

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**JESUS SAID TO SIMON,
“PUT OUT INTO DEEP WATER
AND LOWER YOUR NETS
FOR A CATCH.”**

Luke 5:4

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

WHEN GOD APPEARS . . .

Scripture recounts several instances of God calling persons to be leaders, prophets, apostles, or for other tasks. In most of them, a divine messenger appears to someone and directs them to do X. However, in today's readings, there is no explicit directive for Isaiah to deliver God's message, or for the fishermen to follow Jesus. Instead, the accounts focus on the way that God appears. The respective calls result from the recognition of God's presence in the experience. That recognition creates an openness to whatever God might want.

. . . OUR RESPONSE IS WHAT MATTERS

Isaiah's immediate reaction to the marvelous events he has seen was an acute awareness of his own sinfulness: "Woe is me . . . For I am a man of unclean lips" (Isaiah 6:5). In the ancient world, contact between holy objects or environments and profane things or persons was a contamination—human beings were thought to "contaminate" any place where God's presence was known to dwell, and hence were unclean. Only after he volunteers ("Here I am... send me!") [Isaiah 6:8]) does Isaiah learn what he is being asked to do.

The catch of fish in Luke lacks the color of Isaiah's theophany, but it evoked a response from Simon similar to that of Isaiah: "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). He was not alone; "all those with him" were "seized" with astonishment (5:9). The overwhelming catch of fish was just as much an overwhelming experience of God for Simon as were the seraphim for the prophet Isaiah.

This is very good news for the rest of us, since our own theophanies are almost never as colorful as Isaiah's, or as dramatic as an unusually large catch of fish. But they are there, moments in our lives when we become acutely aware of God's presence and understand more clearly our own humanity and our need for God's mercy. That understanding, in turn, can make us open to how God is calling us and to what we are being called to do.

Today's Readings: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

The Reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

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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**



**NEXT SUNDAY
BUILDING FUND
FOOD SALE
TAMALES
BEANS
SALAD
DESSERT
DRINK
\$ 10**



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



**February 3, 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

\$ 2,753.00

Building Fund

\$ 4,575.00

Bishop Annual Appeal

\$ 490.00