

# SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Welcome / Bienvenidos

September 27, 2020

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FAMILIAR INSIGHTS

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

**Psalm** — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

**Gospel** — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

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Vigésimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### ENSEÑANZAS FAMILIARES

Los maestros espirituales suelen repetir sus enseñanzas, y repetir las de otros maestros. Quizás no existen muchas verdades diferentes que decir. Sólo muchos seres humanos lentos y aletargados, como nosotros, que necesitan oír lo básico una y otra vez. Considera, por ejemplo las lecturas de hoy.

La gente se queja de que Dios no es "justo" y Ezequiel responde que Dios es más que justo. Las personas eligen su propio destino, y las personas pueden cambiar. Hasta los malhechores pueden cambiar de rumbo, hacer lo que es justo, y vivir. "Los hechos valen más que las palabras".

¿Un nuevo discernimiento? Para nada.

Pablo dice a los filipenses que lo llenarán de alegría si los que claman ser creyentes, de hecho, buscan el interés de los otros y no el propio. "Obras son amores y no buenas razones".

¿Una idea novedosa? No lo creo. En el relato de Jesús del viñador y sus dos hijos, todos saben que el que dijo que no trabajaría, pero lo hizo le lleva la delantera al que dijo que trabajaría, pero no lo hizo. "Fácil es hablar".

¿Ya lo oíste antes?

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### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Apártate del pecado para que vivas (Ezequiel 18:25-28).

**Salmo** — Recuerda tus bondades, oh Señor (Salmo 25 [24]).

**Segunda lectura** — Guarda en ti la misma actitud que está también en Cristo Jesús (Filipenses 2:1-11 [1-5]).

**Evangelio** — El que obedece al Señor aunque sea con resistencia, es el que hace la voluntad del Padre (Mateo 21:28-32).

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## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the past several weeks, the word of God has drawn us into the mystery of mercy. Today's readings deepen our reflection, reminding us how blessed we are to know God's kindness and sharing practical ways to show compassion to others. The prophet Ezekiel cautions God's chosen people, emphasizing that bad behavior naturally leads to painful consequences. The psalm responds prayerfully: "Remember your mercies, O Lord." In this prayer, we ask for the mercy of recognizing our sins and receiving the strength to act differently. In his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul invites us into a daunting challenge of mercy: "humbly regard others as more important than yourselves." If we scoff at Paul's challenge as impossibly naïve, the Gospel gives us a chance to reconsider. Our natural instincts of self-preservation might reject merciful behavior initially, but like the son in today's Gospel of mercy, we can change our minds.

### NATURE

The prophet Ezekiel scolds God's chosen people for demanding more than they deserve. Acting like spoiled children, the Israelites complain when their wicked actions lead logically to negative consequences. Nature has built-in punishments for bad behavior: laziness leads to unpreparedness; overwork leads to exhaustion; overindulgence leads to poor health; violence leads to injury. The natural world brims with corrective countermeasures to our poor choices. Why is it, Ezekiel wonders, that we become upset when sin leads to predictable and natural punishments?

### SUPERNATURE

Animals never object to punishment, only humans. A wounded gerbil wouldn't shake her fist at the skies and ask, "Why me?" But as Ezekiel knows, human beings complain constantly. Humans are supposed to be more logical than animals, yet we irrationally protest natural consequences that we do not like, such as pain or death. Mysteriously, our bitterness against nature is rooted in our unique capacity for greatness. Unlike every other creature in the universe, we humans are made in the image and likeness of God. We may live in the natural world, but God calls us every minute to supernatural glory. Though we are mortal, God's mercy has destined us for immortality. Our hearts long for perfect bliss unlike anything we will ever know on earth. No wonder we demand so much from God! Preserved for glory as we are, we experience pain when earthly life falls short of our divine expectations. Jesus shows us the antidote for that pain—service. Though we share in the kingship of Christ, we must demonstrate our royalty as Jesus does, by serving others. As Saint Paul tells us, Jesus is God, yet takes the form of a slave—our slave. The Gospel encourages us to imitate Jesus in this way. We may object to being a servant at first, and even grumble about it. But God's strength can help us overcome natural objections and enter gracefully into our supernatural role, heirs to the kingdom of God.

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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.

### Adult Confirmation Registration Open

Registration is open from Sept 21st to Oct 2nd. Apply in person at the Parish Office. Bring your Baptismal and First Communion certificate. 18 yrs old and over. English only. Hybrid meetings. Short program. \$50 fee.

### New Hours for Sunday Outdoor Mass

Starting on September 27, Mass in English will be at 8AM and 10AM for Mass in Spanish and livestreamed on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel. 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. For those who participated on livestream, Communion will be from 11:30AM to 12PM. Observe social distancing and face mask guidelines.

Daily Mass will remain at 8:30AM in the Plaza.

### 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

### 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 and Livestreamed on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel. 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. For those who participated on livestream, communion will be from 10:30AM to 11AM. Observe social distancing and face mask guidelines.

### Support the Businesses and Merchants

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## 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. Call (844) 421-0804 to schedule an appointment at any of the sites below:

Antioch	Pittsburg
Brentwood	Richmond
Central Concord (Monument)	San Pablo
North Concord	San Ramon
Martinez	Walnut Creek
Pinole	

*If you tested positive for COVID-19, you will need to stay in your home until you are well. This is called self-isolation. Deciding when you are well and able to leave your home depends on your symptoms.*

*Protect the Public:* • Stay home except to see your doctor. Reschedule any non-essential healthcare appointments (non-urgent doctor appointments, dentist appointments, etc.). • Do not go to work or school. • Do not use public transportation (bus, BART, airplane, taxi, UBER, LYFT). • Do not travel. • Do not go to the movies, to church, to a shopping mall or any place where lots of people may gather. • You can go outside in your own yard (not a shared yard).

*Close contact with a person that tested positive for COVID-19:* Even though you may not feel sick, you must remain quarantined at home since you've had close contact with someone with known COVID-19. Quarantine is a way to prevent the spread of the virus to more people. You will need to stay home and monitor yourself for any signs of illness.

## Repurpose, Reuse and Recycle

Are you downsizing? Are you cleaning your closets? St. Vincent de Paul would be grateful for your items! Drop your donations at Brentwood Help & Hope Thrift Center, 8890 Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood. 7 days a week: 10 AM to 6 PM. Furniture will be picked up! Call (925) 439-5060 to arrange for a pickup! Thank you!

## 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 or call Carolina Jauregui at the Parish Office.



St. Anthony pray for us.

## Please Pray For/Oremos Por

Deacon Joe Tovar	Joey Luna
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David Newman	Marlene Layden
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Enedina Rosales	Michael Makinano, Jr.
Gay Lacsa	Olga Ramos
Gerardo Gomez	Paul Urenda
Gloria Ibarra	Ricardo Guzman
Grace Bustos	Rocco Vicente Reyes
Guadalupe Sanchez	Rolando Abad
Guillermo Villanueva	Ron Dion
Helen Alleman	Rosa Balaoing
Heriberto Diaz	Stella Benitez
Janice Contreras	Teri Hernandez
Joel Rivera	Tony Rodriguez



Our Men and Women of the military services.  
*Names are removed periodically. If you wish to add 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## FORMED.org — An Online Faith Website

St. Anthony is a subscriber of FORMED.org  
Select "St. Anthony Oakley, CA"

## Vigésimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### NATURALEZA

El profeta Ezequiel regaña al pueblo elegido de Dios por exigir más de lo que merece. Comportándose como niños mimados, los israelitas se quejan cuando sus acciones malvadas llevan lógicamente a consecuencias negativas. La naturaleza tiene castigos incorporados para el mal comportamiento: la pereza lleva a la falta de preparación; el exceso de trabajo lleva a la mala salud; la violencia lleva a las lesiones. El mundo natural rebosa de contramedidas correctivas para nuestras malas elecciones. Ezequiel se pregunta por qué nos alteramos cuando el pecado lleva a castigos predecibles y naturales.

### SUPERNATURALEZA

Los animales nunca se oponen al castigo, sólo los humanos. Un jorbo herido no agitaría su puño hacia el cielo y preguntaría, “¿por qué yo?”; pero como Ezequiel sabe, los seres humanos se quejan constantemente. Se supone que los humanos sean más lógicos que los humanos; sin embargo, irracionalmente protestamos por las consecuencias naturales que no nos gustan, como el dolor o la muerte. Misteriosamente, nuestra amargura contra la naturaleza está enraizada en nuestra capacidad única de grandeza. A diferencia de todas las demás criaturas del universo, los humanos fuimos creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios. Podemos vivir en el mundo natural, pero Dios nos llama cada minuto a la gloria supernatural. Aunque somos mortales, la misericordia de Dios nos ha destinado a la inmortalidad. Nuestros corazones anhelan una felicidad perfecta como nada que conozcamos en la tierra. ¡No es de extrañar que exijamos tanto de Dios! Preservados para la gloria como estamos, experimentamos dolor cuando la vida terrenal no alcanza nuestras expectativas divinas. Jesús nos muestra el antídoto para el dolor, -el servicio. Aunque compartimos la realeza de Cristo, debemos demostrar nuestra realeza como lo hace Jesús, sirviendo a los demás. Como san Pablo nos dice, Jesús es Dios, pero toma la forma de un esclavo, -nuestro esclavo. El Evangelio nos anima a imitar a Jesús de esta manera. Podemos objetar a ser un sirviente al principio, e incluso refunfuñar por ello. Pero la fuerza de Dios puede ayudarnos a superar las objeciones naturales y entrar con dignidad a nuestro papel supernatural, herederos del reino de Dios.

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*Tengan los mismos sentimientos que tuvo  
Cristo Jesús.*  
— Filipenses 2:5

### Segunda Colecta

4 de Octubre      Impuestos A La Diócesis  
11 de Octubre      El Heraldo Católico

**Apoye a nuestros patrocinadores**  
Cuyos anuncios hacen posible este boletín.

### La Oficina Parroquial Reabre Sus Puertas

A partir de ya, la Oficina Parroquial está abierta de 9 a.m. a 12 p.m. y 1 p.m. a 6 p.m., de lunes, miércoles y 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.

### 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 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 8 a.m. (Inglés) y a las 10 a.m. (Español). Si solo desea recibir la Comunión, diríjase a la Plaza en la parte exterior a las 11:30 a.m. a 12:00 p.m. Observe las pautas de distanciamiento social y máscara facial. Misa Diaria serán en la Plaza hora de 8:30 a.m.

### 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 continué 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** necesita de su asistencia, le gustaría ser voluntario o donar, comuníquese con la Conferencia de San Vicente de Paul de San Antonio al 925-325-7424. San Antonio de Paul provee servicio de tiempo, talento, y recursos de persona a persona dando varias formas de asistencia entre ellas, comida, ropa, muebles, vivienda, y referencias a agencias profesionales por medio de visitas a su hogar o en la parroquia.

