



SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 11, 2018

Reflection Corner

God showed us his great love by sending his beloved Son, Jesus Christ to be expiation for our sins. In his dialogue with Nicodemus in today's gospel, Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. What does it mean that God loves us so much even as sinners? How do we react to God's love?"

An author tells us that there are two types of love, worldly love and divine love. Worldly love derives from two Greek words, *Eros*, meaning romantic love like the love between a man and a woman leading to marriage. *Philia*, meaning fellowship love like the type that brings age-groups together to form a social club or the football fans coming together to form a club. In the former (*Eros*), we long to receive and in the latter (*Philia*), we long to share. In these worldly types of love, there are conditions attached to them and boundaries are placed on them, therefore they contain certain imperfections.

The second type of love is the divine love which is derived from the Greek word, *Agape* which is a sacrificial love. In this type of love, we long to give unconditionally. It is with this type of love that God has loved us, which was the reason why he gave his son to die for us. God's love for us is enshrined in his justice and mercy. We read in the Common Preface 11 in reference to God, "For in goodness you created man and, when he was justly condemned, in mercy you redeemed him..." God is not only kind and merciful, he is also just. In the first reading, we read that God's first chosen people sinned and refused to repent and God in his justice condemned them. But in his mercy, God redeemed them as they repented through a pagan king Cyrus. In the desert, they murmured against God and in his justice he sent the serpent to bite them. But in his mercy, he saved them through the bronze serpent fashioned by Moses. In a similar way, the world comprising of the new chosen people of God sinned against him and in his justice he condemned them.



But in mercy, he redeemed the world through Jesus his Son who is the symbol of the new Cyrus.

Christ also loves us with the same love which God had shown to the world. For our sake, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death even death on a cross. For he had said, "There is no greater love than this that a man lays down his life for his friends" (Jn.16:13). It is this self-emptying out of love that we commemorate during the solemn moment of the Passion and death of Christ leading to his glorious resurrection on Easter morning. Before he suffered, he taught us that we must love as he loved, forgive as he forgave, and humble ourselves as he did. Lent is the period to imitate Christ in his selfless sacrifice for humanity.

Mass Times

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| Monday, Wednesday & Friday | 8:00 am |
| Tuesday & Thursday | 12:10 pm |
| Saturday | 8:00 am & 5:00 pm |
| Sunday | 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 5:00 pm |
| Sunday (Spanish) | 12 Noon |

Latin Mass

Sunday 1:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 6:30 pm

Parish Center Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 6:30 pm
Friday, Saturday, Sunday By appointment only

Confessions

Saturday 8:30 am & 3:30 pm

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 11, 2018**



God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

-John 3:17



**Parish Lenten Retreat
Saturday, March 17, 2018
O'Grady Hall**

Please register and join us in our Annual Lenten Retreat which will take place on Saturday, March 17 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Parish hall. This year's retreat will be given by Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR, who is one of the founding fathers of the Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal ministering to the youth of Bronx, New York. Fr. Fortuna has chosen the theme from Pope Francis Lenten letter of 2018. *"Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold"* Matthew 24:12. Invite your family and friends to this event. Registration: \$30-lunch included. Make checks payable to St. Anthony Church. Registration forms can be found at the entrance of the Church, Bookstore or Parish Center.

A big Thank You...

We would like to acknowledge "the generous parishioner" who donated \$8,000.00 dollars for the repairs and upgrade of our Parish Center Restroom facility. Our thanks and prayers are with you and your family for your kindness and support to our Church. Thank you to a "generous parishioner" who is working on getting the permits and plans for the renovation of the Church's restrooms. Lets pray for her and that it will happen very soon.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 11th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Catholic Relief Collection

8:45am Religious Education Classes
11:00am Religious Education Hospitality
11:15am Confirmation Groups Meet Parish Center
1:30 pm High Latin Mass

Monday, March 12th

Parish Center and Adoration Chapel Open

7:00 pm Bible Study Class – Parish Center

Tuesday, March 13th

Parish Center and Adoration Chapel Open

12:10pm Mid-day Mass
6:30 pm Legion of Mary-Parish Center
7:00 pm Fatima Group - Holy Hour -Chapel

Wednesday, March 14th

Parish Office and Adoration Chapel Open

6:00pm Lectio Divina - Church

Thursday, March 15th

Parish Center and Adoration Chapel Open

12:10pm Mid-day Mass
6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration for Priests
7:30 pm Grupo Hispano - Church

Friday, March 16th

Adoration Chapel & Parish Center Closed

9:00 am SAS Stations of the Cross - Church
4:00pm Fish Taco - School Parking Lot
5:00 pm Stations of the Cross - English - Church
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross - Spanish - Church

Saturday, March 17th

9:00am & 3:30 pm Confessions - Church
9:00am Lenten Retreat-Fr. Stan Fortuna
O'Grady Hall
6:30pm St. Patrick Dinner and Show - Parish Hall

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St. Anthony Church Mission Statement:

We the St. Anthony community, blessed with diversity in culture and traditions, unite ourselves to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. We commit ourselves to live out the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through prayer, service, and actions.

Easter Lilies

Would you like to donate an Easter lily in the name of a loved one? Your Easter lily will be used in the decoration of our Altar during Easter

We are offering Easter Lilies to be used in our Altar during the Easter celebrations for a donation of \$10.00. Come by the Bookstore or Parish Center during business hours and give your name and the name of your loved one with the donation. Your lily will be placed at the Altar during Easter time. A Memorial book with the names of your loved ones will be placed at the side altar and they will be remembered in all our Masses during the Easter season.



Lenten Penance Services

Join St. Anthony Church for a Parish Penance Service on Friday, March 24th at 7:30 pm. This is an excellent way to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. There will be several priests available to hear your confession and extend God's healing and forgiving grace. You are also welcome to join other south bay local parishes:

Penance Services Schedule:

- Monday, March 19th - 7:30pm** - American Martyrs
- Tuesday, March 20th - 7:30pm** - St. James
- Wednesday, March 21st - 7:30pm** - OLG Church
- Thursday, March 23rd - 7:30pm** - St. Lawrence Martyr
- Friday, March 24th - 7:30pm** - Here are St. Anthony's

Come and be reconciled with God and to one another.

Stations of the Cross

Immerse yourself in the Passion of Christ this Lent. Join us every Friday as we accompany Jesus on His journey to the cross. Stations of the cross will be held on Fridays in the morning at 9:00 am led by St. Anthony School students; and in the evenings at 5:00 pm in English and 6:00 pm in Spanish.



Remember Our Dead

Please pray for **Loretta Frye**. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Mass Intentions for the week



- SATURDAY** March 10
 - 8:00 am Benjamin Perez (PI)
 - 5:00 pm Kingo Hankawa (PI) & Marilla Signoretto (PI)
- SUNDAY** March 11
 - 8:00 am Julia Turner (D) & Sandy Muir(D)
 - 10:00 am Margo Moran (PI)
 - 12:00 pm Moises, Eva & Familia Barba (PI)
 - 1:30pm For all Parishioners
 - 5:00 pm Sergio Wong (D) & Donny Guzman (D)
- MONDAY** March 12
 - 8:00 am Hedy Fuentes (D) & Loretta Frye (D)
- TUESDAY** March 13
 - 12:10 pm Mary Stanford (D) & Loretta Frye (D)
- WEDNESDAY** March 14
 - 8:00 am Kingo Hankawa (PI) & Frank & John Gibilterra (PI)
- THURSDAY** March 15
 - 12:10pm Lisette Parra (PI) & Marybeth & Bridget Johnson (PI)
- FRIDAY** March 16
 - 8:00 am Peter Baum (PI) & Dan Costello (PI)
- SATURDAY** March 17
 - 8:00 am Joseph Baum (PI)
 - 5:00 pm Gloria Vuoso (PI) & Rose Gibilterra (PI)



Please Pray

Soledad Barba, Phillip Berretta, Joyce Bohline, Shirley Caldwell, Teresa Calderon, Eva Canales, Elizabeth Castillo, Valerie Carpio, Teresita Clemente, Mapamor Constantino, Gertrudes Dacquel, Dean Davis, Dylan and Dorothy Doukakis, Betty Domschot, Juan Antonio Duran, Cora & Howard Fausto, Graciela Fernandez, Ken Fleming, Rose Garcia, Julio Gascon, Rose Gibilterra, Pauline Grasso, Marie Gutierrez, Joe Guzman, Michael Hawkins, Elena Hernandez, Janeth Hidalgo, Joshua Jimenez, Meryl Kari, Margaret Kriens, Michalina Kubek, Harry Langdon, Alice Lipinski, Rosemarie Maynard, Majella McIntyre, Susan McGarry, Michelle McManus, Grace Mercado, Kate Nugent, Andrew Peterson, Ben Ramos, Josefina Rigalva, Hector Rodriguez, Joe Rosenbury, Maria Martha Salazar, Maria Serrano, John Snyder, Anne Schuman, Maralyn Swenson, Keith Storm, Jerry Tomic, Ester Troxel, Aurelia Valdez, Eva Lily Valdez, Elena Victoria, Gloria Vuoso, Elizabeth Webster, Christopher Wheeler, Penny Wilder, Christie Wood, Nik Woods.

News from St. Anthony School:

St. Anthony School at the Los Angeles Air Force Base



Last February 27, our students from St. Anthony School visited the Los Angeles Air Force Base. They had a tour of the Space and Missile Systems Center. The center's STEM Outreach Program aims to foster a new generation of scientists, mathematicians, engineers, and technologists. As part of this program, our students had the opportunity to build and launch their own model rockets. After our field trip, our students are now looking forward to becoming engineers or scientists to build and launch rockets in the future.

Enrollment for the school year 2018-19 is going on for the Grade K-thru 8th . If you are looking for a small class size, a strong academic training in a safe school environment while your children are being formed in the Catholic faith, then St. Anthony School is right for you. If you need a tour of our school please contact Mr. Kelly at (310) 322-4218.

Fish Tacos

St. Anthony School parents invite all parishioners to bring family and friends and enjoy a delicious Taco meal every Friday during Lent after 4:00 pm until 7:30 pm Come to the Carport area at the back of the Rectory and help them to raise funds for the school. Only \$5.00 for two delicious tacos with all the trimmings. All proceeds will go to St. Anthony School. All are welcome!



If is raining, we do drive thru entering the school parking lot at Lomita and exit on Sierra St. We would like to thanks all our parishioners for the big support to our school. Friday Taco nights has been very successful. Came and enjoy it too!

San Pedro Pastoral Region Southwestern District ACCW

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Nativity Catholic Church**

1447 Engracia Avenue, Torrance

The Southwestern District meeting of Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women ACCW will be held on Tuesday, March 20th at Nativity Church in Torrance. The day begins at 9:30 am with registration and includes morning refreshments. Our special guest speaker is Eve Ortiz who will be speaking about "Ministering to Women in Prison".

The Mass is at 12:00pm and will be followed by a delicious lunch. The day ends at 1:30 pm. Charge for the day is \$12 per person prepaid by March 15th. Please make checks payable to Pat Carroll, 2045W. 230th Street, Torrance CA 90501. For more information please contact Cecilia Hernandez at (310) 351-3766, St. Anthony Church ACCW representative. **All Catholic women are invited!**

News from the Office of Respect Life

Pregnancy Help Center



"In time when I was scared and confused, you made me feel cared about. I don't know what I would have done without you. This child is such a blessing."

**Pregnancy Help Center
(310) 787-4357 - 24-hour help line**

We are looking for Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to form the Liturgical Ministry Committee. If you are an Altar server, Sacristan, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lectors or Ushers and would like to be part of this wonderful ministry, please call Elizabeth at the Parish Center.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

One Human Family Caring for those in Need

This Sunday, March 11th our parish will take up a collection for **The Catholic Relief Services**. In more than 100 countries worldwide, Catholic Relief Services help to improve the lives of those in need. This collection makes possible the American Catholic Church's global mission to combat poverty, provide relief and development, assist refugees and immigrants, and advocate for justice and peace in situations of conflict and neglect of basic human rights. **Envelopes for this collection can be found at the entrance of the Church.**

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church ministers in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religion education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace and join Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Please be generous!

Ongoing CASE Collection

St. Anthony Church continues its ongoing CASE (Community Alliance to Support and Empower) Drive for all those families in need in our community. Some families receive a small monetary aid to help with utilities bills. CASE's hope is to keep these families in their home and not become homeless. **Items needed in their food pantry include:** canned meat foods



(chicken and tuna), canned soups, spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned fruits, cookies, crackers, fruit juices, toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, soap, tissues/Kleenex, and cleaning supplies, dish soaps, laundry detergent, Comet, Lysol, etc....**Bins for your donated items can be found at the entrance of the Church.** Thanks for your continued support, Kindness and commitment to these families.

Mensaje para Reflexionar

La frase del evangelio de Juan es muy clara, Dios no mandó su Hijo al mundo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salve por él. El Hijo cumplió la voluntad de su Padre: vivió y murió para salvarnos. Pero Dios, que nos creó sin contar con nosotros, no puede salvarnos contra nuestra voluntad libre. Para San Juan, nacer del Espíritu es creer en el Hijo único de Dios: "el que cree en él no está condenado; el que no cree ya está condenado, porque no ha creído en el nombre del Hijo único de Dios". El creer o el no creer, piensa san Juan, es un acto libre y voluntario de la persona. Dios nos invita a todos a creer, a participar en el banquete de su Reino, pero no todos aceptan esta invitación. Los que no han aceptado la invitación del Señor serán enviados "a las tinieblas exteriores", porque libremente se excluyeron ellos mismos del banquete del Reino. Cristo es la luz que quiere iluminarnos a todos, pero nosotros, cuando nuestras obras son malas, estamos eligiendo libremente vivir en las tinieblas, porque "todo el que obra perversamente detesta la luz". El creer no significa en San Juan un simple acto de la mente; creer supone una adhesión personal a la persona en la que se cree; creer es "realizar la verdad", vivir en la luz, es decir, actuar de tal manera que nuestras obras "estén hechas según Dios". Condenarse, en definitiva, es un acto libre de la persona; Dios no quiere condenar a nadie, se lo impide su infinita misericordia, su infinito amor. El que realiza la verdad, el que vive en la luz, está salvado.

Dios, rico en misericordia, por el gran amor con que nos amó... nos ha resucitado con Cristo Jesús. También en este texto de la carta de san Pablo a los Efesios se nos dice que la misericordia y la gracia de Dios siempre nos están ofreciendo y regalando la salvación. El que nosotros aceptemos o no la salvación que Dios, por pura gracia, nos regala, es cosa exclusivamente nuestra. Dios "nos ha creado para que nos dediquemos a las buenas obras"; si no lo hacemos así, somos nosotros los que, libremente, nos ponemos fuera de los planes de Dios.

Vamos a pedir a nuestro buen Dios, en este Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma, que oriente nuestro corazón hacia la Verdad y hacia la Luz, para que así podamos llegar a la Pascua verdaderamente resucitados en Cristo Jesús.

-Padre Gabriel González del Estal



La Parroquia de San Antonio

Nuestra Misión:

Nosotros, la comunidad de San Antonio, bendecidos con diversidad en cultura y tradiciones, nos unimos a la presencia real de Jesús en la Sagrada Eucaristía. Nos comprometemos a vivir y enseñar la palabra de nuestro señor Jesucristo por medio de nuestra oración, servicio y acciones.

Vía Crucis

El Vía Crucis se llevará a cabo los viernes durante la Cuaresma a las 5 p.m. (Inglés) y a las 6 p.m. (Español). Los esperamos que nos acompañe a orar los catorce momentos vividos por Jesús desde el momento en que fue aprehendido hasta su crucifixión y sepultura.

Al rezarlo, recordamos con amor y agradecimiento lo mucho que Jesús sufrió por salvarnos del pecado durante su pasión y muerte.



Tacos de Pescado

Los Padres del Colegio de San Antonio invitan a la comunidad Latina a saborear un platillo de deliciosos tacos de pescado para recaudar fondos para el Colegio. Estaremos todos los Viernes de Cuaresma en el área del Carport detrás de la Rectoría. El plato consiste de 2 tacos de pescado con salsa y aderezos. El costo por un plato de 2 tacos es de \$5.00. Venga y traiga a su familia y amigos a disfrutar este platillo y ayudar al Colegio de San Antonio. Los esperamos.



Protegiendo a los Niños Sabía usted?

La Prevalencia del Abuso en la Sociedad

En las encuestas de los adultos, una de cada cinco mujeres y uno de cada diez hombres afirman que fueron sexualmente abusados antes de cumplir los 18 años de edad. Esto significa que unos 40 millones de adultos sobrevivientes de abuso sexual de niños viven en la actualidad en los Estados Unidos. Se estima que un 9.6 % de todos los niños en edad escolar serán abusados por un educador o un empleado de la escuela entre el kinder y el grado 12. Entre el 13% y el 34 % de todas las niñas serán víctimas del abuso sexual antes de la edad de 18 años, y de 7% al 16 % de todos los niños también serán víctimas antes de cumplir los 18 años de edad. Para obtener más información acerca de los programas de seguridad para niños en la Arquidiócesis, por favor llame a la oficina de Protección a los Niños (213) 637-7508. **Para mayor información comuníquense con la Oficina del Ministerio de Ayuda al (213) 637-7650.**



St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 17th

St. Anthony Church - O' Grady Hall
220 Sierra Street, El Segundo

Get your green and come to celebrate with us
St. Patrick Day!

Traditional Corned beef
Red potatoes, cabbage
And Carrots
Dessert



Live Irish Music & Irish dancers



Cost: \$15.00 per person
No host Bar

Social hour: 6:30 pm
Dinner: 7:00pm

Tickets are available at the gift shop and
Parish center during Business hours.

