# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## *Fourth Sunday of*

# LENT

March 31, 2019

"This son of mine was dead,
and has come to life again;
he was lost,
and has been found."

*Luke 15:24*

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## Pastoral Team

**Rev. Fr. Fredy Angel**
**Pastor**
**Deacon Ray Brown**
**Deacon Steven Mancuso**

## Sunday Masses

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

**Daily Mass**

**Monday-Wednesday: 9:30AM**

**Confessions**

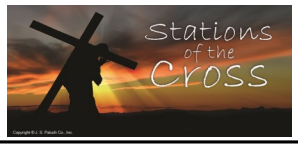
**Sunday before Masses or by appointment**

## OFFICE HOURS

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

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**LENT TIME**
**EVERY FRIDAY 7:00PM**
**BILINGUAL**




**Sunday March 31**

**Adults Faith Formation Classes**

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**
**CORPORAL/SPIRITUAL**
**WORKS OF MERCY**

## GOD FORGIVES

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshiping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The "take-away" for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) *or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.*
Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord
(Psalm 34) *or Psalm 23.*
Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) *or Ephesians 5:8-14.*
Gospel — This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) *or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].*

**CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION SCHEDULE**
CONFIRMATIONS MAY 11, 2019 - 9:00AM
FIRST COMMUNIONS MAY 12, 2019
ENGLISH MASS 10:00AM
SPANISH MASS 12:30PM

## LENT

Lenten Adult Catechesis Wednesday, April 3th. A pot luck will be held at 6:30pm followed by a presentation by Deacon Steven on "The Pentateuch" at 7pm. The third presentation will be on Wednesday, April 10th at the same time and will feature a presentation by Deacon Ray on "Lumen Gentium".

## LOST

It is hard to admit how easily we get lost. We lose our way in the rush of tasks, meetings, and activities and get out of the habit of daily prayer, Sunday Mass, and service. We get caught up in the pursuit of material wealth, power, social status, and worldly success. We may be dismissive of people whose perspectives are different from our own. We become selfish and self-centered. We are blind to the needs of others, concerned solely with ourselves, our family, our small social circles. We get off track and for a while do not even realize we are lost. Like the young son in the parable, something has to happen to bring us back to our senses.

## FOUND

The young son "hit bottom" and made his way home. The Israelites learned to trust in and follow God and entered the Promised Land. We are found the moment we realize we are lost and begin our journey back to the Lord. Jesus not only shows us the way, Christ is our way home to God. Our homeward path is often an examination of conscience, by which we search our hearts and recognize our failings. We may need to make amends to those whom we have hurt; we might be called to a change of attitude or behavior. Are you lost? Now is the perfect time to open your mind and heart and admit that you have lost your way. Lent is a season when we admit the ways that we are missing the mark and return to God. Often, we do so through the sacrament of Reconciliation, in which we confess our sins, are given penance, and accept Christ's warm embrace of forgiveness.

Today's Readings: Jos 5:9a, 10–12; Ps 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; 2 Cor 5:17–21; Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

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**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.

**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

**Sunday April 14 - Palm Sunday**
10:00AM English Mass
12:30PM Spanish Mass

**Thursday April 18 - Holy Thursday**
7:00PM Mass of The Lord's Supper
**Friday April 19 - Good Friday**
7:00PM Friday of The Passion of The Lord
**Saturday April 20 Holy Saturday**
8:00PM The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
**Sunday April 21– Easter Sunday**
9:30AM English Mass

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

**Knights of Columbus**
Round table meeting
Parish Hall
Second Sunday of the month
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

## 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!

**March 24, 2019**
## Collections

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| **Regular Collection** | **$ 1,165** |
| **Building Fund** | **$ 2,160** |
| **Bishop Annual Appeal** | **$ 150** |

***Let us pray for the health of:***

Eva de Angel, Sara B, Raymond Moore, Phyllis Fletcher, Patrick Hunter, David Stidham

***For the Eternal rest of:***

Dylan Giardi, L C Martin, Juanita Trejo, Maureen Remick, David Kinmond, Ann Brown . All faithful Departed