

#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

You are welcomed and loved by St Anthony Community. We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service and stewardship.

#### MEET OUR PRIESTS

##### Pastor

Fr. Elie Mikhael .... 305.807.9087  
pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

##### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Andrawos El Tabchi .... 978-241-2977 pv@stanthonylawrence.org

#### SACRAMENTS

##### Baptism & Confirmation:

1 month in advance with the Pastor

**Donations:** Church & Priest: \$200

##### Matrimony:

Couples should make arrangements six months prior to the wedding date

**Donations:** Church \$500—Priest : Free Will

##### Reconciliation

One hour Before Thursday & Saturday Liturgies, or by appointment

##### Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home

Please refer to our website for more Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines

#### OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

**Hours of Liturgical services changed due to COVID-19**

##### Daily Liturgies

Mon - Thu: 9:00 AM

##### Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil

##### Sunday Liturgies:

8:00 AM -Arabic

9:00 AM - English

11:30 AM - English& Arabic

##### Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

##### OFFICE HOURS

**M-TH:** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Friday:** 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

**Saturdays:** By Appointment

##### PARISH SECRETARY:

Pat McKeever:

rectry@stanthonylawrence.org

##### MEET OUR DEACONS

Deacon Nadim B. Daou

Visiting Deacon

Michael Charchaflian

Sub-Deacon James T. Demers

Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### NEW SUNDAY - DIVINE MERCY **أحد أجديد—ألرحمة ألهية**

Sat	APR. 18	4:00 PM	For: Roy & Donna Rossi (Anniversary) <i>By The Pastor</i>
Sun	APR. 19	8:00 AM	For: George & Natalie Chaya (Anniversary) <i>By The Pastor</i>
		9:00 AM	For: Private Intentions
		11:30 AM	For: Wissam & Gretta Merheb (Anniversary) <i>By The Pastor</i>
Mon	APR. 20	9:00 AM	Gabriel, Edward & Debra (Anniversary)
Tue	APR. 21	9:00 AM	For: Parents, Barbara, Antonia, brothers John, All, Larry's Parents, <i>By Dora Pereira</i>
Wed	APR. 22	9:00 AM	For: Private Intentions <i>By The Pastor</i>
Thu	APR. 23	9:00 AM	For: + Anna Parker <i>By The Pastor</i>
Fri	APR. 24		NO Liturgy

### 3RD SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION **الأحد أالث من القيامة المجدية**

Sat	APR. 25	4:00 PM	For: Elias & Clara El-Achi (Anniversary)
Sun	APR. 26	8:00 AM	For: Beshara & Huguette Sfeir (Anniversary) <i>By Their Daughter Tia Sfeir</i>
		9:00 AM	For: + Roy Bistany <i>By his wife, children and family</i>
		11:30 AM	For: Andrew Kamari (Birthday) <i>By his Parents</i>

**GOING LIVE:** [Facebook: St Anthony Lawrence](#)

#### LIVE STREAM OF LITURGIES, ADORATION AND ROSARY

- ⇒ SATURDAY 4:00 PM LITURGY
- ⇒ SUNDAY LITURGIES 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM LITURGIES
- ⇒ ROSARY PRAYERS- EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM
- ⇒ LITURGY AND ADORATION – THURSDAY AT 6:00 PM
- ⇒ ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES: VIRTUAL MEETINGS

#### BIBLE STUDIES

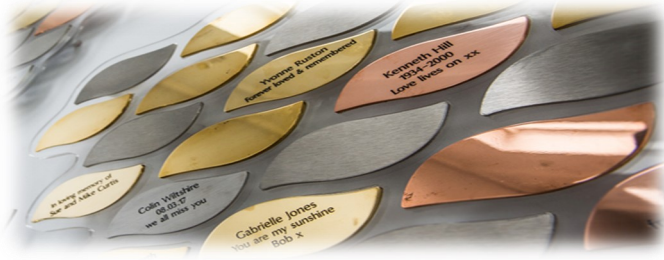
- ⇒ ENGLISH SESSION: THROUGH ZOOM
- ⇒ CONTACT DEACON MICHAEL TO ADD YOUR EMAIL  
–SUBJECT BIBLE STUDY -  
RECTORY@STANTHONYLAWRENCE.ORG
- ⇒ ARABIC SESSION: GotoMeeting -MONDAY AT 7AM

**facebook**  
**LIVE Streaming**



## MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

SALARIES & INSURANCE	\$ 15,260.00
Total Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 6,278.58
Total Eparchial Dues	\$3,721.67
Monthly Operational Costs	\$25,260.25
Weekly Collection Needed	\$6,250.00



## TREE OF LIFE

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES BY PUTTING THEIR NAMES ON TREE OF LIFE BRASS ALUMINUM PLAQUES SIZES:

1.5" X 3" = \$75 / 3"X 6"= \$150 / 4"X8"= \$250

Please submit your request either by phone: **978.685.7233**

E-mail: [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

**FORMED** Parish Code: **N3CCNK**  
[Stanthonychurch.formed.org](http://Stanthonychurch.formed.org)



**WELCOME:** Formed.org has been purchased by our parish for you, as a parishioner, to enjoy a multitude of media, at no cost to you! It includes movies, documentaries, books, audiobooks, podcasts, study materials, and so much more!

**WHAT IS IT?** Think of it like Netflix for Catholics. And there is a lot to see and hear! And best of all, there is no charge to you.

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

**SAINT ANTHONY'S Parish** depends on donations from our parishioners and benefactors to live and expand our Mission, "Loving as Christ Loves, Serving as Christ Serves."

Your donations fund the many ministries and activities of the parish: Sunday and weekly Masses; faith formation for children, youth and adults; fellowship for our welcoming community; and outreach to those in need.

We deeply appreciate your important role within the Church, your integral part of St Anthony's Parish, and the giving of your special gifts of time, prayer, and monetary donations.

Together we glorify God in thanksgiving for the wonderful gifts we have been given.

## STEP UP YOUR WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT

REGISTER FOR ONLINE DONATION: TO KEEP UP WITH OUR NEEDS AND, NOT TO FALL SHORT OF OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP GOAL.

**Apply Online:**

[stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/](http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/)

## Prayer for Doctors and Nurses

O merciful Father, who have wonderfully fashioned man in your own image, and have made his body to be a temple of the Holy Spirit, sanctify, we pray you, our doctors and nurses and all those whom you have called to study and practice the arts of healing the sick and the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them in body and soul, and bless their work, that they may give comfort to those for whose salvation your Son became Man, lived on this earth, healed the sick, and suffered and died on the Cross. Amen.

*The LORD sustains them on their sickbed and restores them from their bed of illness. Psalm 41:3*

## EPISTLE READING - 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

**Brothers and sisters,** Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God

## GOSPEL READING - Saint John 20,26-31.

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**RIGHT & LEFT** Sanctuary Lamps will burn: ***In Loving Memory of Janet Maroun*** Offered by *Her children, grand-children, sisters and brothers*

## AS WE PRAY ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

**April 20:** Philip Aoun ,Yara Daher , Susan Homsey , Elizabeth Mansor, III , Maroun Saouma

**April 21:** Brady Ata , Danny Azzi , Isabella Samaan , Andrew Veilleux

**April 22:** Rita Andary , Maria Andary ,Joshua Frias , Maurice Hatem , George Kalil

**April 23:** Ella Asmar , Markus Maroun , Chadi Moussa

**April 24 :** Seamuss Menihane ,Jad Ramey

**April 25:** Rouba Haykal , Andrew Kamari ,Jack Roy

**April 26:** Crystal Abi-Moussa , Jessica Hall , Robert Schiripo

## AS WE PRAY ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY

**April 20:** Gabriel, Edward & Debra

**April 21:** Brousseau, Robert & Elaine, - Uliano, Robert & Marie

**April 24:** Jesionowski, Michael & Pauline—Tarness, Thomas & Cynthia

**April 25:** El-Achi, Elias & Clara— Perrone, Antonio & Zeda

**April 26:** Sfeir, Beshara & Huguette—Tridenti, Paul & Maureen

## رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنتس 21-11:5

يا إخواني، بما أننا نعرف مخافة الرب، نحاول أن نفتح الناس. ونحن معروفاون لدى الله، ولكي نأمل أن نكون معروفاين أيضا في ضمائركم. ولسنا نعود فنوصيكم بأنفسنا، بل نعطيككم فرصة لإقتخار بنا تجاه الذين يفتخرون بالمظهر لا بما في القلب. فإن كنا مجانين فله، وإن كنا عقلاء فلاجلكم؛ إن محبة المسيح تأسرتنا، لأننا أدركنا هذا، وهو أن واحدا مات عن الجميع، فالجميع إذا ماتوا. لقد مات عن الجميع، لكي لا يحيا الأحياء من بعد لأنفسهم، بل للذي مات عنهم وقام من أجلهم. إذا فمئذ الآن نحن لا نعرف أحدا معرفة بشرية، وإن كنا قد عرفنا المسيح معرفة بشرية، فالآن ما عدنا نعرفه كذلك. إذا، إن كان أحد في المسيح فهو خلق جديد: لقد زال القديم، وصار كل شيء جديدا. وكل شيء هو من الله، الذي صالحنا مع نفسه بالمسيح، وأعطانا خدمة المصالحة؛ لأن الله صالح العالم مع نفسه بالمسيح، ولم يحاسب الناس على زلاتهم، وأودعنا كلمة المصالحة. إذا فنحن سفراء المسيح، وكان الله نفسه يدعوكم بواسطتنا. فنسألكم باسم المسيح: تصالحوا مع الله! إن الذي ما عرف الخطيئة، جعله الله خطيئة من أجلنا، لنصير نحن فيه بر الله.

## إنجيل القديس يوحنا 31-26:20

بعد ثمانية أيام، كان تلاميذ يسوع ثانية في البيت، وتوما معهم. جاء يسوع، والأبواب مغلقة، فوقف في الوسط وقال: «السلام لكم!». «ثم قال لتوما: «هات إصبعك إلى هنا، وأنظر يدي. وهات يدك، وضعها في جنبي. ولا تكن غير مؤمن بل كن مؤمنا!». «أجاب توما وقال له: «ربي وإلهي!». «قال له يسوع: «لأنك رأيتني آمننت؟ طوبى لمن لم يروا وآمنوا!». «وصنع يسوع أمام تلاميذه آيات أخرى كثيرة لم تدون في هذا الكتاب. وإنما دونت هذه لكي تؤمنوا أن يسوع هو المسيح ابن الله، ولكي تكون لكم، إذا آمنتم، الحياة باسمه.

## PARISH RESOURCES

## AVAILABLE ONLINE

[www.stanthonylawrence.org](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org)

Membership Registration  
Under Welcome

Baptism & Confirmation:  
Guidelines & Registration  
Under Sacraments –Baptism

Sacrament of Marriage:  
Guidelines, Foccus & Pre-Cana  
Under Sacraments-Marriage

Banquet Hall Guidelines:  
Contract Form & Donations  
Under Events

Burial Guidelines:  
Charges, Fees & Lot Sales  
Under Cemetery

## PARISH MINISTRIES

## Religious Education:

[cd@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:cd@stanthonylawrence.org)

## Knights of Mary:

[kom@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:kom@stanthonylawrence.org)

## Maronite Youth -MYO:

[myo@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:myo@stanthonylawrence.org)

## Publishing: Bulletin:

[bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org)

Choirs (English, Arabic & Syriac)

Daughter's of St. Anthony—Family of St. Sharbel

Kids Choir -Knights of the Altar

Maronite Young Adults -M-WINE

Bereavement Ministry -Cenacle of the Rosary -

Cenacle of Divine Mercy -Sacristan (s) -Sunshine

Committee—Women's Ministry -



**Ronald Rolheiser****HUGE STONES AND LOCKED DOORS**

Soren Kierkegaard once wrote that the Gospel text he strongly identified with is the account of the disciples, after the death of Jesus, locking themselves into an upper room in fear and then experiencing Jesus coming through the locked doors to bestow peace on them. Kierkegaard wanted Jesus to do that for him, to come through his locked doors, his resistance, and breathe peace inside him.

That image of locked doors is one of two particularly interesting images inside the story of the first Easter. The other is the image of the “large stone” that entombed the buried Jesus. These images remind us of what often separates us from the grace of the resurrection. Sometimes for that grace to find us, someone must “roll away the stone” that entombs us and sometimes the resurrection must come to us “through locked doors”.

**First, about the “stone”:** The Gospels tell us that early on Easter morning three women were on their way to the tomb of Jesus intending to embalm his body with spices but they were anxious about how they would remove the large stone that sealed the entrance of his tomb. They were asking each other: “Who will roll away the stone?”

Well, as we know, the stone had already been rolled away. How? We don’t know. Jesus’ resurrection happened with no one there. Nobody knows exactly how that stone was rolled away. But what Scripture does make clear is this: Jesus didn’t resurrect himself. God raised him. Jesus didn’t roll away the stone, though that’s what we generally assume. However, and for good reason, both scripture and Christian tradition strongly affirm that Jesus didn’t raise himself from the dead, his Father raised him. This might seem like unnecessary point to emphasize; after all, what difference does it make?

It makes a huge difference. Jesus didn’t raise himself from the dead and neither can we. That’s the point. For the power of the resurrection to enter us something from beyond us has to remove the huge, immovable rock of our resistance. This is not to deny that we, ourselves, have goodwill and personal strength; but these, though important, are more a precondition for receiving the grace of the resurrection than the power of the resurrection itself, which always comes to us from beyond. We never roll back the stone ourselves!

Who can roll back the stone? Perhaps that isn’t a question we’re particularly anxious about, but we should be. Jesus was entombed and helpless to raise himself up, all the more so for us. Like the women at that first Easter, we need to be anxious: “Who will roll back the stone?” We can’t open our own tombs.

**Second, our “locked doors”:** It’s interesting how the believers at that first Easter experienced the resurrected Christ in their lives. The Gospels tell us that they were huddled in fear and paranoia behind locked doors, wanting only to protect themselves, when Christ came through their locked doors, the doors of their fear and self-protection, and breathed peace into them. Their huddling in fear wasn’t because of ill-will or bad faith. In their hearts they sincerely wished that they weren’t afraid, but that good will still didn’t unlock their doors. Christ entered and breathed peace into them in spite of their resistance, their fear, and their locked doors.

Things haven’t changed much in two thousand years. As a Christian community and as individuals we are still mostly huddling in fear, anxious about ourselves, distrustful, not at peace, our doors locked, even as our hearts desire peace and trust. Perhaps, like Kierkegaard, we might want to privilege that scripture passage where the resurrected Christ comes through the locked doors of human resistance and breathes out peace.

Moreover, this year, given this extraordinary time when the coronavirus, *Covid 19*, has our cities and communities locked down and we are inside our individual houses, dealing with the various combinations of frustration, impatience, fear, panic, and boredom that assail us there. Right now we need a little extra something to experience the resurrection, a stone needs to be rolled away so that resurrected life can come through our locked doors and breathe peace into us.

At the end of the day, these two images, “the stone that needs to be rolled away” and the “locked doors of our fear”, contain within themselves perhaps the most consoling truth in all religion because they reveal this about God’s grace: *When we cannot help ourselves we can still be helped and when we are powerless to reach out, grace can still come through the walls of our resistance and breathe peace into us.* We need to cling to this whenever we experience irretrievable brokenness in our lives, when we feel helpless inside our wounds and fears, when we feel spiritually inept, and when we grieve loved ones lost to addictions or suicide. The resurrected Christ can come through locked doors and roll back any stone that entombs us, no matter how hopeless the task is for us.