



# SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

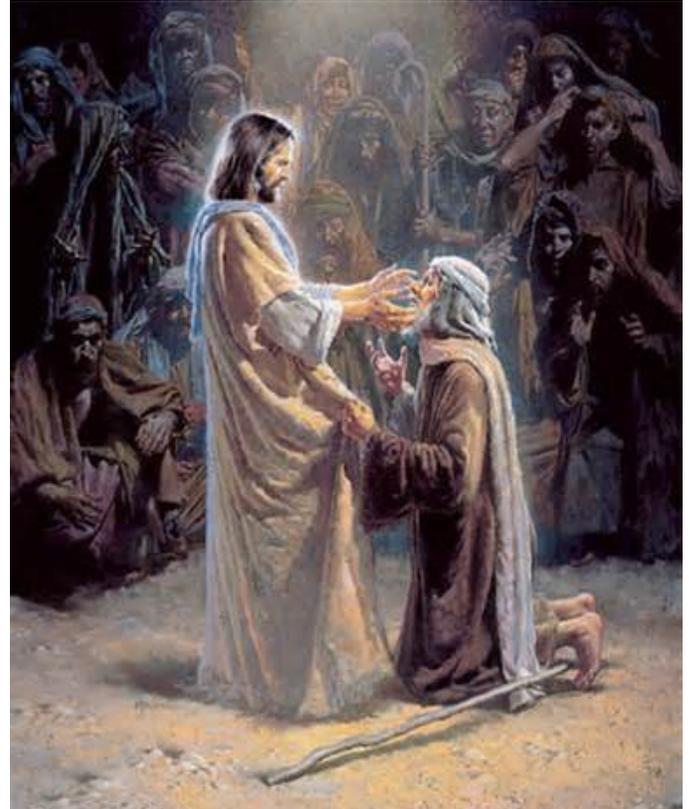
**MARCH 22, 2020**

## Reflection Corner

What a privilege for the blind man to have met Jesus and be healed by him. What a privilege for him to have Jesus touch his eyes and bring him sight. Yet, who would think that a paste of clay applied to one's eyes and then washing in the Pool of Siloam would restore the blind man's sight. But Jesus worked through clay and water. Jesus used ordinary elements around us in nature to convey his healing power. Jesus gave the gift of sight by using matter. The blind man could feel the paste of clay on his eyes, he could feel Jesus touching his eyes, he could hear Jesus, he could feel the water washing off the clay. He could not see Jesus, but Jesus came to him through touch and hearing. In the first reading, God works in a similar way. Samuel, under instructions from God, anointed David with oil and when he did so the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. In the first reading and Gospel, God's power and healing were conveyed through elements of nature applied to the body, were conveyed through matter.

When Jesus comes to us how does he come? Every time we receive the sacraments Jesus comes to us and there is a visible sign of Jesus coming to us invisibly through his sacrament. Just as the Holy Spirit came mightily upon David when he was anointed with oil by Samuel, and just as Jesus used the matter of clay and water for the healing of the blind man, Jesus comes to us in each sacrament when matter is used together with prayer and we call the prayer the "form." So the matter and form of every sacrament is the visible sign of Jesus coming to us invisibly but powerfully in the sacrament.

In the Sacrament of Baptism the matter is water which is poured over the head to baptize - symbolizing washing. In the Sacrament of Confirmation the matter is the bishop using his thumb to anoint the forehead with the oil of chrism. In the Sacrament of the Eucharist the matter is bread made from wheat and wine fermented from grapes.



Every time we receive the sacraments Jesus comes to us by touching our senses and there is a visible sign of Jesus coming to us invisibly through his sacrament. Who would think that anointing with oil would be the signal for the Spirit of the Lord to fall mightily on David? Who would think that anointing with a paste of clay and washing would restore sight? But God uses the ordinary elements of nature to convey his power and healing to us in the sacraments. In every sacrament Jesus comes to us invisibly but powerfully. As you receive the sacraments you hear Jesus, and Jesus touches you. Jesus touched the blind man and Jesus touches you when you receive his sacraments.

- Fr. Tommy Lane

### **Mass Times**

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
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### **Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**

Monday - Thursday	9:00 am - 6:30 pm
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### **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
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**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 22, 2020**



The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
- Psalm 23:1

My dear parishioners,  
I pray that you are all well and safe from this present epidemic. Archbishop Jose Gomez with all the bishops of California have decided to suspend all the **Masses and Sacraments until March 29, 2020. Our church will be open from 9 to 12pm daily for personal prayer.** If in case you might not be feeling well and you fear that you might be going down with the Covid-19, please pray the healing prayer by Fr. Fernando Suarez that I am attaching while placing your right hand on your chest. Our Lord, the King of Mercy and Our Lady will protect and save you. God bless you and you are always in my prayers and Masses.

*Fr. Robert Victoria  
Pastor*

**PRAYER FOR HEALING by Fr. Fernando Suarez, CC**

Lord, look upon us with eyes of mercy. May Your healing Spirit rest upon us. It is through Your power that we were created. Since You created us from nothing, You can certainly recreate us. Fill us with the healing power of Your Spirit. May Your lifegiving powers flow into every cell of our body and into the depths of our soul. Mend what is broken. Cast out anything that should not be within us. Rebuild our brokenness. Restore our strength for service in Your Kingdom. Touch our soul with Your compassion for others. Touch our heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch our mind with Your wisdom, that our lips may always proclaim Your praise. Teach us to reach out to You in our need and help us to lead others to You by our example. Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring us health in body and spirit that we may serve You with all our strength.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, March 22nd**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:30am Religious Education Classes (**CANCELLED**)  
11:30am Confirmation Classes (**CANCELLED**)  
1:30pm Low Latin Mass (**CANCELLED**)

**Monday, March 23rd**

**Parish Center and Adoration Chapel Closed**

7:00pm Bible Study - (**Cancelled**)

**Tuesday, March 24th**

**Parish Center and Adoration Chapel Closed**

6:30 pm Legion of Mary - (**CANCELLED**)  
7:00 pm Rosary with OL of Fatima Group -  
(**Cancelled**)

**Wednesday, March 25th**

**Parish Office and Adoration Chapel Closed**

6:00pm Lectio Divina (**CANCELLED**)

**Thursday, March 27th**

**Parish Center and Adoration Chapel Closed**

6:30pm Holy hours for Priests (**CANCELLED**)  
7:00pm Grupo Hispano de Oracion (**CANCELLED**)  
7:00pm RCIA (**CANCELLED**)

**Friday, March 28th**

**Parish Center and Adoration Chapel Closed**

5:00pm Stations of the Cross (**CANCELLED**)  
7:00pm Via Crucis (**CANCELLED**)

**Saturday, March 29th**

8:30 am & 3:30pm Confessions (**CANCELLED**)

**Parish Center Office & Eucharistic Chapel**

Our Eucharistic Chapel will be closed until the end of month. Our Parish Center will be open from 8:30am-12:30pm Monday thru Thursday for emergency services only. Sorry for any inconvenience during this outbreak of Covid-19. Please continue to pray for those who are sick.

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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.

**Note From Archbishop Gomez:**

I deeply regret that we are forced to temporarily suspended public celebration of the Mass in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. What we do in in the Church, we do out of love for God and love for our brothers and sisters. We are taking this extraordinary step today out of love and concern for those in our families and communities who are most vulnerable to this deadly coronavirus.

**Masses:**

The public celebration of Mass has been suspended in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles effective March 17, 2020 until March 29, 2020, or otherwise extended. We encourage the faithful to keep the Lord's Day holy. Some ways to do this include: reading the Gospels, praying with your families, and to joining yourself to the sacrifice of the Mass by making an act of Spiritual Communion.

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Reconciliation/Confessions:**

Parishes are asked to cancel all Lenten Penance Services. The Sacrament of Reconciliation has been cancelled until the end of the month.

**Baptism:**

The Sacrament of Baptism is to be postponed.

Catholics are encouraged to continue to pray at home with their families and join the sacrifice of the Mass by making and act of Spiritual communion. They are also encouraged to participate in the Holy Mass via internet. The Archdiocese will provide a livestream of non-public Masses from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels daily and on Sunday via Facebook, @lacatholics, or visit lacatholics.org/emergency.



- SATURDAY** March 21  
8:00 am In Thanksgiving to Niño de Atocha  
5:00pm Theresa Tong (D) & Rosalinda Florido (D)
- SUNDAY** March 22  
8:00 am Raul Maylad (D)  
10:00 am In Thanksgiving to Niño de Atocha  
12:00 pm Victoriano Espinoza (D) & Salvador Franco (D)  
1:30 pm For all Parishioners  
5:00pm Graciela de Vasquez (D) & Maralyn Swenson (D)
- MONDAY** March 23  
8:00 am Armelda & John Wallace (D)
- TUESDAY** March 24  
12:10pm John Parcillano (PI) & Ronald Padilla (PI)
- WEDNESDAY** March 25  
8:00 am Reparation for Abortion & Respect for all Life
- THURSDAY** March 26  
12:10pm Holy Souls in Purgatory
- FRIDAY** March 27  
8:00 am Raul Maylad (D)
- SATURDAY** March 28  
8:00 am In Thanksgiving to Jesus Christ  
5:00pm Theresa Tong (D) & Arsenia Aban (D)



**Please Pray for**

Adeline Aceves, Bassam & Zaina Alwan, Jacqueline Anastasi, Soledad Barba, Eileen Barrett, Phillip Berretta, Joyce Bohline, Maria & Teresa Calderon, Gail Campeau, Eva & Roberto Canales, David & Samuel Castellanos, Teresita Clemente, Gertrudes Dacquel, Adoracion de Jesus, Dylan and Dorothy Doukakis, Juan Antonio Duran, Cora & Howard Fausto, Maria Gaetano, Lisa Garasec, Maria Garcia, Lizet Garro, Rose Garcia, Rose Gibilterra, Lucille Goodreau, Pauline Grasso, Marian Goyette, Marie Gutierrez, Joe Guzman, Michael Hawkins, Eileen Hawkins, Sandy Holt, Meryl Kari, Zolzislaw, Stanislaw, Czeslaw & Michalina Kubek, Celine Luper, Marie Magdaleno, Willie Maldonado, Susan McGarry, Margaret Moran, Clara & Rebecca Moshenko, Michael Mouzakis, Trung Nguyen, Edwin Perey, Gloria Perez, Leoncio Ricarte, Don Riley, Josefina Rigalva, Joe Rosenbury, Maria Salazar, Maria Serrano, Cecilia Sizighaney, Jerome Snyder, Allan Schwartz, Anne Schuman, Keith Storm, Jeanne Thomas, Jerry Tomic, Isabelita Turda, Elena Victoria, Carol Voorhes, Christopher Wheeler, Pennye Wilder, Norm Wood.



**SANCTUARY CANDLE  
IN MEMORY OF  
ROBERT MARK ROONEY**

### Ongoing CASE Collection



St. Anthony Church continues its ongoing CASE Drive for all those families in need in our community. Some families receive a small monetary aid to help with utilities bills. If you would like to help monetary, please send you check to CASE, P.O. Box 1585; El Segundo CA 90245. 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, 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....A bin for your donated items can be found at the entrance of the Church. Thanks for your continue support for these families in need.

### Monthly Financial Report

St. Anthony Church is committed to financial transparency as part of our effort to be careful stewards of the resources provided by our generous parishioners. Below is our December 2019 Financial Report.

**December 2019 Income:**

<i>Collections</i>	
Sun/Sat Collections	\$ 31,489
Christmas Collection	\$ 10,745
Online Giving	\$ 10,546
Sacraments	\$ 2,309
Property Rental	\$ 8,120
Candles	\$ 913
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 64,122</b>

**December 2019 Expenses:**

<i>Operating</i>	
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$ 3,603
Office Supplies	\$ 1,360
Insurance	\$ 3,177
Utilities	\$ 1,300
<i>Salaries/Benefits</i>	
Salaries	\$ 23,725
Health Insurance	\$ 3,177
Other Expenses	\$ 2,400
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 44,180</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 19,942</b>

**Parish Enhancement**

Collections	\$ 3,412
Expenses	\$ 982
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$ 200
	<b>\$ 2,230</b>
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Our sincerest gratitude for your generosity and continued support to St. Anthony Church.  
 God bless you,  
**Carolina Luna**  
 Bookkeeper

### News from the Office of Respect Life Pregnancy Help Center



*"In a 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**

### St. Anthony Women's Retreat-Save the Date

St. Anthony's Retreat for Women will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of **May 8-10**. Join your fellow parishioners for this weekend of spiritual enrichment and growth. The Passionist retreat team offers inspirational talks, as well as time for quiet prayer, Mass, Confession and Stations of the Cross. The retreat begins Friday evening with a buffet supper and concludes Sunday after Mass. *Suggested donation:* \$250.00 (\$50.00 non-refundable deposit) *Facilitated by:* Passionist Retreat Team *Register Online at:* <https://materdolorosa.org/weekend-retreat-sign-up/> or call Mary Baum at (310) 844-8610 for more information.



### Novena to "Our Lady of Lourdes"

1. To participate in this chain of prayer for the world which has its source in the Grotto of Lourdes, you simply need to join in the Rosary at the Grotto for 9 days, at 3.00 p.m. from 17th to 25th March 2020.
2. By registering your email address using the online form on the Sanctuary website, you'll receive a message every day which will allow you to join in the prayer of the day, either directly with the Grotto of Lourdes, or at another time that suits you via the on-demand video. You can have an intention taken to the Grotto every day as well as having a candle lit.
3. This 9-day prayer is a "novena" which ends on 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation, and the day of the 16th apparition of the Virgin Mary at the Grotto. That day, she declared to Bernadette "I am the Immaculate Conception". To invoke the Immaculate Conception is to ask Mary for her protection: "Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us".

### Safeguard the Children Did you know?

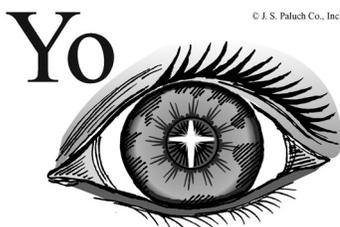


**Early abuse identification is key**  
 We can do our best to ensure that the children in our community are as safe as possible, and one critical way is to take immediate action at the first hint of improper behavior by an adult towards a child. Be familiar with ways in which perpetrators attempt to groom children, their parents, and church communities so that you can recognize and interrupt such behaviors promptly. Paying attention to changes in behavior, appetite, or demeanor in the children we know is also important as these cues may be reflective of a child's distress. For more information, get a copy of the VIR-TUS® article "Early Identification is Crucial" at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>

## Mensaje para Reflexionar

Dios nos ha creado a cada una y ha cada uno de nosotros para algo, y ese algo para lo cual Dios lo ha creado no es una casualidad en su vida sino que Dios lo ha preparado desde antes que usted existiese, por eso nos dice su Palabra: “Mi alma conocías cabalmente, y mis huesos no se ocultaban, cuando era yo formado en lo secreto, tejido en las honduras de la tierra” (Sal 139,15). A David, Dios lo había elegido para que fuera rey de Israel, así que aunque él no lo sabía, Dios lo había preparado y dispuesto para que desempeñara esa misión. Y la primera lectura nos dice que “a partir del momento en que David fue ungido, vino sobre él el espíritu del Yahveh” (1 Sam 16,13). Es posible que usted piense pero, si cada una y cada uno de nosotros tenemos una misión ¿de que manera Dios nos ha preparado para que seamos capaces de desempeñarla? El apóstol San Pablo nos dice que “nuestro cuerpo es santuario del Espíritu Santo, que está en nosotros y que hemos recibido de Dios” (1 Cor 6,19). Hermanos, ese Espíritu de Dios del nos habla San Pablo, habita en cada bautizada y bautizado, y como sucedió con David, también él ha tomado posesión de nuestra vida desde el día en que recibimos el sacramento del Bautismo y la Confirmación. La presencia del Espíritu de Dios se manifiesta en la vida de cada cristiano a través de sus “siete dones que son: sabiduría, inteligencia, consejo, fortaleza, ciencia, piedad y temor de Dios” (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, 1831). Un vehículo no puede caminar por sí mismo sino que necesita de alguien que lo conduzca, y cuando se le termina el combustible hace falta que alguien lo alimente para pueda seguir trabajando. Los seres humanos tampoco podemos caminar por sí mismos, sino que necesitamos de alguien que nos conduzca y nos inyecte sabiduría, inteligencia, consejo, fortaleza, ciencia, piedad y temor de Dios, para así poder cumplir con nuestra misión de hijos e hijas de Dios. Hay muchos cristianos que piensan que Dios no es necesario en sus vidas, que ellos pueden vivir sin él, que no lo necesitan pero, Jesús no puede haberse equivocado al decirnos: “separados de mí, no podéis hacer nada” (Jn 15, 5). Dependemos de Dios, lo queramos o no, y “nuestra vida está sostenida por los dones del Espíritu Santo” (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, 1830).

¿Considera usted que esta utilizando debidamente los dones del Espíritu Santo en su vida?



Yo  
he venido para  
que los ciegos  
vean

## **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.

## **Noticias del Arzobispo Jose Gomez:**

La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles anunció el Lunes Marzo 16 2020, la suspensión de las Misas en vista de la actual amenaza de salud debido al COVID-19 (coronavirus).

“Lamento profundamente que nos veamos forzados a suspender temporalmente la celebración pública de la Misa en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles”, dijo el Arzobispo José H. Gomez. “Lo que hacemos en la Iglesia, lo hacemos por el amor a Dios y por el amor hacia nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Hoy estamos tomando este paso extraordinario por el amor y la preocupación por aquellos que en nuestras familias y comunidades son los más vulnerables ante este mortal coronavirus”.

“Les pido sus oraciones continuas para todos aquellos que están afectados por este virus, por quienes tienen temor y por los más vulnerables. Además, les pido que oren y se acerquen a ayudar a las familias que están enfrentando dificultades como resultado de esta emergencia. También necesitamos mantener en nuestras oraciones a todos los médicos, enfermeras, cuidadores, y a las autoridades civiles y de salud pública que están trabajando para contener el brote de este virus y están tratando a quienes están enfermos”, declaró el Arzobispo.

Se anima a los católicos a continuar orando en casa con sus familias y a unirse en el sacrificio de la Misa haciendo un acto de comunión espiritual. También se les anima a participar en la Santa Misa vía Internet. La Arquidiócesis hará transmisiones en vivo de Misas no públicas celebradas en la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de Los Ángeles a diario y el domingo, vía Facebook, @lacatholics, (facebook.com/lacatholics/) o visitando lacatholics.org/emergency/. Se harán transmisiones en vivo de la Misa diaria (lunes a viernes) en inglés a las 12:10 p.m. y de las Misas de los domingos, en inglés a las 10 a.m. y en español a las 12:30 p.m.

## **Nota a nuestros Feligreses:**

Durante este tiempo de Suspensión de Misas debido a la decisión del Arzobispo Jose Gomez, **la parroquia de San Antonio, abrirá sus puertas todos los días para oración privada desde las 9am a las 12pm del mediodía.** La oficina de la Parroquia abrirá hasta las 12:30pm solamente para casos de emergencia y la Capilla Eucarística estará cerrada durante este mes.

## Prayer of Protection from Coronavirus

God our Father, we love you and we adore you. In complete faith, we come to you seeking mercy and forgiveness for the sins we have committed against You and Your creation. Come to us at this moment of the global spread of the coronavirus so that we may experience, your protection and healing touch.

Lord Jesus, we beg you, to stop the spread of this disease, and to grant healing and comfort to those afflicted. May your Precious Blood protect from infection and harm all people everywhere especially those who live in this house, our collaborators, those in our care and our friends.

Holy Spirit Lord, protect and instill in us all, a strong sense of social responsibility, to do what is necessary, and to be prudent and considerate in our actions. You are our strength and protection: send your grace and blessing in our need.

Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary,  
intercede for us.

Pure and Holy Heart of St. Joseph, protect us.

Amen.