

St. Anthony's Catholic Church

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Collection Sunday, October 8: \$1,019

Mass Attendance Sunday, October 8: 48

Today is the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Readings begin on page 212.

Please Pray for the Sick: Eleanor Hayes, Gil Gervacio, Mike Gervacio, Signey O'Hare, Judy Bates, Toye Wheeler, Christopher Pacifico, Connor Clisso, Libby Bowman

Please let Jen Boa know when individuals should be added or removed from the prayer list by emailing jenboa12@gmail.com.

Prayers for our Military: Andrew Scott Harlow, Colby Sandt, Michael Durham, Greg Chester, Anthony Capalad, John Paul America, Matthew Hensley, Justin McAfee, Nicholas Darby, Benjamin Conway

Community Happenings:

Gentle Reminder: To all Eucharistic Ministers and those who minister to the sick and homebound, please remember to help clean up after Mass, both on weekdays and Sunday services. It is important that remnants from the Eucharist are not left on the altar. Thank you for your attention to this, and we appreciate all who volunteer.

Prayer Services: Join us at St. Anthony on Wednesdays prior to Mass and Bible study. We plan to hold a weekly prayer service at 5:30pm on Wednesdays when Father Arnel has scheduled Mass and Bible study. If you have questions, please contact Jane Sandt.

St. Anthony's Website: Please be sure to visit www.StAnthonyCatholic.org for more info on our church!

Father Arnel's Schedule:

Mon 10/16	Tues 10/17	Wed 10/18	Thurs 10/19	Fri 10/20	Sat 10/21
Day off	PM: St. Anthony	Mass and Bible Study: 6pm, SA	Mass, 6pm HS	Visitation	Mass, 5pm SJ

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Layman's Terms: October 17th Topic | Role of the Laity in Evangelization, with special guest, Father Brian Capuano

Layman's Terms is a monthly webinar series hosted for all clergy, lay pastoral leaders, and volunteers to explore a variety of ministry related topics relevant to parish life. This month's topic, "Role of the Laity in Evangelization" features a guest panelist, Father Brian Capuano, to nuance the differences in the roles of the laity, clergy, and consecrated in the life of the Church. Father Brian is pastor of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Petersburg and serves on the Diocesan Tribunal. Join us for this webinar at 2:30 pm . (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/22204322_31970726915)

Truly Present: Each year, the Office for Evangelization develops a theme that permeates each event and gathering that we host. The theme for 2017-2018 is *Truly Present*.

A Reflection on the Theme: Truly Present, John 4:4-30, 39-42 What does it mean to be Truly Present? In today's world, it is sometimes easier to be present to our phones instead of the people beside us. When Jesus encountered the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:4-30, 39-42), he shows us how to be Truly Present to another. The Samaritan woman arrives at the well at noon because she wanted to avoid the community that had shunned her. In that moment, she is vulnerable and broken. Jesus meets her in this moment, and he speaks truth to her. They are present to each other in truth. Through this encounter, the woman is transformed and returns to her community to invite others to meet Christ.

Today, we encounter Jesus, Truly Present, in the Eucharist. He desires to meet us in truth and vulnerability, but often, we are not truly present to Him. Hans Urs Von Balthasar, a Swiss theologian from the 20th century, reflects on this dilemma. Instead of truly encountering Christ, we "raise up walls" around our hearts. Our prayer becomes routine and stagnant. He writes, "If you live near a waterfall, after a week, you'll no longer hear its rumble. In the same way, we have forgotten how to listen" how to be truly present, both to God and to each other (*Heart of the World*).

This is the call to be Truly Present. When in prayer, to focus our eyes on the waterfall that has become routine and recognize the face of Our Lord who desires to encounter us in truth. It is a call to be vulnerable with Jesus, to break down the walls and offer him our whole hearts, as they are. Like the Samaritan woman, we should be transformed through this encounter and be empowered to share that experience with our community.