

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHAPEL † FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

REQUIESCAT IN PACE, FATHER PAUL WICKENS
FEBRUARY 10TH, 2008 – FEBRUARY 17TH, 2008

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Sunday, February 10 First Sunday of Lent

7:30 ✕ *Lin Dan*

9:00 ✕ *Concepcion Biong*

11:00 ✕ *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

Monday, February 11 Feria of Lent
9:00 am Marie Perone (Our Lady of Lourdes)

Tuesday, February 12 Feria of Lent
7:00 pm Mary Bellarosa (7 Holy Servite Founders)

Wednesday, February 13 Ember Wednesday
9:00 am Mary Perone

Thursday, February 14 Feria of Lent
9:00 am Kathleen LaFerrara (St. Valentine)

Friday, February 15 Ember Friday
9:00am Marie Perone (SS. Faustinus & Jovita)

Saturday, February 16 Ember Saturday
9:00 am ✕ Drew Ruppert

Sunday, February 17 Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 ✕ *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

9:00 ✕ *Mother of Liz Perry*

11:00 ✕ *Fr. Wickens, Priests, and Faithful of St. Anthony's*



WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

How sweet a thing it is to look upon our Savior, crowned with thorns on the Cross and crowned with glory in Heaven. This sight encourages us to receive lovingly all the contradictions which may be offered to us, knowing that **by means of the crown of thorns, we shall obtain the crown of happiness.** ---*Letters, St. Francis de Sales*

God wants to see us faithful in the small things that He entrusts to us. This is far superior to our burning desire to do big and grand things, which seldom come our way. ---*Letters, St. Francis de Sales*

FROM THE DESK OF THE RECTOR

Dear faithful of Saint Anthony's,

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation. This Sunday's epistle urges us to greater efforts in our spiritual life. Be sure to set aside the time necessary. "*Will you not pray and watch with Me for at least one hour?*"

Holy Hour of Adoration with Benediction:
Thursdays at 7:00pm

Lenten devotions and adult classes:

Starting this Friday, February 15, there will be **Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00pm.** After these devotions a **spirituality class for adults and young people will be offered.** Each of these classes will focus on the spiritual theology of one of the patron saints of the Institute: St. Benedict, St. Francis de Sales, and St. Thomas Aquinas. Lent is a time of deepened prayer and meditation which should be nourished by a more profound understanding of the truths and the traditions of our Catholic Faith. **This week's class will focus on the spiritual doctrine of St. Benedict, whose Rule places the Liturgy at the center of daily life: *Ora et labora: Prayer and work.***

Lenten retreat with Msgr. Schmitz:

The Superior of the American province of the Institute, **Monsignor R. Michael Schmitz will be coming to St. Anthony's for a Lenten retreat, which will take place on Friday evening, March 14, and Saturday, March 15.** Monsignor will give some **spiritual conferences and celebrate a Solemn High Mass on Palm Sunday.** There will be Holy Mass, Adoration and Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, as well as the opportunity for Confession. More details will be available during the following weeks. Be sure to reserve these dates for this Lenten mission retreat.

Wishing you a blessed Lent with an abundance of graces for you and your loved ones,

In Christ the King,

Reverend Father Matthew Talarico

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LENT: FORTY DAYS OF PENANCE AND MERCY

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday to Vespers of Holy Saturday. The last two weeks of Lent are known as *Passiontide*, made up of Passion Week and Holy Week. The last three days of Holy Week -- Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday -- are known as the *Sacred Triduum*. The word *Lent* comes from the Old English *lencten*, meaning *springtime*. The Latin name for Lent, *Quadragesima*, means *forty*, referring to the forty days Christ spent fasting and praying in the desert. During Lent we imitate Christ's forty days of fasting, like Moses and Elias before Him, and await the triumph of Easter.

The value of fasting consists not so much in abstinence from food but rather in withdrawal from sinful practices. Saint John Chrysostom

*Turning away from all wickedness means keeping our tongue in check, restraining our anger, suppressing evil desires, and avoiding all gossip, lying, and swearing.
To abstain from these things---herein lies the true value of fast." Saint Basil the Great*

Possible Lenten resolutions:

- Take someone to Mass with you.
- Take someone to Confession with you.
- Invite someone to become a Catholic—start talking to him about it.
- Get him to a priest for instruction.
- Ask a priest to visit a fallen-away Catholic, especially an elderly one.
- Visit the sick.
- Visit people in nursing homes.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOURDES APPARITIONS: FEBRUARY 11

At age 14, the sickly, poverty-stricken Bernadette Soubirous saw a vision of a beautiful Lady in a grotto on the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes, France. Though Bernadette was despised, disbelieved, and harassed by local French authorities, crowds began to gather when news spread and when she would not recant the story of her vision. **The first apparition occurred on February 11, 1858. There were eighteen in all;** the last took place on July 16 of the same year. Having been told by the Lady to dig in the earth on February 25, Bernadette did so amid much mockery. However, the healing waters of the now-famous Lourdes shrine then came forth on this spot. On March 25 the Lady of the vision announced that she was the Immaculate Conception and that a church should be built at the site. **It is estimated that about four thousand cures have been obtained at Lourdes within the first fifty years of the apparitions.** However, this is undoubtedly considerably less than the actual number. As a matter of fact, **no natural cause, known or unknown, is sufficient to account for the marvelous cures witnessed at the foot of the celebrated rock where the Virgin Immaculate deigned to appear.** They can only be from the intervention of God.

Blessed be the Holy and Immaculate Conception of the most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

On the solemn occasion of this 150th anniversary of the Lourdes apparitions, Our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI has granted the possibility of gaining a plenary indulgence. "If the faithful are not in Lourdes, but wish to receive the plenary indulgence, then during the week of the anniversary of the first apparition, **which is the week of February 2, 2008 through February 11, 2008,** and they must visit "in any church, grotto or decorous place, the blessed image of that same Virgin of Lourdes, solemnly exposed for public veneration, and before the image participate in a pious exercise of Marian devotion, or at least pause for an appropriate space of time in prayer and with pious meditations, concluding with the recital of the Our Father, the Profession of Faith, ... and the invocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary."