



1st Sunday of Lent

St. Antoninus Church

March 9, 2025

Sunday Mass: 8AM in Rectory; 10 AM in Church

Spanish Mass 1:30PM

(Sunday Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 9-10AM)

Confession Available: Sundays 9-9:45AM (in church) Also available after daily noon Mass.
1st Friday 2-5PM, 1st Sat. 2-3PM

Daily Mass: Tues. thru Sat. noon (Guadalupe Chapel)

RCIA now OCIA: Sundays after the 10AM Mass in the Rectory.

Bible Study: Tuesdays 8PM in the Rectory (Zoom & in person)

Real Love Ministries Prayer Group: Last Saturday of month, 5-7 PM

First Friday Devotions: Sacred Heart Mass Noon, Alliance of 2 Hearts 2-5PM Rectory Chapel

First Saturday: 2PM Adoration & Immaculate Heart Devotions. 3PM Chaplet & Healing Mass

Divine Adoration Prayer Group: Saturdays at 3-6PM except 1st Sat. in person & live-streamed.
Wednesday Prayer for Revival 6-7PM in the Guadalupe Chapel.

Daily Rosary: 7PM (Zoom) 6:30 PM Fridays during Lent.

Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays 7:45PM Rectory Chapel (Zoom & in person)

Adoration: Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel Tues. through Sat. 9AM-8PM. Contact for code.

Bereavement Ministry: Contact Evelyn Matos at 201-213-2421 for any needed assistance.

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Mass Intentions & Readings



Note: Mass Stipends are \$10



Sunday: 3/9/2025	Parishioners & Friends of St. A's	Dt 26:4-10, Rom 10:8-13, Lk 4:1-13
Monday: 3/10/2025	Akinyemi & Akinwuntan Families	Lv 19:1-18, Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: 3/11/2025	Andrina Sorhaindo	Is 55:101-11, Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday 3/12/2025	George Carlson, Jr.	Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32
Thursday 3/13/2025	Teresa Gerlinger	Est C 12-25, Mt 7:7-12
Friday 3/14/2025	Cassilda Boyd	Ez 18:21-28, Mt 5:20-26
Saturday 3/15/2025	Tricia Weber	Dt 26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48

Pray for healing for: Alice Murray, John Paul Meagher, Rosemary Joseph, Marie-Jo Anatus, Georgina & Norbert Aminzia, Botolere Vertil, Horace Victor, Fr. Louis, Teresa Disla, Rebecca Faith Lupetkin, Mary Ann & George McGehrin, Richard Ikwuegbu, Rupert & Christabel Joseph, Veronica Enechukwu, Carmen Weiner, JoAnn & John Aliotta, Charlene Okafor, Darwin Rigel, Femi & Steven Kuye, Lina Dienhoue, Chimenzie Igwe, Patricia Nnanabu, Caden Frazier, Eric Augustus, Sonie Paillere, Cameron Julien, John Carney, Christine McSpedon, Jack Scullen, Craig Anderson, Mariette Baspin, Patrick Ikemi, Gabriel Ndinechi, Jean Claude & Marie Jean Bart, Cecil Joseph, Myra Zapata, Andrina Sorhaindo, Pat Bershak, Vicenta Izquierdo, Cassilda Boyd

BLD ADULT LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: Shepherds are being assigned & will meet weekly in preparation for the seminar weekend Apr. 4-6. Check the bldnewark.com site for further details. Register early so as to get a shepherd. Use the QR code on the fliers to register.

PRAY FOR THE TEENS making the Youth Life in the Spirit Seminar Mar. 14-16. This is in preparation for Confirmation which will take place here, Mar. 23rd at the 10AM Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays of Lent starting this Friday with Mass at 7PM followed by Stations of the Cross. Reminder: Fridays of Lent are days of fast & abstinence.

SPANISH HEALING MASS: This Friday at 7:30 in the lower church. Bring some Spanish friends & enjoy being steeped in the Presence of the Lord in the company of other BELIEVERS.

SPANISH STATION OF THE CROSS: 6PM on Fridays during Lent in the lower church.

Tithe: Mar. 2, 2025: \$1883.00 Building Fund: \$591.00 Harvest: \$.00

SUNDAY: Mass at 8AM in rectory. 9AM Adoration & Mass: 10AM in church. For live stream go to <https://www.youtube.com/> Enter Saint Antoninus on search.

DAILY MASS: Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.: Noon in the Guadalupe Chapel. 1st Fri: noon in the rectory.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Tuesday 8PM. In person & Zoom. In rectory. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82383869993?>
 Pwd: =UWxIQUiLRn11cE9mZk4yZTZFQWxoZz09 Meeting ID: 82383869993 Pass Code: Rosary
 One tap mobile: +13126266799,,8283869993#US

ROSARY: Daily 7PM Zoom same link as above.

PRAYER MEETING 7:45PM in person in Rectory & Zoom. Same link as above.

DIVINE ADORATION MEETING: Wed. Prayer 6PM OLG Chapel. Thursday Healing Prayer 7:30PM, Sat. 3-6PM in person & live streamed. Go to <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/divineadoration> to download the app. ID: divineadoration. Or dial in at 978-990-5403 Access code: 169025#

REAL LOVE MINISTRIES: Last Saturday 5-7PM, meets in different venues & ZOOM
<https://zoom.us/j/2919282319> Meeting ID: 291 928 2319 One tap mobile: +16468769923,,2919282319# To download flier for month's speaker, go to <https://realloveministries.org/>

MEN'S MINISTRY: Every Saturday 8AM Praise & Worship, 9AM Breakfast & Fellowship in the rectory. Come & bring men with you. Time is short! Keep the fire of the Men's Day burning!

HOW DOES ONE GET TO HEAVEN?

Many people have different answers to this question that range from "I am a good person so I will get there", "I do good works", "God loves me so I will get there", "I pray a lot", etc. But what does Jesus say about how to get to heaven. It boils down to one word replete with the power to live out that word. **BELIEVE.** Believe that He is Who He says He is. We used to see it displayed at football games & hopefully we will see it again. It's the famous quote of John 3:16: *God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever BELIEVES in Him will not perish but have eternal life.* Here we come face to face for the need of faith. To believe is to have faith in something we cannot yet see as we are accustomed to seeing. This is very tender territory that requires a lot of introspection, honesty & awe in dealing with mystery & our place in it. We have to come to know Who it is we believe in because it is all about Him & His role in our lives & in our world. Getting to know Him is key to coming to believe in Him. There are many different ways to coming to know Him. For some it is through reading & study, for others it is listening to a believer who inspires us to press on. For some He manifests Himself to them through dreams & visions.

Many Moslems are coming to Him through dreams lately. He wants us to get to that belief for as He says in today's second reading: *No one who BELIEVES in Me will be put to shame.*

A good way to firm up our belief is to converse with Him in adoration & be still enough to listen to your doubts. Another way is to make an effort to be with fellow believers who help stir up the desire to believe. Praise & worship in such groups is key for it takes us out of the mundane into the spiritual realm where He reigns. It's somehow easier to sense His Presence with others focused on & worshipping Him. We are more like to "catch" it as Fr. Ferry often said. "It is caught not taught."

In your mind & heart stay out of the world as much as you can. Function in it as needed but keep the focus on the One Who put you here in the first place, tests you & yearns for you to return home to Him.

THE BATTLE OF THE BLOOD.

Our earth is drenched in blood. From the very beginning after the fall, a flood of blood has seeped into the earth..from wars, genocides, murders, abortion, executions, accidents, crashes, etc.

Jesus, too, shed His blood which seeped into the earth for He came to redeem the earth as well as the people living on it. But He doesn't stop there. Everyday 24 hours a day 7 days a week, His blood comes down to the element of wine at the command of a priest & is ingested into the bodies, hearts & souls of men who **BELIEVE.** This is the antidote to all the human bloodshed, for it is out of the hearts that spring the tendency to evil. He not only provides a remedy to assuage that tendency but in it gives us the medicine of immortality. It is the fruit of the tree of life.

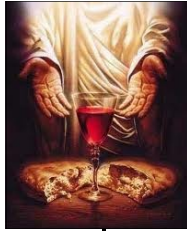
The trek on the narrow road is more difficult these days as we live in days of darkness.

We live in apocalyptic times. Our Western world has not denied Christianity, it has refused Christianity. We are not Christians, but post Christians. We should sacrifice so that the love of God may spread to all peoples before the day of wrath. (Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen)

The journey is treacherous with mine fields of doubt, distraction, persecution abounding but the possibility of becoming a saint couldn't be greater. So many saints yearned to live in these times for the greater the obstacles, the greater level of sainthood. But they are cheering us on for such victory in the face of such odds gives greater glory to the Father & all of heaven rejoices in giving Him greater glory.



Pray, fast, adore, dream big & pray hard.



ST. ANTONINUS CHURCH CALENDAR

MARCH, 2025

JESUS IS LORD TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 7TH Sunday in OT 8AM Mass 9AM Adoration 10AM Mass 1:30 PM Spanish Mass	24 7PM Rosary	25 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 8PM Scripture Study	26 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 7:45 Prayer Meet-	27 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary	28 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary	1 8AM Men's Min. Noon Mass 2PM 1st Sat. Devotion 3PM Healing Mass
2 8th Sunday in OT 8AM Mass 9AM Adoration 10AM Mass 1:30 PM Spanish Mass 7PM Rosary	3 7PM Rosary	4 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 8PM Scripture Study	5 <u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u> Fast & Abstinence Noon Mass Ashes at Noon, 3PM & 8PM 7PM Rosary 8PM Mass	6 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary	7 Abstinence 1st Friday Mass at noon in rectory 2PM Devotions to Sacred Heart 7PM Mass & Stations of the Cross	8 8AM Men's Min. Noon Mass Div. Adoration 3- 6PM 7PM Rosary
9 1st Sunday of Lent 8AM Mass 9AM Adoration 10 AM Mass 1:30PM Spanish Mass	10 7PM Rosary	11 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 8PM Scripture Study	12 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 7:45 Prayer Meet- ing	13 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary	14 Noon Mass Spanish Healing Mass 7:30PM Stations of the Cross & Mass at 7PM Abstinence BLD YLSS	15 8AM Men's Min. BLD YLSS Noon Mass Div. Adoration 3- 6PM 7PM Rosary
16 2nd Sunday of Lent 8AM Mass 9AM Adoration 10AM Mass 1:30PM Spanish Mass BLD YLSS 7PM Rosary	17 St. Patrick 7PM Rosary	18 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 8PM Scripture Study	19 Noon Mass St. Joseph 7PM Rosary 7:45 Prayer Meet- ing	20 Noon Mass 7 PM Rosary	21 Noon Mass 7PM Mass & Stations of the Cross Abstinence	22 8AM Men's Min. Noon Mass Div. Adoration 3- 6PM 7PM Rosary
23 3rd Sunday of Lent 8AM Mass 9AM Adoration 10AM Mass Confirmation with Bishop Cruz 1:30PM Spanish Mass 7PM Rosary	24 7PM Rosary	25 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 8PM Scripture Study	26 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 7:45 Prayer Meet- ing	27 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary	28 Noon Mass 7PM Mass & Stations of the Cross Abstinence	29 8AM Men's Min. Noon Mass Div. Adoration 3- 6PM 7PM Rosary
30 4th Sunday of Lent 8AM Mass 9AM Adoration 10AM Mass 1:30PM Spanish Mass 7PM Rosary	The Archdiocese takes very seriously any & all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious & lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage any one with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others & provide support to victim of sexual abuse. Although we will report all allegations of abuse immediately to the appropriate County Prosecutor, we encourage anyone with an allegation also to reach out to the Prosecutor. Individuals who report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child & Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256. The phone number for the County Prosecutors within the Archdiocese is (973) 753-1121.					