

# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# MASTER, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

JOHN 6:68

## **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

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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 18, 2024

	PLATE	GIVE +
1st Collection	\$10,367.00	\$1,144.62
2nd Collection	\$713.00	\$215.76

*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 Publicos

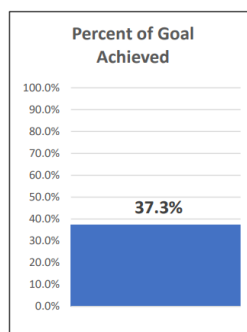
### St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) St. Anthony Conference

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:

"Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."  
(Jos 24:18)

### Psalm:

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

### Second Reading:

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Eph 5:32)

### Gospel:

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6:68)

## Gospel Meditation

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, "Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing." In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful — he watches his own disciples abandon him. What could possibly be loving about that?

Well, we notice the context is Jesus' teaching about eating and drinking his body and blood. His followers hear this and say, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" (John 6:60). We shouldn't imagine we'd do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, "Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him" (John 6:66). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus' disciples abandon him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God's love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either.

— Father John Muir

## (PRACTICING)—CATHOLIC

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

#### To Whom Shall We Go?

A friend of mine, who is a far better Christian than I can ever hope to be, once shared with me that her family sneers at her belief system and lifestyle.

She believes in fairy tales they tell her. She's looking for simple solutions from a kind-faced man in the sky because she doesn't want to grapple with complicated answers to complicated problems.

Religion, they argue, is the easy way out.

As she spoke about this, her voice became unsteady. Not with anger, but with emotion. "I would never call this life easy," she said. "If I was looking for something that was easy, I wouldn't choose Catholicism."

What was unspoken was *why* she has chosen Catholicism. I know the answer, but only because I know her. I knew her before she chose it wholeheartedly, and I know her now, and I see the difference. I see that these words are written so clearly across the days of her life: "Master, to whom shall we go?"

Once the truth is known in your soul, you see, it can never be unknown.

Following Christ is not about easy answers and simple teachings. Sure, it all sounds very basic: love one another as I have loved you. What could be more straightforward?

But what does that mean? What does that look like in daily, modern life, in a world full of the fallen, whose flaws have given us rough edges and weakened wills?

I'll tell you what it looks like — it looks like a struggle. It looks like failure and mess and confusion and losing your way and finding it again, all because you remembered that within you there is a compass pointing due north. It's a constant state of wandering in the dark, following a Voice that asks you to go where you're afraid to go. And you follow the Voice not because it's the only voice there is and not because it's the voice that says what you want to hear, but because it's the only one that speaks the truth, and the truth pulls on you in a way you can't quite resist.

When Christ asks, "Do you also want to leave?" he is not gaslighting us. It's a genuine question. We are free to go. We are not prisoners.

But we have heard the words of everlasting life, and now we can only have peace if we follow where they lead.

*"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."*  
— Joshua 24:15

## Community Prayer, Oración en Comunidad

### Mass Intentions For The Week

#### Sunday, August 25

8:00 AM Sose M. Lopez †

10:00 AM Cynthia Carpio †

12:00 PM Ronald Zelara †

Maria Luz Sanchez (Agradecimiento)

2:00 PM Pedro Castaneda †

Jonathan & Maria Lopez (B-day)

5:00 PM **For the Community**

#### Monday, August 26

8:30 AM Teresa Granado †

Raul Melgoza (Salud)

#### Tuesday, August 27

8:30 AM Garbiñe Polintan †

#### Wednesday, August 28

8:30 AM Randy Mass †

Martha Villagran (Bienestar)

6:30 PM Ronald Zavala †

Jovelyn Sandoval

#### Thursday, August 29

8:30 AM Carlos Ortega †

Julio Suarez (B-day)

6:30 PM

#### Friday, August 30

8:30 AM Renato & Isabel Abdon †

Felicitas Ortega (B-day)

6:30 PM Rosita & Elifa Fajardo Orquidia †

Brandon Diaz (Salud)

#### Saturday, August 31

5:00 PM **For the Community**



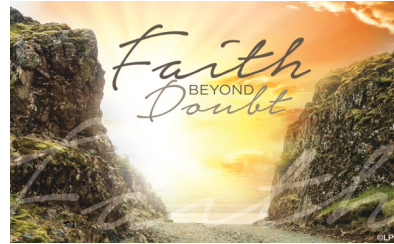
**Please Pray For**  
Por favor Oremos Por

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

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.*



### Observances for the week of August 25, 2024

**Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Tuesday:** St. Monica

**Wednesday:** St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Thursday:** The Passion of St. John the Baptist

**Next Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **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:

“Por eso también nosotros serviremos al Señor, porque él es nuestro Dios.” (Jos 24:18)

### Salmo:

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

### Segunda lectura:

Gran misterio es éste, pero lo digo con referencia a Cristo y a la Iglesia. (Ef 5:32)

### Evangelio:

Simón Pedro le respondió: “Señor, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna.” (Jn 6:68)

## Meditación del Evangelio

### 21° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El famoso novelista ruso Fiódor Dostoyevsky dijo: “El amor en acción es algo duro y terrible”. En la lectura del Evangelio de esta semana, Jesús hace algo duro y terrible: ve a sus propios discípulos abandonarlo. ¿Qué podría haber de amor en eso?

Bueno, notamos que el contexto es la enseñanza de Jesús sobre comer y beber su cuerpo y su sangre. Sus seguidores escuchan esto y dicen: “Esta enseñanza es difícil; ¿quién puede aceptarla?” (Juan 6:60). No deberíamos pensar que haríamos algo diferente, porque ni siquiera los que se quedan, como Pedro, parecen entender lo que Jesús está diciendo. Entonces escuchamos esta línea devastadora: “Debido a esto, muchos de sus discípulos se volvieron atrás y ya no andaban con él” (Juan 6:66). Aparte de la noche de la Última Cena, solo ahora los discípulos de Jesús lo abandonan. Y, dolorosamente, Jesús simplemente los deja ir.

La mejor manera de darle sentido a esto es el amor. Jesús es el amor de Dios en acción. Él quiere hacerse uno con aquellos a quienes ama. Quiere amarlos como Su propio cuerpo. Sí, la unidad manifestada en la Eucaristía suena dura y terrible porque tiene sus raíces en el amor que está dispuesto a arriesgarse al abandono y la separación para alcanzar su objetivo: ser un solo cuerpo con el amado. Es a la vez aterrador y maravilloso que Jesús se arriesgue a perdernos para ser uno con nosotros. ¿Nuestra respuesta? Señor, no podemos comprender un amor tan grande, pero por favor ayúdanos a no abandonarlo nunca.

— Padre John Muir

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

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### ¿A Quién Acudiremos?

Una amiga mía, que es mucho mejor cristiana de lo que yo puedo esperar ser, una vez me dijo que su familia se burla de su sistema de creencias y su estilo de vida.

Le dicen que ella cree en los cuentos de hadas que le cuentan. Ella busca soluciones simples de un hombre de rostro amable en el cielo porque no quiere lidiar con respuestas complicadas a problemas complicados. La religión, sostienen, es la salida fácil. Mientras hablaba de esto, su voz se volvió inestable. No con ira, sino con emoción. “Nunca diría que esta vida es fácil,” dijo. “Si estuviera buscando algo que fuera fácil, no elegiría el catolicismo.”

Lo que no se dijo fue por qué eligió el catolicismo. Sé la respuesta, pero sólo porque la conozco. La conocía antes de que ella lo eligiera de todo corazón, y ahora la conozco y veo la diferencia. Veo que estas palabras están escritas con tanta claridad a lo largo de los días de su vida: “Maestro, ¿a quién iremos?” Una vez que la verdad es conocida en tu alma, como ves, nunca podrá ser desconocida.

Seguir a Cristo no se trata de respuestas fáciles y enseñanzas sencillas. Claro, todo suena muy básico: amaos unos a otros como yo os he amado. ¿Qué podría ser más sencillo?

Pero ¿qué significa eso? ¿Cómo se ve eso en la vida diaria y moderna, en un mundo lleno de caídos, cuyos defectos nos han dado asperezas y voluntades debilitadas?

Te diré cómo se ve: parece una lucha. Parece fracaso, desorden y confusión, perder el rumbo y encontrarlo de nuevo, todo porque recordaste que dentro de ti hay una brújula que apunta hacia el norte. Es un estado constante de vagar en la oscuridad, siguiendo una Voz que te pide que vayas a donde tienes miedo de ir. Y sigues la Voz no porque sea la única voz que existe ni porque sea la voz que dice lo que quieres oír, sino porque es la única que dice la verdad, y la verdad te atrae de una manera que no puedes resistir.

Cuando Cristo pregunta: “¿También vosotros queréis irnos?” él no nos está engañando. Es una pregunta genuina. Somos libres de irnos. No somos prisioneros.

Pero hemos escuchado las palabras de vida eterna, y ahora sólo podremos tener paz si seguimos hacia donde nos llevan.

*“En cuanto a mí toca, mi familia y yo serviremos al Señor.” — Josué 24:15*

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  
\$85/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

**Ways to Give**

SCAN HERE TO GIVE

**ONLINE**  
oakdiocese.org/  
bishops-ministries-appeal

**CHECKS**  
Payable to: Roman Catholic  
Bishop of Oakland

**CREDIT CARD**

We also accept gifts of stock. For more information, please contact the Office for Mission Advancement at 510-267-8314.

Payments should be mailed directly to:

Diocese of Oakland  
2121 Harrison Street, Suite 100  
Oakland, CA 94612  
**Attention: 2024 Bishop's Ministries Appeal**

All contributions to the Bishop's Ministries Appeal are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

**MANY MINISTRIES ONE CHURCH**  
BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

**Festival**

**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

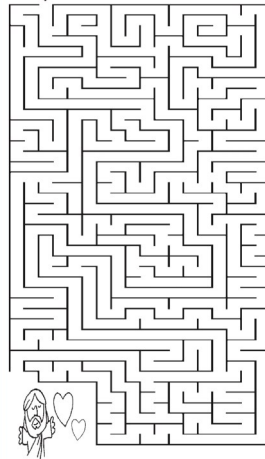
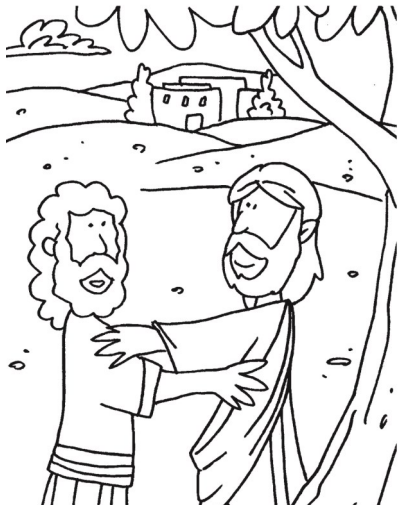


## GOSPEL

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compared himself to manna. A long time ago God's people ate manna in the desert, because there was no other food to eat. By sending manna falling from the sky every morning, God taught his people to trust him. Manna tasted good, and it kept them healthy. God took care of them and gave them all they needed. Then, hundreds of years later, God sent Jesus down from heaven, so people could have everlasting life with him.

## MISSION

The Hebrews often baked manna into little cakes. Ask your parents if you can make pancakes this weekend, and talk about how Jesus is like manna.



## PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus down from heaven so that we can look forward to living with you forever in heaven. Amen.



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