

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Pentecost

### SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2020



Jesus breathed on them and said to them,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,  
and whose sins you retain are retained." John 20:22-23

#### Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Kevin O'Keefe

Deacon Ray Brown

Deacon Steven Mancuso

#### OFFICE HOURS

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

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES  
No classes until further notice

#### Sunday Masses

English: 9:00AM and 10:00AM  
Spanish: 11:00AM and 12:00PM

#### Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday 9:30AM

#### Confessions

by appointment

#### UNLOCK THE DOORS

When we put the Gospel in its context, John 20 starts with the empty tomb and the appearance to Mary Magdalene. Still, the disciples were scared and confused. They gathered together to regroup. They locked the door for fear of the Jews, whom they had just experienced as an angry mob, whom they had just seen crucify their friend Jesus. These disciples were afraid of the Jews, but they may also have been feeling guilty and confused for running away from Jesus at the cross, for hiding, for trying to protect themselves.

Now the risen Jesus comes to them saying, "Peace be with you," showing them his wounds, and greeting them again. Jesus is modeling something very powerful here. Most of us hate to be vulnerable. We try to hide our wounds and scars. We try to protect ourselves and show everybody that we have it together. In order to be healed, to receive the Spirit, to move on in our lives, we need to unlock our internal doors. We need to let Jesus into our house, into our hearts, and into those darkened corners of ourselves. It might be frightening. It might mean going to the sacrament of reconciliation or speaking with a spiritual director or even with a therapist.

#### RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

We often worry about how others will respond if we are less than perfect. Jesus knew the disciples were flawed humans. He did not get angry or give them a guilt trip. He said, "Peace be with you." He was gentle. Jesus gave them the gift of new life through a simple gesture. He breathed the Spirit into them. This is reminiscent of Genesis, when God breathed life into Adam, and Ezekiel, when God breathed life back into the dry bones. Jesus concluded with, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." So not only did Jesus entrust them with this role, this power, he first showed them how it is done. How do we in turn breathe life into our families and friends? Our coworkers? The stranger we meet?

Today's Readings: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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Adoration

of the

Blessed Sacrament



**WEDNESDAY  
ADORATION  
10AM TO 12PM**

#### ATTENTION PARENTS

Children under 12 years must be  
accompanied by an adult to use the  
restroom  
The safety of your child is very  
important to us

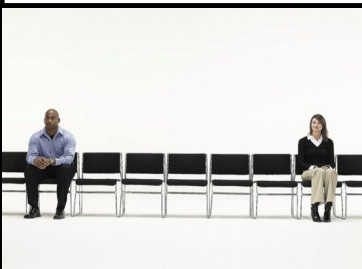


**SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND HIS COMPANIONS (martyred 1886-87)**

**June 3**

“Master of Pages,” reputedly the handsomest man in all Uganda, Charles Lwanga, lay catechist, courageously led about forty teenaged boys, Catholics and Anglicans, on a forty-mile forced march to martyrdom for their common Christian faith. Teaching each other the hymns of their different churches, they strengthened one another for the ordeal ahead. King Mwanga, himself barely twenty, had ordered them executed for being “those who pray.” But these royal pages were the king’s male harem, who, now Christians, refused what pious accounts demurely describe as his “unreasonable demands.” Some were clubbed to death, most burned alive; the youngest, thirteen-year old Saint Kizito, whom Charles had often shielded from the King’s lust; the most tragic, Saint Mbaga, whose father was his executioner! In 1964, Paul VI canonized the young Catholics and praised their Anglican companions, recalling the heroism of early Christianity’s African martyrs, which we modern Christians of far less faith never expected to see repeated. Forty years after the pope’s words, what does our faith cost us? Heroism aside, how generous is our response?

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**Social distancing will be required, 6 feet separation between persons  
(except for family members from same household)**

**Please remember to leave room for the HOLY SPIRIT.**

**If you are sick please stay at home.**

**The dispensation from the obligation of attending Mass on Sunday continues until  
Sunday, June 28, 2020.**

**After Mass please do not congregate in the Church or outside.**

**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.



**TODAY TOPIC**  
**NO CLASS**  
**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



**We recommend to  
wear a  
face mask**



**Rick Knight  
Abigail Barzallo**

**Adoration Of The  
Blessed Sacrament  
First Saturday  
7:00PM to 10:00PM**



**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



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

Fr. Dan O'Connell Ray O' Keefe, Eva and Alfonso Angel,  
Andrew Morrison, Sanchez Family, Bonnie Cornwell,  
Alan Moore, Fran LaRock, Consuelo Sterling, Michael Kunai  
Anna Marie Gould, Naina Waters, Phylli Fletcher, Nilda Peana  
Patricia Hunter, Tripp Lasseter, Don & Angi Christiano,  
Lisa Salomon, Madalyn Touchton, Nayar Prado Bisogno  
Carol Leaverton, Angela Hood, José Hernández

**For the Eternal rest of:**

Tom Turner, Kevin Ward, Stephanie Nelson,  
Helen Scaff, Vinh Bui, Maria de Jesus Gallegos,  
Kelle Jackson, Misty Lasseter, All faithful Departed



**May 24, 2020  
Collections**

**Regular Collection**

**\$2133**

**Building Fund**

**\$1740**

**Bishop Annual Appeal**

**\$150**