



# ST. ANTHONY

*Catholic Church*

971 O'HARA AVENUE, OAKLEY, CA | 925.625.2048 | STANTHONYOAKLEY.COM

FEBRUARY 23, 2025



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Give, and gifts will be given to you.”

- Lk 6:38

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### **Our Mission - Nuestra Misión**

Our community follows Jesus by praying, loving and serving God. *St. Anthony, pray for us.*  
Nuestra comunidad conoce y sigue a Jesús rezando, amando, y sirviendo a Dios. *San Antonio, ruega por nosotros.*

## SACRAMENTS

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	Eng
Sunday	8:00 am	Eng
	10:00 am	Eng
	12:00 pm	Esp.
	2:00 pm	Esp.
	5:00 pm	Esp.

### Daily Mass Times

Daily	8:30 am	Bilingual
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Esp.
Friday	6:30 pm	Bilingual

### Confession/Confesión

Saturday 3:30pm to 4:30pm,  
Thursday 6:30 pm  
or by appointment.

### All other Sacraments

Please call the office for more information.

## CLERGY

Fr. Rafael Hinojosa,  
*Parochial Administrator*

Fr. Juan Carlos Ponce,  
*Parochial Vicar*

Deacon Alberto Cruz

Deacon Emeritus Joe Tovar

Deacon Emeritus Alan Layden

## PARISH OFFICE

Jajahira Gallardo, *Parish Secretary*  
Celeste Plate, *Parish Bookkeeper*

(925) 625-2048

Fax: (925) 625-4433

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
(Lunes, Miércoles, Viernes)

9AM to 12PM and 1PM to 6PM

## BULLETIN

### Submissions to the Sunday Bulletin

Deadline by noon on Monday, six (6) days prior to the desired Sunday of publication. Send files to parish@stanthonyoakley.com.

## WEBSITE

All church ministries are invited to share their upcoming events or news to our website. Send your info to parish@stanthonyoakley.com

## Oline Giving Using VANCO Donaciones Por Linea Usando VANCO

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MUCHAS GRACIAS!



### Sunday's Collection—Totals from February 16, 2025

	PLATE	ONLINE
1st Collection	\$9,692.50	\$
2nd Collection	\$929.00	\$

*Thank you for your generous support / Gracias por su generoso apoyo.*

### Second Collection Schedule

February — 23	Grounds Maintenance— Mantenimiento de los Terrenos
March — 2	Diocesan Assesment—Evaluación Diocesana

### St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) St. Anthony Conference

If you need assistance, or like to volunteer or donate, contact the St. Vincent de Paul St. Anthony Conference at 925-325-7424. We provide various forms of assistance which may include food, clothes, furniture, housing assistance, and referrals to other professional agencies. **(Food Pantry) Open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday from 8:30AM to 10:00AM.** */Si necesita ayuda, o desea ser voluntario o donar, comuníquese con la Conferencia de San Vicente de Paul San Antonio al 925-325-7424. Brindamos diversas formas de asistencia que pueden incluir alimentos, ropa, muebles, asistencia para vivienda y referencias a otras agencias profesionales. (Despensa de alimentos) Abierto el segundo y cuarto sábado de 8:30 am. a 10:00 am.*



## FAITH FORMATION COORDINATORS

Call the Parish Office, (925) 625-2048 for more program information or to register.

**Baptism**, Parish Secretary  
**CCD**, Jajahira Gallardo  
**EDGE**, Emma Arcayena  
**Youth Confirmation**,  
Esperanza Casillas

### Christian Initiation: For Adults (English)

Michael Maeda

### For Adults (Español),

Dea. Alberto y Claudia Cruz

### For Children,

Alejandro y Veronica Mercado

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

"Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed." (1 Sm 26:23)

#### Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

#### Second Reading:

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. (1 Cor 15:49)

#### Gospel:

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Jn Lk 6:36)

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "**Be merciful just as your Father is merciful**" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect *that* perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of *God's* life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

— *Father John Muir*

### (PRACTICING)—CATHOLIC

#### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS *By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

#### Judgment and Love

"Oh, well. I'm going to hell anyway, right?"

I have a few family members and friends who are not practicing Catholics who say this to me from time to time. It's always spoken in a teasing manner, with a wink and a shoulder shrug, usually to explain away some sort of minor misbehavior they feel guilty about.

It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. I think in part it stems from a misunderstanding on the part of unchurched people (and lots of churched ones, too) regarding what constitutes "judging." It is absolutely not "judging" someone to disagree with a personal decision, whatever that decision may be, or to decline from participating in that decision. We all have functioning consciences; we are all supposed to discern the moral goodness of any action before we take it. But it *is* judging someone if we allow their decisions to impact how we treat them.

Today's Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us. Much is said these days of the "culture wars." I certainly don't disagree that it can often feel like you're fighting a war when you're trying to live as the Church teaches. The forces against you often seem overwhelming and nefarious. And guess what? They are.

But we need to remember who the enemy really is. The enemy is not other children of God, even if they are children of God who are actively promoting ideas that are wrong. Perhaps these people are misguided and mistaken. Perhaps they are misled by the devil. Have we not all been misled by him at some point?

We must interact lovingly with people who think differently and live differently from us. The Christian life absolutely demands it.

# Community Prayer, Oración en Comunidad

## Mass Intentions For The Week

**Saturday, February 22**

5:00 PM Bill Taylor †

**Sunday, February 23**

8:00 AM Daniel Arata †

10:00 AM Carmen Barrese †

Kamila Martinez (B-day)

12:00 PM Carlos Ortega †

Por la Comunidad

2:00 PM Margarita Acosta Galvan †

Jesus y Maria Bautista (Wedd Anniv.)

5:00 PM Catalina Gutierrez †

Geihiel Alonzo Sanchez (B-day)

**Monday, February 24**

8:30 AM Jose Luis Perez †

**Tuesday, February 25**

8:30 AM Primo & Tita Gingo †

David Valladoli (Bienestar)

**Wednesday, February 26**

8:30 AM Conrado Solorio Padilla †

Pelagio Calope (Healing)

6:30 PM

**Thursday, February 27**

8:30 AM Anselmo Sanchez †

**Friday, February 28**

8:30 AM Elizabeth Okerson †

**Saturday, March 1st (1st Saturday of the month)**

8:30 AM Elisapeta Tuimavave

5:00 PM Tom Moy †



Please Pray For

Por favor Oremos Por

Betty Vetro  
Jaime & Juana Gomez  
Angelo Jace Marayag  
Sigfredo Alcaraz Jr.  
Jurith Martinez  
Johanna Jauregui

Jansen Magat  
Rigoberto Hinojosa  
Benito Parames  
Alice Morales  
Carlos Valdez Ayon

Our Men and Women of the military services.

**St. Anthony's Prayer List**

*If you wish to add a loved one who is in need of our prayers, please call the Parish office at 625-2048, Names will be posted for a month.*

Al cerrar la Campaña de los Ministerios del Obispo de 2024, queremos tomarnos un momento para expresar nuestro más profundo agradecimiento por su perseverancia y dedicación. Su compromiso no solo es valioso, sino que ha sido esencial para avanzar en la misión de nuestra diócesis.

Gracias por ser parte integral de este viaje. Su compromiso es una verdadera bendición y juntos estamos logrando algo verdaderamente grandioso.

Bendiciones.

2024 Bishop's Appeal	
St. Anthony, Oakley	
Goal	\$21,100

Total Committed	Total Number of Gifts Received	Total Number of Donors
\$23,612.70	70	47

Total Receipts	Average Total Gifts by Donor	Average Gift Amount Received
\$23,512.70	\$502.40	\$337.32

EXPOSITION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday through Friday: 9:30am to 6:30pm,  
Friday: 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm  
Scheduling Coordinator:  
Linda Hipólito (925) 493-0976

EXPOSICIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO  
SACRAMENTO

Lunes a Viernes: 9:30 am a 6:30pm ,  
Viernes: 7:00 pm a 11:00 pm  
Coordinadora del Horario:  
Linda Hipólito 925-493-0976

# Oración Semanal, Adoración & Meditación

## LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

### Primera lectura:

“Aunque el Señor te pusiera hoy en mis manos, no haría daño a su unguento” (1 Sm 26,23)

### Salmo:

El Señor es clemente y misericordioso (Sal 103)

### Segunda lectura:

Así como hemos llevado la imagen del hombre terreno, llevaremos también la imagen del hombre celestial (1 Co 15,49)

### Evangelio:

“Sean misericordiosos, como su Padre es misericordioso” (Jn Lc 6,36)

## MEDITACION DEL EVANGELIO

### 7º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Uno de mis nuevos cantantes/compositores favoritos es Noah Kahan. Soy un poco parcial porque, como yo, él es originario de Vermont. En una hermosa canción titulada “Stick Season”, canta sobre su esperanza de “cancelar la oscuridad que heredé de papá”. Esta letra articula su doloroso reconocimiento de una oscura “herencia” espiritual de su padre, y su esperanza de liberarse de ella. Todos heredamos algún grado de maldad de nuestros antepasados terrenales. Es fácil sentirse condenado a repetir sus oscuridades.

Pero no estamos tan condenados, gracias a Dios. El Evangelio de esta semana proclama esto. Cualquiera que sea el bien o el mal que hayamos recibido de nuestros padres, tenemos una herencia más definitiva y perfecta en Dios. Jesús nos ordena: “Sean misericordiosos como su Padre es misericordioso” (Lucas 6:36). Tenemos un Padre perfecto en el cielo y estamos destinados a heredar y reflejar ese amor perfecto y misericordioso. Tenemos una herencia de luz, no de oscuridad, y por lo tanto una posibilidad completamente nueva de amor magnánimo. Como cualquier herencia, este es un regalo gratuito para nosotros.

¿Qué estamos destinados a repetir? No la oscuridad de nuestros padres terrenales. Estamos destinados a ser un reflejo de la vida de Dios. Jesús nos libera de la inevitabilidad de repetir cualquier maldad e imperfección que haya en nuestra educación familiar o cultural. Es hora de reclamar esa herencia perfecta.

— Padre John Muir

## CATOLICA - (PRACTICANTE) RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### El Juicio y el Amor

“Oh, bueno. Voy a ir al infierno de todos modos, ¿verdad?”

Tengo algunos familiares y amigos que no son católicos practicantes que me dicen esto de vez en cuando. Siempre se habla de manera burlona, con un guiño y un encogimiento de hombros, generalmente para explicar algún tipo de mal comportamiento menor por el que se sienten culpables.

Me entristece que los cristianos de alguna manera se hayan ganado esta reputación como un pueblo que juzga, que condena. Creo que, en parte, se deriva de un malentendido por parte de las personas que no asisten a la iglesia (y también a muchas personas que asisten a la iglesia) con respecto a lo que constituye "juzgar." No es en absoluto "juzgar" a alguien que no esté de acuerdo con una decisión personal, sea cual sea esa decisión, o que se niegue a participar en esa decisión. Todos tenemos conciencias funcionales; Se supone que todos debemos discernir la bondad moral de cualquier acción antes de llevarla a cabo. Pero *si* es juzgar a alguien si permitimos que sus decisiones afecten la forma en que lo tratamos.

El Evangelio de hoy es una invitación para que consideremos cómo nos relacionamos con las personas que no están de acuerdo con nosotros, o tal vez incluso a quien le desagradamos activamente. Mucho se habla en estos días de las "guerras culturales." Ciertamente no estoy en desacuerdo con que a menudo se puede sentir como si estuvieras peleando una guerra cuando estás tratando de vivir como la Iglesia enseña. Las fuerzas en tu contra a menudo parecen abrumadoras y nefastas. ¿Y adivina qué? Lo son.

Pero necesitamos recordar quién es realmente el enemigo. El enemigo no son los otros hijos de Dios, incluso si son hijos de Dios que están promoviendo activamente ideas que son incorrectas. Tal vez estas personas estén equivocadas y mal guiadas. Tal vez estén engañados por el diablo. ¿No hemos sido todos engañados por él en algún momento?

Debemos interactuar amorosamente con personas que piensan y viven de manera diferente a nosotros. La vida cristiana lo exige absolutamente.



St. Anthony Auxiliary #10414

2025

Columbiette/Application Website

## Harriett V. Zych Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor Harriett V. Zych, a local St. Anthony Catholic Church parishioner who served both her community and church. Harriett was passionate about selflessly serving others and was an integral member of the Contra Costa County Senior Food Bank, Contra Costa County Farm Bureau, St. Anthony Columbiettes Auxiliary #10414, St. Anthony Catholic Church Eucharistic minister, a member of the Contra Costa County Senior Health Coalition, and a member of the Oakley City Incorporation Board. Harriett was consistently looking for ways to better serve her community.

In light of her service, this scholarship is a means of rewarding and fostering similar service/involvement in three graduating Freedom High School seniors. The goal is that the award recipients will follow Harriett's convictions, attitudes, involvement and actions for the good of their community.

Up to three (3) \$500 scholarships will be given to Freedom High School graduating Seniors based on scholastic achievement and community service on May 22, 2025, at the Freedom High School Awards Night.

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Hombres les hacemos la cordial  
invitacion a unirse a

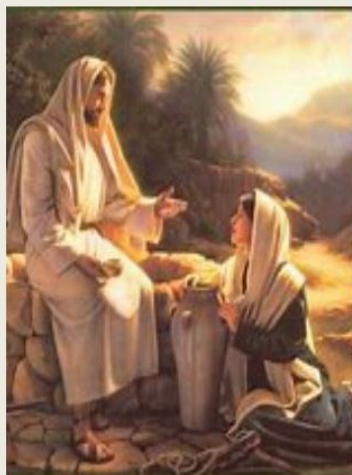
## Adoracion Nocturna

Juntas son cada  
1er y 3er Viernes del mes  
Salon de abajo #8

Para mas informacion llamar a  
Jorge al 925-348-0929



### WOMAN'S RETREAT - THE WOMAN AT THE WELL SPONSORED BY THE ST. ANTHONY'S COLUMBIETTES



FREE EVENT

3/22/2025

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30AM  
RETREAT TIME: 9AM -5PM  
WITH MASS FOLLOWING THE  
RETREAT

ST. ANTHONY 'S PADUA HALL  
971 O'HARA AVENUE OAKLEY, CA

Guest Speakers:  
Kiona Medina, Coordinator of Life & Social Justice Ministries  
Diocese of Oakland

Blessie LaScola, Published Author & Master Catechist for the  
Diocese of San Jose

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REFRESHMENTS & SNACKS PROVIDED

YOUR SUPPORT THROUGH DONATIONS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT COLUMBIETTE10414@GMAIL.COM

**Ash Wednesday**  
**Miercoles de Ceniza**  
**3/5/25**

Schedule/Horario

8:30 am/12:00 pm/3:30 pm  
 Bilingual Mass/Misa Bilingue

5:30 pm: English Mass  
 7:30 pm: Misa en Español

*Third Annual*  
**ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE**

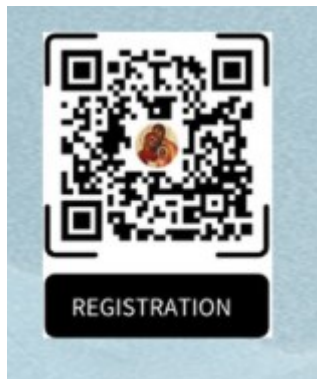
FRI-SAT |  
 MARCH 14-15

*St. Joseph*  
**HOPE OF THE SICK**

Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J.   Fr. Anthony Hoang Le   Fr. Noel Sanvicente   Fr. Roy Palatty, C.M.I.   Michael Corsini

It includes:

- Stations of the Cross,
- Holy Hour,
- Holy Mass,
- Talks on Saint Joseph, Hope of the Sick
- Tours of the Mission and Renewed Museum and Saint Joseph Chapel of Healing
- Veneration of the Relics
- Anointing of the Sick
- Confession
- and much more!



**Knights of Columbus 10414/St. Anthony Church**

**St. Patrick's Dinner**

Featuring...

**St. Patty's Reverse Draw**

**Win up to \$1,000!**

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

**Saint Anthony/Padua Hall**  
 971 O'Hara Ave, Oakley, CA

Doors open 6:00pm Dinner Served 6:30pm

\$15 Adult / \$12 Senior & Child Under 12

Get your tickets from the Knights after Masses

Or for Dinner or Reverse Draw tickets contact  
 Dennis Loosli at (925) 626-8189



### Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish office of any parishioner who is ill or request a visit to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick or Communion at home, hospital or assisted living facility.

925-625-2048



La Escuela Bíblica de San Jerónimo Apóstoles de la Palabra les hace la invitación a todos a ser parte de esta escuela.

**Todos los jueves a las 7 pm en Padua Salón 5.**

Venga y conozca mas de Dios por medio de Su Palabra!!

Para mas Información puede contactarse con: Yulma Diaz al (925) 470-9367



### Daily Rosary/ Rosario Diario

Only through live FB / Solo en vivo por FB 6:30 pm.

M., W. —English,  
Martes, Jueves, y Sábado—Esp.  
Viernes/Friday—Bilingüe/Bilingüe.  
Sunday/Domingo—Before Mass/  
Antes de Misa.

### Join the Columbiettes

An organization of Catholic women, who are affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. They support different charities and participate in the community while working collectively with our Brother Knights to promote Faith and unity.  
Call Patty Loosli at (925) 348-6064

### Únete a las Columbiettes

Una organización de mujeres católicas, que son afiliado a los Caballeros de Colón. Ellos Apoyan a diferentes organizaciones benéficas y participant en la comunidad mientras trabajan colectivamente con nuestros Hermanos Caballeros para promover la Fe y la unidad.

Llame a Patty Loosli al (925) 348-6064

### Holy Family Ministry

Join us every 2nd and 4th Thursday of Every Month.

Location: via Zoom!

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm.

For more information or to join our mailing list please email

[yss13@yahoo.com](mailto:yss13@yahoo.com) or call 310-926-6842

Visit the St. Anthony website Holy Family Ministry Page for more information on monthly events.



WELCOME

# NEW PARISHIONERS



GET REGISTERED

BIENVENIDOS

# NUEVOS PARROQUIANOS



REGISTRATE