

# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHOEVER EATS THIS  
BREAD WILL LIVE  
**FOREVER.**

— JOHN 6:58 —

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## **Our Mission / Nuestra Misión**

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

## Giving Made Simple

Please continue to offer your support to St. Anthony with your monetary gifts. These gifts allow us to pay our bills. Please continue giving to the Sunday collection basket by using VANCO; the online way of giving. Visit our St. Anthony website, on the "Home Page" click on pulldown "About Us" select "Online Giving"; you may register there and make your gift. Or you may drop your Sunday envelope in the basket at Mass or the U.S. Mailbox in the front by the Church entrance. You decide how to give, but please continue to give.

### Sunday's Collection—Totals for August 11, 2024

	PLATE	GIVE +
1st Collection	\$9,279.00	\$1,271.95
2nd Collection	\$1,527.00	\$315.76

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

### Second Collection Schedule

August 18	Cross Catholic Outreach
August 25	Utility Fund/ Fondo de Servicios Públicos

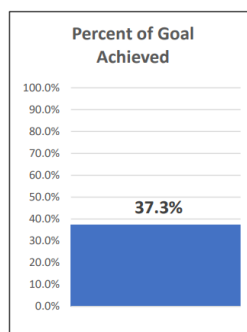
## St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) St. Anthony Conference

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.*

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

Total Committed	Total Number of Gifts Received	Total Number of Donors
\$9,415.00	29	23

Total Receipts	Average Total Gifts by Donor	Average Gift Amount Received
\$7,870.00	\$409.35	\$324.66



## Parishioners Registration



**English Form**

## Registración de Parroquianos



**Forma en Español**

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

“Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!” (Prv 9:5)

#### Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

#### Second Reading:

Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord. (Eph 5:17)

#### Gospel:

“For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.” (Jn 6:55)

### Gospel Meditation

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

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, “Do you believe in Jesus?” He answered, “Yes, I do. But if I may ask you,” he continued, “Where do you experience Jesus’ body and blood?” His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, “I don’t. I just believe in him. That’s all that is needed.” Later my priest friend would relate to me, “The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus’ body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost.”

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the **“bread of life come down from heaven.”** Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That’s why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to **“eat my flesh and drink my blood”** (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus’ body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church’s treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart *and* the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on *both*, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts *and* our bodies, faith *and* the Eucharist.

— Father John Muir

### (PRACTICING)—CATHOLIC

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

##### The Fullness of Life

Like any other child of the ‘90s raised by budget-conscious parents, I’ve spent my fair share of Sunday mornings in line at an Old Country Buffet, hot plate in hand. Kids ate for chump change on Sundays, and I never left that fine establishment without getting our money’s worth. I always came away stuffed to the gills. But I never, ever remember feeling satisfied. In fact, if I recall correctly, most of the time I felt rather empty. I was always thinking about the food I didn’t get to eat — whatever I couldn’t fit on my plate, or whatever they were bringing out from the kitchen just as we were about to leave.

As I’ve gotten older, it’s a feeling I’ve encountered again and again, and not just at buffets. Haven’t we all? The people you think are perfect reveal themselves to be deeply flawed. The things you want the most are never as satisfying to possess as they are to long for. The experiences you anticipate the most end up being let-downs, when instead it’s the ordinary moments — maybe even the hard moments, the painful moments — that stand out, that become cherished memories.

Today’s scripture readings equate wisdom and fullness with an acceptance of something that makes no sense, that defies scientific explanation, cultural norms, and even common sense: the Real Presence of our God in the Eucharist.

Is it strange to believe that we are consuming the Body and Blood of Christ in our worship, and that only by doing so will we ever achieve everlasting life? Perhaps. But we are asked to do many strange things as Christians. We are asked to love when we do not feel like loving, when the object of that love has not earned it. We are asked to forgive even when the recipient of that forgiveness does not seek it or merit it. We are asked to believe, in moments when belief feels impossible.

Socrates says that the only wisdom is in knowing that you know nothing. Perhaps the only spiritual fullness is in knowing that there is only emptiness to be had here in this world, that there is no physical experience or indulgence that can really make you feel satisfied and strong. That the only food that really nourishes you in a way that lasts is a small white Host you can barely taste on your tongue.

*“My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.” — John 6:55*

Mass Intentions For The Week

Sunday, August 18

8:00 AM Nestor Tunac †

10:00 AM Jesse Fuentes †

12:00 PM Marcelina Morales †  
Jaime Lopez (B-day)

2:00 PM For the Community

5:00 PM Fam. Mc Hugh †  
Hannah Esperza (B-day)

Monday, August 19

8:30 AM Henry Ehler †  
Felena Guye (Wellbeing)

Tuesday, August 20

8:30 AM Luz Floresca †  
Margarita Hevedia (B-day)

Wednesday, August 21

8:30 AM Jeff Lewis †

6:30 PM Alexa Estephania Guevara †

Thursday, August 22

8:30 AM Martin Acte †  
Ricardo Ortega (B-day)

Friday, August 23

8:30 AM Ramona Jimenez †

6:30 PM Aurora Gonzalez †

Saturday, August 24

5:00 PM Feliberto Marquez †  
Carlisle Veloria (Healing)



Please Pray For  
Por favor Oremos Por

Esther Gallardo  
Jaime & Juana Gomez  
Angelo Jace Marayag  
Sigfredo Alcaraz Jr.  
Jurith Martinez



Observances for the week of  
August 18, 2024

- Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. John Eudes, Priest
- Tuesday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday: St. Pius X, Pope
- Thursday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
- Saturday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Daily Rosary/ Rosario Diario

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

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

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:

“Venid, comed de mi pan, y bebed del vino que he mezclado” (Pr 9,5)

### Salmo:

Gustad y ved la bondad del Señor. (Sal 34)

### Segunda lectura:

No os quedéis en la ignorancia, sino procurad comprender cuál es la voluntad del Señor. (Ef 5,17)

### Evangelio:

“Porque mi carne es verdadera comida, y mi sangre es verdadera bebida.” (Jn 6,55)

## Meditación del Evangelio

### 20º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Un sacerdote que conozco fue interrogado por un evangelista que iba de puerta en puerta: “¿Cree usted en Jesús?”. Él respondió: “Sí, creo. Pero si me permite preguntarle”, continuó, “¿dónde experimenta usted el cuerpo y la sangre de Jesús?”. Su interlocutor respondió algo confuso: “No creo. Sólo creo en él. Eso es todo lo que se necesita”. Más tarde, mi amigo sacerdote me contaría: “Cuanto más pensaba en ello, esa respuesta me parecía totalmente inadecuada. Como seres humanos, necesitamos encontrarnos con el cuerpo y la sangre de Jesús, no sólo oír hablar de él y creer mentalmente. De lo contrario, Jesús es sólo un fantasma”.

Esta semana vemos este punto central al llegar al momento culminante de la enseñanza de Jesús sobre la Eucaristía. Jesús ha establecido la importancia de creer en él como el “pan de vida bajado del cielo”. La creencia es muy importante porque conduce a un encuentro real y corporal con Jesús a través de la comida y la bebida. Por eso Jesús enfatiza hasta un grado casi escandaloso la necesidad no metafórica de “comer mi carne y beber mi sangre” (Juan 6:54). La presencia real del cuerpo y la sangre de Jesús —él mismo, verdadera, real, sustancialmente— ha sido el tesoro de la Iglesia desde el Jueves Santo. La Iglesia ha insistido obstinadamente en la creencia interna en el corazón y en el acto ritual de comer y beber la Eucaristía, no sólo en uno o en el otro.

Esto no pretende criticar a los cristianos no católicos que confían profundamente en Jesús y lo aman, ni es una afirmación elitista triunfal sobre la Misa católica. Más bien es un reconocimiento humilde y confiado de que Dios en Jesús viene a nosotros de una manera más apropiada para los seres humanos: en nuestros corazones y nuestros cuerpos, en la fe y en la Eucaristía.

— Padre John Muir

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

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### La Plenitud de la Vida

Como cualquier otra niña de los años 90 criada por padres preocupados por su presupuesto, he pasado una buena parte de los domingos por la mañana haciendo cola en un “Old Country Buffet,” con un plato caliente en la mano. Los domingos los niños comían por unas monedas, y yo nunca salía de ese excelente establecimiento sin sacar provecho de nuestro dinero. Siempre salía llena hasta los huesos. Pero nunca recuerdo haberme sentido satisfecha. De hecho, si mal no recuerdo, la mayor parte del tiempo me sentí bastante vacía. Siempre estaba pensando en la comida que no pude comer: lo que no cabía en mi plato o lo que traían de la cocina justo cuando estábamos a punto de irnos.

A medida que he crecido, es una sensación que he encontrado una y otra vez, y no sólo en los buffets. ¿No lo hemos hecho todos? Las personas que crees que son perfectas se revelan profundamente defectuosas. Las cosas que más deseas nunca son tan satisfactorias de poseer como de anhelar. Las experiencias que más anticipas terminan siendo decepciones, cuando en cambio son los momentos ordinarios (tal vez incluso los momentos difíciles, los momentos dolorosos) los que se destacan y se convierten en recuerdos preciados.

Las lecturas de las Escrituras de hoy equivalen la sabiduría y la plenitud con la aceptación de algo que no tiene sentido, que desafía la explicación científica, las normas culturales e incluso el sentido común: la Presencia Real de nuestro Dios en la Eucaristía.

¿Es extraño creer que estamos consumiendo el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo en nuestra adoración, y que sólo así alcanzaremos la vida eterna? Tal vez. Pero como cristianos se nos pide que hagamos muchas cosas extrañas. Se nos pide amar cuando no tenemos ganas de amar, cuando el objeto de ese amor no se lo ha ganado. Se nos pide que perdonemos incluso cuando quien recibe ese perdón no lo busca ni lo merece. Se nos pide que creamos, en momentos en que creer parece imposible.

Sócrates dice que la única sabiduría está en saber que no se sabe nada. Quizás la única plenitud espiritual esté en saber que aquí en este mundo sólo hay vacío, que no existe ninguna experiencia física o indulgencia que realmente pueda hacerte sentir satisfecho y fuerte. Que el único alimento que realmente te nutre de forma duradera es una pequeña Hostia blanca que apenas puedes saborear en la lengua.

“Mi carne es verdadera comida y mi sangre es verdadera bebida.” — Juan 6:55

FIL-AM COMMUNITY PRESENTS...

*A night to remember*

**Dinner Dance**

**TROPICAL NIGHT**

**08.31 | SAT**  
**2024 | 6-10:30PM**

**OAKLEY RECREATION CENTER**  
**250 O'HARA AVE OAKLEY, CA 94561**  
SEMI-FORMAL  
\$65/person

Save the Date!!!

**St. Anthony Parish Festival!**

**September 8, 2024**

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

- KIDS AREA & GAMES
- FOOD & DRINK BOOTHS
- RAFFLES
- MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
- AND MUCH MORE!!!

**9:00 am a 5:00 pm**

**FESTIVAL MENU**

Combo #1: 1 BBQ + Rice + 10 Lumpias \$10	Bacon Wrapped Hotdog
Combo #2: 2 BBQ + Rice + 5 Lumpias \$10	Combo: \$10
Combo #3: 3 BBQ + Rice \$10	(Chips & Chocolate Chip Cookie)
Tacos al Pastor, Asada, Pollo/Chicken:	Breakfast Burrito/Papas, Huevos
\$4 o 3x \$10	& Chorizo \$3 each or Combo \$5
Fruta Fresca: \$7	(Includes Coffee/Incluye Café)
Flautas: 3 por \$5	Tortas de Asada \$10
Sopes and Gorditas: 3 x \$10	Nachos: \$4
Raspados/Shaved Ice: \$4	Cup Beer \$7/Cup Wine \$6
Tostadas de Camaron: \$5	Sodas \$2 Water: \$1
Agua Fresca: \$2	Corn/Elotes: \$4
Snacks/Desserts: \$2 to \$5	Ice Cream \$2 & \$3
Tacos de Birria: \$3	Tacos al Vapor 3x\$10

**Festival**

**RAFFLE 57871**

**Calf-Beccerra**

**Value of / Valor de \$1000.00**

Raffle will take place at the Parish Festival

La Rifa se llevara acabo durante el Festival Parroquial

**Tickets**

**Boletos**

**\$20.00**

# KID'S CORNER



## GOSPEL

During Mass the priest changes the bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus Christ. He uses the same words that Jesus did at the Last Supper. "This is my body. This is my blood." When you receive the holy Eucharist, Jesus lives inside you. You live in Jesus. His being with you will help you say, "No," to evil and "Yes," to good.

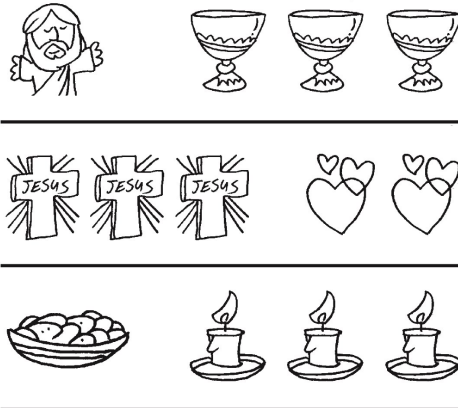
## PRAYER

Lord, bless all that I eat and drink so that I may follow you forever.

## MISSION

I will clean my room without complaining.

Circle the group in each row that has more. Then color in all the pictures.



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



### 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 1st and 3rd Thursday of Every Month. Location: 1st Thursday at St. Anthony Parish Hall 3rd Thursday via Zoom. Time: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Please join our Mailing List at: [YAREDOLIVEROS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:YAREDOLIVEROS@GMAIL.COM)

Throughout the year we will also plan fun family activities so visit our page for updates!

Visit St. Anthony Website for



# Faith Formation, Formación de Fe



First Communion, Confirmation, Edge and RCIC  
Program Registrations are now **CLOSED**

Registraciones para los programas de Primera  
Comunión, Confirmación, Edge y RCIC están  
**CERRADAS**



Are you missing your Baptism or First Communion?  
Have you not yet been Confirmed?  
It's time to sign up for:

# RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Registrations  
Dates: August 5-29, 2024  
Place: Parish Office

Please call Parish Office week of 7/29/24 to schedule an appointment/  
Fee/Costo: \$100 per student

**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  
***Special Religious  
Development  
(SPRED),***  
John Dixon

Te falta tu  
Bautismo o  
Primera  
Comunion?  
No estas  
Confirmado?  
Es tiempo de  
Registrarte para

# RICA

Rito de Iniciacion  
Cristiano  
(18 años o mayor)



Registraciones

Fecha:  
Agosto 5-29, 2024

Place/Lugar:  
Oficina Parroquial  
Favor de llamar a la  
Oficina Parroquial  
Semana de 7/29/24  
para hacer una cita

Fee/Costo:  
\$100 por estudiante