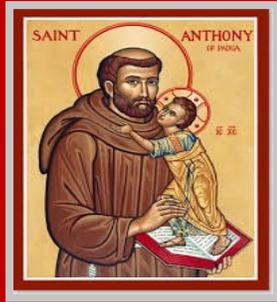


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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Weekly Reflection



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time **GOD'S SAVING TIME:** We are a people who schedule, plot, and plan. Even in the summertime, we live in a world of adjusted clocks and tight schedules. Even in the summertime, we are obsessed with time, striving to own it, stretch it, or save it, if only to waste it in the end. Thank goodness that even in summertime we are reminded that God's salvation-"God's Saving Time"-is always at hand. Thank goodness that we are able to plot the time of summer in order to consecrate it and there encounter the God who orders not only all things, but all time as well. Whatever grows around us on the windowsill or in the garden, whatever appears fresh at the market, can remind us of plotting time and of the surprises of time's unfurling, the benevolent time of God's coming. That is why this time is as good a time as any to nurture the inner ear, the inner eye, and to move to the rhythm of God's saving time, God's surprising salvation. **PASS A GOOD TIME:** In Louisiana's Cajun country, folks invite one another over to "pass a good time, cheer." We who are church are here to pass a good time, to tend to one another, to tend to God's good earth and our good gardens. We are here to be wide awake to God's saving time within all and through all. We pass a good time here but once, however, so we must take time to proclaim God's timeless faithfulness through summer's short nights and to sing of God's endless kindness at summer's fresh new dawn. We must give ourselves and others the time to grow and prosper under the watchful eye of God, who, as an old prayer reminds us, dwells with us in time "beyond the region of thunder, in a land that is always peaceful, always serene and bright with . . . resplendent glory."

