and emotional stress that death often brings. Funeral pre-arrangements are available and recommended with guarantees of no increase in cemetery charges at the time of interment.

Pre-Arrangement Funds are placed in a separate account and are withdrawn at the time of the interment. An interest free Time-Payment Plan is available for your convenience.

ONLINE BURIAL SEARCH

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.
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.



Prayer to Saint Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

نرفع إليه هذه الصلاة:
السلام عليك يا حامي المخلص،
وخطيب العذراء مريم.
لقد ائتمناك الله على ابنه؛
وبك وضعت مريم ثقتها؛
ومعك صار يسوع رجلاً.
أيها الطوباوي يوسف، كن أباً لنا نحن أيضاً،
وأرشدنا في درب الحياة.
التمس لنا النعمة والرحمة والشجاعة،
واحمنا من كل شر. آمين.

(Prayer by Pope Francis at the conclusion of his Letter
“[Patris corde](#)” (“With a Father’s Heart”) proclaiming a
“Year of Saint Joseph” from 8 December 2020 to 8
December 2021.)

A second collection will be taken at the end of the month for the United States Catholic Bishops’ Worldwide Charities. Envelops have been included with your sets for your convenience.

BIBLE STUDY

Arabic and English Sessions are taking place every Wednesday January 13, 2021.

For more info send an email

to: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Bachir M. Atallah & Jessica Joseph Fakhry
Congratulations on your wedding and may your marriage be crowned with love, joy and God’s presence.

Thank You

Dr Pierre, Jennifer, Christian and Alex Abou Ezzi for your generous donation: \$5000.00

Religious Education

Next Session is on **January 23, 2021 @ 5:15 pm.**

Save the Dates - First Communion:

- **March 6, 2021** from 5:15 to 6:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation for First Communion.
- **May 1, 2021 @ 10:30 am:** First Communion Liturgy

Knights of the Altar

Next meeting : February 6

Weekly Spiritual Mezza

Presented by Deacon Nadim Daou

Details sent by text message and on Facebook

Guidelines For Public Liturgies During Pandemic –Capacity %25

Should I come to Liturgy?

Anyone who is ill, symptomatic, or has been exposed to someone else with the coronavirus within 14 days cannot enter the church. This is in accord with national, state, and local health directives. We also ask everyone to check their temperature at home before deciding if you are coming to Liturgy. You can find the current symptoms of the coronavirus at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website www.cdc.gov

Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are over 60 are strongly encouraged, for their own health, to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Liturgy.

What should I do if I cannot come to Liturgy?

We will continue to livestream our Liturgies on our [Facebook page](#). Monday through Thursday Liturgy will be at 9:00 am. Saturday Liturgy will be at 4:00 pm and Sunday liturgies will be at 9:00 am & 11:00am .

Parishioners who would like to have Holy Communion brought to their homes should contact the office @ 978.685.7233 during normal business hours. The frequency of our visits for Holy Communion will depend upon the number of requests.

How will we be kept safe when we come to Liturgy?

All pews are wiped down with disinfectant; and all Qurbono Books are removed; and all surfaces used frequently (restroom facilities, door handles, etc.) are sanitized before each service.

Everyone attending Liturgy is obligated to wear a mask or other facial covering. The only exception during Liturgy is when receiving Holy Communion.

You'll be asked to observe social distancing – staying at least six feet from people not in your household. Only certain pews are available for seating. When you arrive, please use your good judgment about where to sit. Be respectful and accommodating towards others as they arrive and look for seating.

You'll find the holy water fonts are empty and that there is hand sanitizer available. You'll notice there will be no offertory procession, no sign of peace, and no passing of the collection basket.

You can drop your donation in a stationary basket, or continue to use the online provided by your parish.

Can we receive Holy Communion?

Yes, but only the Most Precious Body and only by hand. Floor markings shall be placed six feet apart in the aisles in which the congregation approaches the sanctuary for Holy Communion to facilitate proper social distancing.

When approaching the Communion minister, the communicant is to present one hand resting on the palm of the other. Moving in front of one of the side alter the communicant pulls their mask or other facial covering below their chin and reverently places the Eucharist in his or her mouth and immediately replaces their mask or other facial covering and returns to their place.

What do we need to keep in mind as we leave Liturgy?

Please leave Liturgy together as a household, wearing your masks or other facial covering and observing six feet of distance from others. You will not be permitted to congregate in the foyer, and no receptions or

MENTAL HEALTH & SEVERE AUTISTIC HOMES

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FOOD & MEDICINE DRIVE

Items Listed Below!

Keep Checking back to remain updated on what is still needed

Drop off location

St Anthony Church: 145 Amesbury Street, Lawrence MA

Drop off Dates / Times: Everyday Starting 1/11/21

Until further notice

**Contact the rectory with any questions @ 978.685.7233 or
rectory@stanthonylawrence.org**

FOOD DRIVE MOST NEEDED ITEMS

RAISINS

TABLE SALT

SUGAR

LENTILS

RED BEANS

BURGHOL

JELLY

HOMMUS

CANILLA RICE

PASTA

SPAGETTI SAUCE

MACARONI & CHEESE

INSTNAT POTATOES

RICE

**CANNED
VEGETABLES**

**CANNED MEAT:
CHICKEN, BEEF,
TUNA, SARDINES**

TEA

FLOUR

HONEY

DRY MILK

TOOTH BRUSHES

TOOTH PASTE

SHAMPOOS

DISH DETERGENT

ADULT DIAPERS

BAR SOAP

BODY WASH

SPORT SOCKS

TOWELS

WHAT IS LOVE ASKING OF US NOW?

By Ronald Rolheiser

“You can safely assume you’ve created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do.” Anne Lamott

Those are words worth contemplating, on all sides of the political and religious divide today. We live in a time of bitter division. From our government offices down to our kitchen tables there are tensions and divisions about politics, religion, and versions of truth that seem irreparable. Sadly, these divisions have brought out the worst in us, in all of us. Common civility has broken down and brought with it something that effectively illustrates the biblical definition of the “diabolic” – widespread lack of common courtesy, disrespect, demonization and hatred of each other. All of us now smugly assume that God hates all the same people we do. The polarization around the recent USA elections, the storming of the USA Capitol buildings by a riotous mob, the bitter ethical and religious debates about abortion, and the loss of a common notion of truth, have made clear that incivility, hatred, disrespect, and different notions of truth rule the day. Where do we go with that? I am a theologian and not a politician or social analyst so what I say here has more to do with living out Christian discipleship and basic human maturity than with any political response. Where do we go religiously with this? Perhaps a helpful way to probe for a Christian response is to pose the question this way: what does it mean to love in a time like this? What does it mean to love in a time when people can no longer agree on what is true? How do we remain civil and respectful when it feels impossible to respect those who disagree with us? In struggling for clarity with an issue so complex, sometimes it can be good to proceed via the *Via Negativa*, that is, by first asking what should we avoid doing. What should we not do today? First, we should not bracket civility and legitimize disrespect and demonization; but we should also not be unhealthily passive, fearful that speaking our truth will upset others. We may not disregard truth and let lies and injustices lie comfortable and unexposed. It is too simple to say that there are good people on both sides in order to avoid having to make real adjudications vis-à-vis the truth. There are sincere people on both sides, but sincerity can also be very misguided. Lies and injustice need to be named. Finally, we must resist the subtle (almost impossible to resist) temptation to allow our righteousness morph into self-righteousness, one of pride’s most divisive modalities.

What do we need to do in the name of love? Fyodor Dostoevsky famously wrote that love is a harsh and fearful thing, and our first response should be to accept that. Love is a harsh thing and that harshness is not just the discomfort we feel when we confront others or find ourselves confronted by them. Love’s harshness is felt most acutely in the (almost indigestible) self-righteousness we have to swallow in order to rise to a higher level of maturity where we can accept that God loves those we hate just as much as God loves us – and those we hate are just as precious and important in God’s eyes as we are.

Once we accept this, then we can speak for truth and justice. Then truth can speak to power, to “alternative truth”, and to the denial of truth. That is the task. Lies must be exposed, and this needs to occur inside our political debates, inside our churches, and at our dinner tables. That struggle will sometimes call us beyond niceness (which can be its own mammoth struggle for sensitive persons). However, while we cannot always be nice, we can always be civil and respectful.

One of our contemporary prophetic figures, Daniel Berrigan, despite numerous arrests for civil disobedience, steadfastly affirmed that a prophet makes a vow of love, not of alienation. Hence, in our every attempt to defend truth, to speak for justice, and to speak truth to power, our dominant tone must be one of love, not anger or hatred. Moreover, whether we are acting in love or alienation will always be manifest – in our civility or lack of it. No matter our anger, love still has some non-negotiables, civility and respect. Whenever we find ourselves descending to adolescent name-calling, we can be sure we have fallen out of discipleship, out of prophecy, and out of what is best inside us.

Finally, how we will respond to the times remains a deeply personal thing. Not all of us are called to do the same thing. God has given each of us unique gifts and a unique calling; some are called to loud protest, others to quiet prophecy. However, we are all called to ask ourselves the same question: given what is happening, what is love asking of me now?

Epistle: Second Letter to the Corinthians 4: 5-15

Brothers and sisters, For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture 'I believed, and so I spoke' we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Gospel: Saint John 1: 35-42

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Jan 17:** Grece Abou Ezzi, John Belko, Sr.,
Jonnathan Bouchrouche,
Marie Hachem, Gavi Kattar
Jan 18: Elias Abou Zeid, Louie Ramy,
Mike Solomon
Jan 19: Adam Bejjani, Assaad El Hayek,
Ava Faris, Sofia Faris, George Kassas
Jan 20: Joseph Chamoun
Jan 21: Rachelle Abou Ezzi, Luke Avedisian,
Anthony Fram, Joseph Maksou,
Maroun Nassar
Jan 22: Theresea Bou Sanayeh, Paulette Issa,
Aubrey Jefferson, Michael Saad,
Robert Safi
Jan 23: Mark Faris, Gisele Georges,
Janette Nadira

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Jan 17:** Gerald & Nicole Motta
Jan 20: Melhem & Eliana Hachem
Jan 21: David & Tammy Mallen

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

- Jan 18:** Joseph Assad - Jennie M. Nassar
Jan 20: Carol Ann Kalil - Fred G. Nasser
Ida Thomas
Jan 21: Rose M. Bistany
Jan 22: Rose Lucchesi
Jan 23: Claire Habib

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

WILL BURN FOR PRIVATE INTENTION

الرسالة الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس 4: 15-5

يا إخواني، نحن لا نبشّر بأنفسنا، بل نبشّر
 بيسوع المسيح ربنا، وبأنفسنا عبيدا لكم من أجل
 يسوع؛ لأن الله الذي قال: "ليشرق من الظلمة نور!"، هو الذي أشرق في قلوبنا، لنستنير
 فنعرف مجد الله المتجلي في وجه المسيح. ولكننا نحمل هذا الكنز في آنية من خزف، ليظهر
 أن تلك الفدرة الفائقة هي من الله لا منا. يضيق علينا من كل جهة ولكننا لا نسحق، نختار في
 أمرنا ولكننا لا نياس، نضطهد ولكننا لا نهمل، ننبذ ولكننا لا نهلك، ونحمل في جسدينا كل حين
 موت يسوع، لكي تظهر حياة يسوع أيضا في جسدينا؛ فإننا نحن الأحياء نسلم دوما إلى
 الموت، من أجل يسوع، لكي تظهر حياة يسوع أيضا في جسدينا المائت. فالموت يعمل فينا،
 والحياة تعمل فيكم. ولكن بما أن لنا روح الإيمان عينه، كما هو مكتوب: "آمنت، ولذلك
 تكلمت"، فنحن أيضا نؤمن، ولذلك نتكلم. ونحن نعلم أن ذلك الذي أقام الرب يسوع، سيقيمنا
 نحن أيضا مع يسوع، ويجعلنا وإياكم في حضرة. فكل شيء هو من أجلكم، لكي تكثر النعمة،
 فيفيض الشكر في قلوب الكثيرين لمجد الله.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 1: 35-42

في العبد أيضا كان يوحنا واقفا هو وأثنان من تلاميذه.
 ورأى يسوع مارا فحدق إليه وقال: "ها هو حمل الله."
 وسمع التلميذان كلامه، فتبعوا يسوع. وألقت يسوع، فرأهما يتبعانه، فقال لهما: "ماذا
 تطلبان؟" قالا له: "راي، أي يا معلم، أين نقيم؟" قال لهما: "تعاليا وانظرا." فذهبا ونظرا
 أين يقيم. وأقاما عنده ذلك اليوم، وكانت الساعة نحو الرابعة بعد الظهر. وكان أندراؤس أخو
 سمعان بطرس أحد التلميذين، اللذين سمعا كلام يوحنا وتبعوا يسوع. ولقي أولا أخاه سمعان،
 فقال له: "وجدنا مשיحا، أي المسيح." وجاء به إلى يسوع، فحدق يسوع إليه وقال: "أنت هو
 سمعان بن يونا، أنت ستدعى كيفا، أي بطرس الصخرة."

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الداخل		
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الاعمال في ١٥ كانون الثاني ١٩٢٨
 شهر الاحد الثاني بعد الفصح

٥ - الثماني في ١٧ الشهر عيد القديس انطونيوس الكبير شفيع الرعية
 واحتفل كليه في هذا الزمان

From the book of Mass Intentions and Parish Announcements years 1928 - 1931.

Sunday January 15, 1928 Second Sunday after Epiphany.

Liturgy will be celebrated Tuesday the 17th for the feast day of Saint Anthony the great, the patron of the parish.