

# SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Monday-Friday (Lunes-Viernes) 9AM to 5PM

## Welcome / Bienvenidos

August 16, 2020

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### WHY PRAY?

The "foreigners" as Isaiah calls them, the "Gentiles" as Paul calls them, or the "Canaanites" as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today's readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely "knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend," but also to "break, blow, burn, and make me new" (Holy Sonnets, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, "Knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today's Gospel, the results will follow.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Thus says the Lord: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

**Psalm** — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

**Gospel** — Recognizing the Canaanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

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16 de agosto de 2020

Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### ¿POR QUÉ REZAR?

Los "extranjeros" que Isaías menciona, los "gentiles" que habla Pablo, o los "cananeos" que cita Mateo son llamados a adorar en oración al verdadero Dios. Al escuchar las lecturas de hoy, tal vez nos sintamos tentados a preguntarnos: ¿Por qué rezar? Es una pregunta retórica; se equipara a preguntar por qué han de hablarse los amigos o los enamorados besarse. Rezar es una manera de relacionarnos con Dios, una manera de hablarle. Los apóstoles tuvieron la oportunidad de conversar en persona con Jesús encarnado. Nosotros tenemos la oportunidad de hablar con Dios en la oración. Nuestra relación con él debe

ser entusiasta; no puede ser pusilánime. John Donne, un poeta y sacerdote inglés del siglo XV, supo cuáles eran las cualidades de una buena oración. Donne le pide a Dios que lo trate de manera diferente que a la mayoría de los cristianos. El poeta no quiere que Dios meramente "golpee, aliente, brille y repare", sino que también "rompa, sople, queme y me haga nuevo" (Holy Sonnets, XIV).

Se requiere una fe dinámica de nuestra parte para venir a Dios en oración. Como dijo Jesús una vez: "Toca a la puerta y se te abrirá" (Mateo 7:7). Tal vez requiera golpear la puerta hasta tumbarla, pero si perseveramos al igual que la mujer del Evangelio de hoy, veremos los resultados.

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### LECTURAS DE HOY

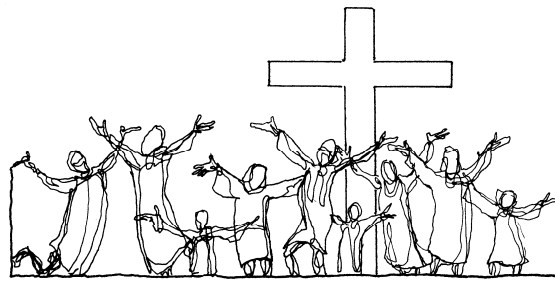
**Primera lectura** — Mi salvación se viene acercando; mi justicia está a punto de aparecer (Isaías 56:1, 6-7).

**Salmo** — Que te alaben, Señor, todos los pueblos de la tierra (Salmo 67 [66]).

**Segunda lectura** — Los dones y la llamada de Dios son irrevocables (Romanos 11:13-15, 29-32).

**Evangelio** — Mujer, ¡qué grande es tu fe! (Mateo 15: 21-28).

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St. Anthony

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

## CONFESSION / CONFESION

3:30PM to 4:30PM or by appointment

## MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

Daily: 8:30AM on the Plaza

Sunday: 7AM English on the Plaza

9AM Spanish on the Plaza

## DEVOTIONS

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday: 8PM to 10PM on the Plaza

### HOLY CROSS CEMETERY AND FUNERAL CENTER 2200 East 18th Street, Antioch, (925) 757-0658

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS) at Holy Cross Cemetery and Funeral Center. Their staff will contact the parish office to assist you with your arrangements.

## Parish Office Open

The Parish Office is now open from 9AM to 5PM, Monday through Friday. Please ring the doorbell for service. Only two persons in the office at one time. Wear face mask. Practice social distancing. Call (925) 625-2048 with questions.

## Safe Environment

All employees and volunteers who work with children must be live scan printed and cleared prior to beginning service. There are no exceptions. Any new employee or volunteer MUST complete Safe Environment training within one week of beginning work.

## Virtus Safe Environment Training

Is your certificate up to date? Many of us at St. Anthony took the training in 2017. We are required to renew our certification every three years. This is a MUST to continue in your ministerial work here. Start now at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) Call Florrie Brice at (925) 354-0107 or the parish office with questions.

## Clergy Sexual Abuse

Any reports of abuse should be directed to Steve Wilcox, Chancellor, at [swilcox@oakdiocese.org](mailto:swilcox@oakdiocese.org) or (510) 267-8334.

### Second Collection Schedule

August 16 Padua Hall Maintenance

August 23 COVID-19 Relief

## Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, August 15

8:30AM The Solemnity of  
 The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary  
 5PM Vicente Romero †

Sunday, August 16

8AM Michael Escamilla †  
 Susan Aujero (Thanksgiving)

10AM Manuela & Daniel Parames †

12PM Jose Suarez †

2PM Rosalina Solis †

5PM Hector Mota († Birthday †)

Monday, August 17

8:30AM Julian Escamilla (Health)

Tuesday, August 18

8:30AM Isabel Mandin-Santos †

Wednesday, August 19

8:30AM Elena Delloza †

Thursday, August 20

8:30AM Benjamin & Shannan Alipio († Birthday †)

Friday, August 21

8:30AM Clementina Vega †

Saturday, August 22

5PM Rosario & Pedro Vilchez †

Sunday, August 23

8AM Maria Porto and Family †

10AM Julieta Loomis †

12PM Raul †, Florinda † y familia Campos

2PM Clementina Vega †

5PM

## Get Tested by Contra Costa Health Services

People can spread COVID-19 without knowing that they are sick. Protect your family, friends and neighbors by getting tested. *There is no up-front cost for testing. You do not need medical insurance to get tested*, however, if you have health insurance, your insurance will be billed. You will receive a phone call if you test positive. If you test negative, we will send you a secure text message as soon as your result is available. We will mail results to all patients within 10 days. Call (844) 421-0804 to schedule an appointment at any of the sites below.

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San Pablo (must schedule by phone)

San Ramon

Walnut Creek

## Submissions to the Sunday Bulletin

Deadline by noon on Monday, six (6) days prior to the desired Sunday of publication. Send files to [stanthonbulletineditor@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonbulletineditor@gmail.com) or call Michael Maeda, (925) 451-6883.

## *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Our Lectionary readings today invite us to consider both the human tendency to build boundaries between people, and God's tendency to cross and even to break these boundaries. Isaiah and Paul speak of God's ongoing desire to bring all of humanity under divine care. The scene in Matthew's Gospel alludes to the long-standing distrust between foreigners and the Jewish people. Though Jesus initially resists, he then celebrates the faith of the Canaanite woman and heals her daughter. Those who are given the gift of faith can be tempted to believe that God is present only to them, implicitly creating barriers against others. But the gift of faith is meant to serve God's larger purpose, so that everyone might be united with God. By his act of healing, Jesus breaks the boundary between Jew and Gentile, and invites both to be a part of God's people.

### **STANDING FAST**

Matthew opens the scene in today's Gospel by setting up a conflict. Unlike the parallel story in Mark (7:24), the woman is described as "a Canaanite." This label serves to evoke the ancient animosity between Jews and other peoples in the region. The woman, who is never named, begs for help for her daughter. The disciples are actively dismissive of her, as a woman and a foreigner, and deem her to be unworthy of their attention. The text suggests that Jesus initially sided with the disciples. But then he recognized the strength of her faith.

Many women, foreigners, or marginalized persons might identify with this woman's story. Sometimes faith means standing fast, in care for others or in fidelity to truth, even when it seems that no one supports you. Somehow, the woman recognized God's power and God's care within Jesus. And Jesus recognized that God was active within her, manifested in her commitment to her daughter. Jesus saw his Father's larger horizon of care for everyone, Jew and Gentile, within this faith-filled woman.

### **A NEW TEMPLE**

Isaiah articulates the vision that it is God's deep desire that all human beings will respond to God in prayer and thanksgiving. God will summon everyone to "my holy mountain," that is, the temple Mount. The temple was the primary symbol of God's presence among the people. The Temple was where communal worship and sacrifice took place. Worship served to give thanks for God's blessings on the people. Sacrifice served to help heal relationships between God and Israel, and within the community, when sin had damaged or broken them. The early church reflected upon this vision and saw Jesus as a new temple. The person of Jesus is to be worshiped as God's active presence within human life. Jesus is to be worshiped in prayer and thanksgiving, and Jesus is where relationships are healed and renewed. In Jesus, God invites the whole world into God's loving care.

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## **Schedule of Events Horario de Eventos**

All Parish events have been suspended, canceled or postponed by Bishop Barber as we are ordered to "Shelter in Place" to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19. This Order will continue to be in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer by Order of the Contra Costa County Public Health Officer.

### **St. Anthony Church Hours**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is on Friday from 8PM to 10PM in the Plaza. Confessions are on Saturday from 3:30PM to 4:30PM or by appointment. Wear face masks and observe social distancing.

St. Anthony Church will be open:

Monday through Friday 9AM to 5PM

Saturday 3PM to 5PM Sunday 2PM to 5PM

### **Giving Made Simple**

During this time when our public Mass is suspended, 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 GIVE+; the online way of giving. Visit the St. Anthony website and click on the pull down "About" and click "Online Giving". Sign up for your account today and continue giving. Or you may drop your Sunday envelope(s) in the U.S. Mailbox in the front by the Church entrance. You decide how to give, but please continue to give.

*Observe what is right, do what is just;  
for my salvation is about to come,  
my justice, about to be revealed.*

— Isaiah 56:1

### **2020 Bishop's Appeal**

On June 30th, the Appeal reached its halfway point. St. Anthony is at 26.47% of our goal! There is still time to make your pledge or gift as the Appeal continues through the end of the year. Bishop Michael C. Barber continues the theme of *Rebuild My Church* for the 2020 Bishop's Appeal. Imagine what can be done in the name of our local faith community if every parishioner participated in our annual Bishop's Appeal. To give now visit [www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page](http://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page)

### **The RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic**

Operated by a partnership between St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County and Rotacare Bay Area, the clinic provides care to the uninsured. The clinic is located at St. Vincent de Paul's Family Resource Center, 2210 Gladstone Drive, Pittsburg, CA (925) 439-5060.

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## Youth Confirmation Schedule

### Confession

Wed, Aug 12, 6PM: Ms. Florrie's Class

Thur, Aug 13, 6PM: Mr. Mario's Class

Thur, Aug 20, 6PM: Mr. Nick & Ms. Diana's Classes

**Rehearsal: On The Plaza** (Teens and Sponsors Only)

Fri, Aug 21, 6PM

### Confirmation Mass: On The Plaza

Sat, Aug 22

5:00PM: Ms. Florrie's Class

7:00PM: Mr. Mario's Class

Sun, Aug 23

5:00PM: Mr. Nick & Ms. Diana's Classes

More information may be found on our website @  
<https://stanthonyoakley.com/faith-formation/youth-confirmation>

### Sunday Mass Dispensation

Bishop Barber has dispensed the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses until further notice. Although the faithful are dispensed from their obligation to attend Mass, they are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday (such as following a Live Stream Mass or participating in a spiritual or corporal act of mercy).

### St. Anthony Daily Bilingual Outdoor Mass

8:30AM Bilingual Daily Mass will be outdoors under a tent on the plaza between Padua Hall and the Church. Chairs will be provided. Observe social distancing and face mask guidelines.

### St. Anthony Sunday Public Outdoor Mass

Mass in English will be at 7AM and 9AM for Mass in Spanish. Mass will be outdoors under a tent on the plaza between Padua Hall and the Church. Register upon arrival. Communion will be at the end of Mass. Observe social distancing and face mask guidelines.

### Live Stream Mass

Sunday Live Stream Mass will be at 7 AM (English) and 9 AM (Español). Come to the plaza between Padua Hall and the Church to receive Holy Communion after the Live Stream Spanish Mass or 10:30AM to 10:45AM. Observe social distancing and face mask guidelines.

### St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Food Pantry

Open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday from 8:30AM to 10:30AM in the Hall. If you need food outside of these dates call (925) 325-7424.

### St. Vincent de Paul St. Anthony Conference

St. Vincent de Paul provides various forms of assistance which may include food, clothes, furniture, housing assistance, and referrals to other professional agencies through home or church-based visits. If you need assistance, call 925-325-7424.

## Please Pray For/Oremos Por

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Our Men and Women of the military services.

*If you wish to add or remove a loved one, please call the office at 625-2048.*

### Sacrament of the Sick

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

### Submissions to St. Anthony Website

ALL church organizations are invited to share their upcoming events or news about their group on our website. Send your info to [caruchina15@hotmail.com](mailto:caruchina15@hotmail.com) or call Carolina Jauregui at the Parish Office.

### FORMED.org — An Online Faith Website

St. Anthony is a subscriber of FORMED.org  
Access with our Parish Code: HNDWBY

## *Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

### **MANTENIÉNDOSE FIRME**

En el Evangelio de hoy de Mateo, se presenta la parte de una historia donde hay un conflicto. A diferencia de una historia paralela en Marcos (7:24), la mujer es descrita como “una cananea”. Esta palabra sirve para etiquetarla y así evoca la antigua enemistad entre los judíos y otros pueblos de la región. La mujer, cuyo nombre no se menciona, pide ayuda para su hija. Los discípulos la desprecian intensamente, tanto como mujer y como extranjera; considerándola indigna de recibir atención. El texto sugiere que Jesús primero se puso de lado de los discípulos, pero luego él reconoció la fuerza de la fe de la mujer.

Muchas mujeres, personas extranjeras o marginadas podrían identificarse con la historia de esta mujer. A veces la fe significa mantenerse firme, en el cuidado de los demás o en la fidelidad a la verdad, incluso cuando parezca que nadie te apoye. De alguna manera, la mujer reconoció el poder de Dios y el cuidado de Jesús dentro de Jesús. Y Jesús notó que Dios estaba activo dentro de ella, manifestado en su compromiso con su hija. Jesús vio el horizonte más amplio de su Padre de cuidado a todos, judíos, no judíos, dentro de esta mujer llena de fe.

### **UN NUEVO TEMPLO**

Isaías explica la visión profunda que Dios tiene de que todos los humanos respondan a Dios en la oración y en la acción de gracias. Dios convocará a todos en “mi montaña sagrada” que es, el Monte del Templo. El templo fue el símbolo principal de la presencia de Dios en el pueblo. El templo era el lugar donde se realizaba el culto y sacrificios. La adoración servía para ayudar a sanar las relaciones entre Dios e Israel, y dentro de la comunidad, cuando el pecado las había dañado o roto.

La Iglesia primitiva reflexionó esta visión y vio a Jesús como un nuevo templo. La persona de Jesús debe ser adorada como la presencia activa de Dios dentro de la vida humana. Jesús debe ser adorado en la oración y en la acción de gracias, y Jesús está donde las relaciones son curadas y renovadas. En Jesús, Dios invita a todo el mundo al cuidado amoroso de Dios.

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### **La Oficina Parroquial Reabre Sus Puertas**

A partir de ya, la Oficina Parroquial está abierta de 9 a.m. a 5 p.m., de lunes a viernes. Por favor, toque el timbre al llegar. Solo dos personas a la vez dentro de la oficina. Use su mascarilla. Practique el distanciamiento social. Llame al (925) 625-2048 para más preguntas.

### **Segunda Colecta**

16 de Agosto Mantenimiento Salon Padua  
23 de Agosto Socorro COVID-19

### **Dispensación Masiva Dominical**

El Obispo Michael Barber ha dispensado la obligación de asistir a las Misas de Domingo y Días Santos hasta nuevo aviso. Aunque los fieles son dispensados de su obligación de asistir a Misa, se les anima a pasar tiempo en oración el domingo (como seguir una Misa en vivo o participar en un acto de Misericordia Espiritual o Corporal).

### **Misa Pública al Aire Libre**

Misa Diaria serán en la Plaza al exterior bajo las carpas Blancas a la misma hora de 8:30 a.m.

Misas de Domingo serán en la Plaza al exterior bajo las carpas Blancas. 7:00 am Ingles, 9:00 am Espanol.

Es necesario que use su mascarilla todo el tiempo y seguir las medidas de seguridad del condado.

El Sacramento de la Confesion se seguirá ofreciendo en los mismos horarios habituales de cada sábado.

### **Misa De Transmisión en Vivo**

Las Misas transmitidas en vivo continuarán en nuestra página de Facebook y canal de YouTube para aquellos que no podrían asistir o aquellos que no se sienten seguros de asistir a una Misa pública. La Misa del domingo en vivo será a las 7 a.m. (Inglés) y a las 9 a.m. (Español). Si solo desea recibir la Comunión, diríjase a la Plaza en la parte exterior a las 10:30 a.m. a 10:45 a.m. Observe las pautas de distanciamiento social y máscara facial.

### **Dar se ha hecho mas Simple**

Durante este tiempo cuando nuestra Misa pública se han suspendido debido al coronavirus COVID-19, continúe ofreciendo su apoyo a San Antonio con sus donaciones monetarias. Sus aportaciones nos permiten pagar nuestras deudas. Por favor continúe dando su colecta dominical usando Give+; la nueva forma de dar en línea; donde dando se hace simple. Descargue la aplicación gratuita Give+ de la App Store o visite el sitio web de San Antonio en [www.stanthonyoakley.com](http://www.stanthonyoakley.com) y haga clic en el menú “About Us” y después en “Online Giving”. Abra su cuenta hoy y siga aportando. También puede depositar sus sobres de la colecta dominical en el buzón de correo localizado en la parte de enfrente de la iglesia cerca de la puerta principal.

### **La Conferencia de San Vicente de Paul de San Antonio**

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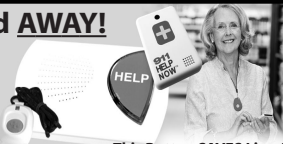
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