

Blessed are those
who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labours
for their good deeds go with them.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.
*And let perpetual light
shine upon them.*
May they rest in peace.
Amen.

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 Mikhael**305-807-9087**.... 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

SUNDAYS & WEEKLY LITURGIES

Sunday of the Faithful Departed - أحد الموتى المؤمنين

Sat 4:00 PM	Feb. 6 <i>English</i>	For: + Laurice Khoury <i>By her niece Micheline Bijjani Dabrowski</i> For: 1st Year Anniversary - Adele Saab <i>By the Moore Family</i>
Sun 9:00 AM	Feb. 7 <i>English</i>	For: The deceased members of the Sarkis Family <i>By their loving family</i>
11:00 AM	<i>Ara/Eng Church</i>	For: 1st Year Anniversary - Antoinette Hachem, + Michael & + Danny El Hachem <i>By their loving family</i> For: 1st Year Anniversary - Jean Abi Nassif, and for + Maroun & + Chafic Abi Nassif <i>By their loving family</i>

Mon
7:00 PM **Feb. 8** **Feast of St Maron—Vigil Liturgy (Arabic)**
For: Good Health of Parishioners *By Fr. Elie & Fr. Manuel*

Tue
9:00 AM **Feb. 9** **Feast of St Maron—Feast Day Liturgy (English)**
For: Good Health of Parishioners *By Fr. Elie & Fr. Manuel*

Wed
9:00 AM **Feb. 10** **For: + Georges Elia Saba** *By his daughter Tania Mazraani*
The intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Thu
9:00 AM **Feb. 11** **For: + Larry ,+ Dora M. Pereira and souls in Purgatory** *By Dora Pereira*
The intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fri **Feb. 12** **No Liturgy**

First Sunday of Great Lent - أحد مدخل الصوم الكبير Cana Sunday - أحد آية عرس قانا

Sat
4:00 PM **Feb. 13**
English **For: + Sister Alexandrine** *By her niece Micheline Bijjani Dabrowski*
For: + Nasib Ramy *By his Wife and Children*

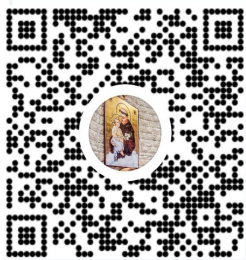
Sun
9:00 AM **Feb. 14**
English **For: + Mary George & + Suzanne Eyssi** *By Josephine Mcdougall, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Witkiewicz and Family*

11:00 AM *Ara/Eng Church* **For: + George, Nemra, Peter, Brandon & Matthew Hachem**
By their family

TITHES & OFFERINGS WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT

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REGISTER ONLINE



stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/

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.

TICKETS WILL BE MAILED SOON

**ST ANTHONY RAFFLE
COVID 19 RELIEF**

CASH PRIZES
Prize 1: \$5000
Prize 2: \$2500
Prize 3: \$1000
CASH, CHECKS, CC & VENMO ACCEPTED!

**RAFFLE DRAWING
SUNDAY APRIL 4, 2021 @ NOON**

\$100.00

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

or by E-mail:

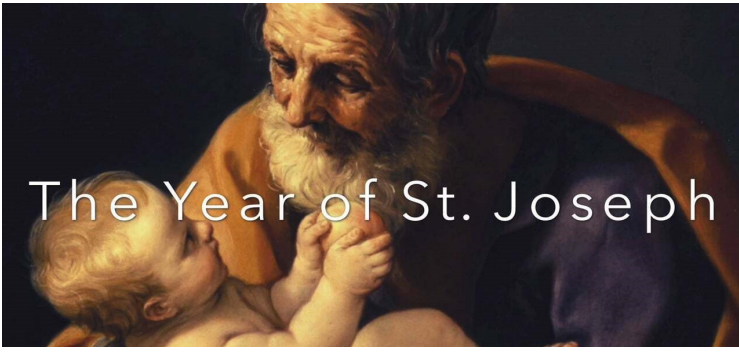
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ONLINE BURIAL SEARCH

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 ائتمنك 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، واخمننا من
كل شر. آمين.

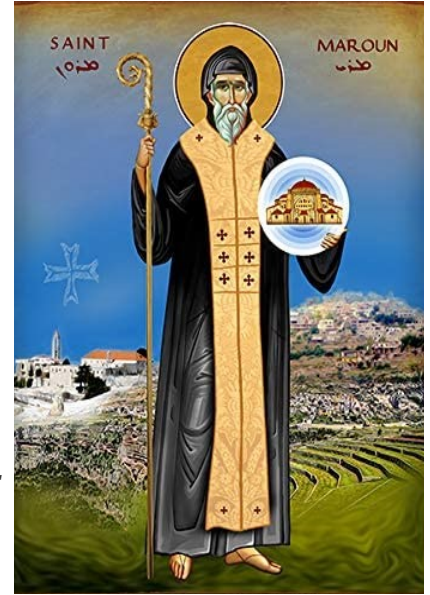
(Prayer by Pope Francis at the conclusion of his Letter "[Patris corde](#)" ("With a Father's Heart") proclaiming a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021.)

BIBLE STUDY

Arabic and English Sessions are taking place every Wednesday. For more info send an email to: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

PRAYER TO BE CALM

O Holy Saint of the open sky, the light of Christ's teachings gave you strength and perseverance to resist the adverse elements. Your example gives me inner strength to manage my weakness.



Most supreme of the hermits, who like trees adorned with leaves afford comforting shade, you give me shelter and refresh me. As you stood firm as a cedar, my shakiness is settled; as you outstretched your arms like great branches, I unwind my tension; as you felt the fresh breeze against you, I open my heart to the winds of God's love. Amen.

LENT SEASON

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ASH MONDAY: FEBRUARY 15
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent at 7PM

Religious Education

Next Session is on **February 6, 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.

Knights of the Altar

Next meeting : February 6

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 social gathering following Liturgy can be held.

MENTAL HEALTH & SEVERE AUTISTIC HOMES

DEIR eI SALEEB –HOLY CROSS MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTION

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

OUR UNCONSCIOUS SEARCH FOR GOD

By Ronald Rolheiser

How do we search for God?

It is easy to misunderstand what that means. We are forever searching for God, though mostly without knowing it. Usually, we think of our search for God as a conscious religious search, as something we do out of a spiritual side of ourselves. We tend to think of things this way: I have my normal life and its pursuits and, if I am so inclined, on the side, I might have a spiritual or religious pursuit wherein I try through prayer, reflection, and religious practices to get to know God. This is an unfortunate misunderstanding. Our normal search for meaning, fulfillment, and even for pleasure, is in fact our search for God.

What do we naturally search for in life? By nature, we search for meaning, love, a soulmate, friendship, emotional connection, sexual fulfillment, significance, recognition, knowledge, creativity, play, humor, and pleasure. However, we tend not to see these pursuits as searching for God. In pursuing these things, we rarely, if ever, see them in any conscious way as our way of searching for God. In our minds, we are simply looking for happiness, meaning, fulfillment, and pleasure, and our search for God is something we need to do in another way, more consciously through some explicit religious practices.

Well, we are not the first persons to think like that. It has always been this way. For instance, St. Augustine struggled with exactly this, until one day he realized something. A searcher by temperament, Augustine spent the first thirty-four years of his life pursuing the things of this world: learning, meaning, love, sex, and a prestigious career. However, even before his conversion, there was a desire in him for God and the spiritual. However, like us, he saw that as a separate desire from what he was yearning for in the world. Only after his conversion did he realize something. Here is how he famously expressed it:

“Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. ... You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness.”

This is an honest admission that he lived a good number of years not loving God; but it is also an admission that, during those years, he had massively misunderstood something and that misunderstanding lay at the root of his failure. What was that misunderstanding?

Reading his confession we tend to focus on the first part of it, namely, on his realization that God was inside of him all the while, but that he was not inside of himself. This is a perennial struggle for us too. Less obvious in this confession and something that is also a perennial struggle for us, is his recognition that for all those years while he was searching for life in the world, a search he generally understood as having nothing to do with God, he was actually searching for God. What he was looking for in all those worldly things and pleasures was in fact the person of God. Indeed, his confession might be recast this way:

Late, late, have I loved you because I was outside of myself while all the while you were inside me, but I wasn't home, and I had no idea it was you I was actually looking for in the world. I never connected that search to you. In my mind, I was not looking for you; I was looking for what would bring me meaning, love, significance, sexual fulfillment, knowledge, pleasure, and a prestigious career. Never did I connect my longing for these things with my longing for you. I had no idea that everything I was chasing, all those things I was lonely for, were already inside me, in you. Late, late, have I understood that. Late, late, have I learned that what I am so deeply hungry and lonely for is contained inside of you. All these years, I never connected my restlessness, my seemingly selfish and lustful pursuit of things, with you. Everything I am lonely for is inside of you and you are inside of me. Late, late, have I realized this.

We are fired into life with a madness that comes from the gods. So say the Greek Stoics. They are right. Our whole life is simply a search to respond to that divine madness inside us, a madness Christians identify with infinite yearnings of the soul. Given those yearnings, like Augustine, we plunge into the world searching for meaning, love, a soulmate, friendship, emotional connection, sexual fulfillment, significance, recognition, knowledge, creativity, and pleasure, and that earthy pursuit, perhaps more than our explicit religious pursuits, is in fact our search for God.

Best to realize this early, so we do not have to write: “Late, late, have I loved you!”

Epistle: First Letter to the Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Brothers and sisters, Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers

and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel: Saint Luke 16: 19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Feb 7: Gregory & Karen Daher

Feb 8: Said & Sonia Geha

Kamil & Mona Hbaiter

Feb 9: AJ & Elizabeth Mansor

Libnan & Rebecca Ramy

Feb 11: Ramon & Nancy Moore

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

Feb 7: Fred J. Faris

Feb 8: Elias Kassis - Anne Marie Marcou

Feb 9: Agnes J. Hanley - Nemra J. Hashem
Adele Saab

Feb 12: Nasib Habib Ramy - Joseph J. Kattar

Feb 13: Juliet Tamer

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

WILL BURN FOR PRIVATE INTENTION

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي 5: 1-11
يا إخوتي، أمّا الأزمنة والأوقات، أيّها الإخوة، فلا حاجة بكم أن يكتب إليكم في شأنها؛ لأنكم تعلمون جيّدًا أنّ يوم الربّ يأتي كالسارق ليلاً. فحين يقولون: سلامٌ وأمنٌ! حينئذٍ يدهمهم الهلاك دهم المخاض للحبلى، ولا يفطنون. أمّا أنتم، أيّها الإخوة، فلستُمْ في ظلمةٍ ليُفاجِبكم ذلك اليوم كالسارق. فأنتم كلُّكم أبناء النور، وأبناء النهار؛ ولستنا أبناء الليل ولا أبناء الظلمة. إذا فلا ننم كسائر الناس، بل لنسهر ونصح؛ لأنّ الذين ينامون في الليل ينامون، والذين يسكرون في الليل يسكرون. أمّا نحن أبناء النهار، فلنصح لابسين درع الإيمان والمحبة، وواضعين خوذة رجاء الخلاص. فإنّ الله لم يجعلنا للغضب، بل لإحراز الخلاص بربنا يسوع المسيح، الذي مات من أجلنا، لنحيّا معه ساهرين كُنّا أم نائمين. فلذلك سجعوا بعضكم بعضًا، وليبين الواحد الآخر، كما أنتم فاعلمون.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 16: 19-31
قال الربّ يسوع: "كان رجلٌ غنيٌّ يلبس الأزرّوان والكتان الناعم، ويتنعم كل يومٍ بأفخر الولايم. وكان رجلٌ مسكينٌ اسمه لعازرٌ مطروحًا عند بابهِ، تكسوه القروح. وكان يشتهي أن يشبع من الفتات المتساقط من مائدة الغني، غير أنّ الكلاب كانت تأتي فتلحس قروحه. ومات المسكين فحمّله الملائكة إلى حضن إبراهيم. ثمّ مات الغنيّ ودفن. ورفع الغنيّ عينيه، وهو في الجحيم يُقاسي العذاب، فرأى إبراهيم من بعيد، ولعازر في حضنه. فنادى وقال: يا أبت إبراهيم، ارحمني وأرسل لعازر ليبلّ طرف إصبعه بماءٍ ويبرد لساني، لأني متوجّع في هذا اللهب. فقال إبراهيم: يا أبنّي، تذكّر أنّك نلت خيرتك في حياتك، ولعازر نال البلاء. والآن هو يتعزّى هنا، وأنت تتوجّع. ومع هذا كلّه، فإنّ بيننا وبينكم هوة عظيمة ثابتة، حتّى إنّ الذين يريدون أن يجتازوا من هنا إليكم لا يستطيعون، ولا من هناك أن يعبروا إلينا. فقال الغنيّ: أسألك إذا، يا أبت، أن ترسل لعازر إلى بيت أبي، فإن لي خمسة إخوة، ليشهد لهم، كي لا يأتوا هم أيضًا إلى مكان العذاب هذا. فقال إبراهيم: عندهم موسى والأنبياء، فليسمعوا لهم. فقال: لا، يا أبت إبراهيم، ولكن إذا مضى إليهم واحدٌ من الأموات يتوبون. فقال له إبراهيم: إنّ كانوا لا يسمعون لموسى والأنبياء، فإنهم، ولو قام واحدٌ من الأموات، لن يفتنعوا!".

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb 7: Marie-Therese Assaf, Lucas Zouein

Feb 8: Elie Azzi, Carla Bouchrouche

Feb 9: Robert Danus II, Marvin Eid

Feb 10: Patrick Archambault, Adam Daher,
Ernest Dow, Salim El-Achi

Feb 11: Abdou Abou Raad, Robert Owaida,
Ziad Saab

Feb 12: Mark Bishop

Feb 13: Regina Abdelnour, Jood Hayek,
Vivian Ota