

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Fredy Angel
Pastor
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Sunday Masses

English: 10:00AM
Spanish: 12:30AM

Daily Mass

Monday-Wednesday: 9:30AM

Confessions

Sunday before Masses or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00AM - 3:00PM

HEARING JESUS AS PROPHET

After Jesus reads from the book of Isaiah of an ancient prophet's mission, he says, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). Jesus is making a quite remarkable claim, that he sees himself as a prophet like the great prophets in Jewish history, and that his mission like the one described by that ancient prophet in Isaiah chapter 61. Luke makes it very clear that this happened in "Nazareth, where he had grown up" (4:14), and where his fellow Nazarenes were quite startled at his words.

THE DIFFICULTY OF BEING AND HEARING A PROPHET

Claiming to be a prophet means claiming to be called by God; it is an awesome responsibility to say, "The word of the LORD came to me" (Jeremiah 1:4) or "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me" (Isaiah 61:1), the saying that Jesus adopted. Nor is it easy for others to hear someone make this claim. Prophets look very ordinary, they don't have physical evidence of a divine call, so it is tempting to respond with, "Who are they, to talk like that?"

The difference is that prophets have learned to see the world as God sees it, and their vocation is to summon people to bring God's justice and God's mercy to that world. This is a difficult, even dangerous task. After all, prophets have to speak truth to power, to the "kings and princes . . . its priests and people" who resist changing their ways. Jeremiah's call is typical: God warns him of dangers to come, even as he promises him deliverance: "They will fight against you but not prevail over you / for I am with you to deliver you" (Jeremiah 1:19).

Jesus faces these same difficulties, as his fellow Nazarenes—who initially admired his "gracious words" (Luke 4:22)—become skeptical, suspicious, and then openly hostile. Jesus understands these reactions: "Doubtless you will say to me . . ." (4:23), and, just as God promised Jeremiah, Jesus is "delivered"—he passes through the crowd before they attempt literally to throw him out. As we are called to act as prophets in our world today, it is a comfort to know that God will likewise deliver us.

Today's Readings: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17; 1Cor 12:31 — -13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

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*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations I appointed you. ~Jeremiah 1:5*

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

The song of the angels, “Holy, Holy, Holy,” resounds from our lips at every Mass. There was a widespread belief in the first religions of the world that God stirred creation into being by a word, a song, a musical note. Music and a sense of God’s presence have always been inseparable. In the liturgy, your voice is invited into this song as the priest names the reasons for our praise. “Heaven and earth are full of your glory,” and we are not passive onlookers, but participants in this glory. Catholic prayer no longer assigns this angelic hymn to a choir, but gives it to you to sing. Even if your voice is thought to be suitable only for a well-insulated shower stall, you are called into this song.

We are born to sing—just listen to a baby testing the full range of newly-discovered vocal abilities. Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone’s in the choir; why not start practicing now?

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**Saint Anthony’s Relics Visit St. Anthony of Padua Church
on Tuesday, February 26
Veneration begins at 4PM
Holy Mass at 7PM**

St. Anthony of Padua Prayer Garden

Support us by ordering a memorial brick for our prayer garden. The cost is \$100 we do offer *payment plan*.

To order a brick or if you have any question about our engraved bricks, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.



**Adoration Of The Sacred Sacrament
First Saturday
7:00 PM - 12 AM**



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Adult Faith Formation Classes

Meet every Sunday at 11:15 in church conference room. For more information please contact our office or Mrs. Lukens (229) 794-9140



Registration

We will be working on updating our Parish files and will ask that everyone fill a church registration form again. This will help fix all incorrect and missing information.

Please Update!



Knights of Columbus
Round table meeting
Every Sunday at 11:15AM.

Rosary Ministry
Our Rosary makers meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. For more information please contact Kathy Giddens at (229)482-2364



**January 27, 2019
Collections**

Let us pray for the health of:

Eva de Angel, Sara B, Phyllis Fletcher, Patrick Hunter

For the Eternal rest of:

L C Martin, Juanita Trejo, Maureen Remick, David Kinmond , Ann Brown
All Faithful Departed



Regular Collection

\$ 1,614.13

Building Fund

\$ 1,806.00

Bishop Annual Appeal

\$ 2,830.00