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## **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**

services of Liturgical Hours 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 Deacon Michael Charchaflian Sub-Deacon James T. Demers Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

## **5TH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION**

# ألأحد الخامس من القيامة المجيدة

# عيد الأم - Mother's Day

Sat	May. 9	4:00 PM	For: +Fred & Rose Breehey—Mcarmy Syiek, Rashidy Milen, Agnes Forsley & Meralda McCann By Karen Breehey	
Sun	May. 10	8:00 AM	For: Haykal, Robert & Rouba (Anniversary)	
		9:00 AM	For: Dorothy C. Gabriel By her loving family	
		11:30 AM	For: In Honor of Living Mothers and for the Rest of the Souls of Deceased Ones By the Pastor	
Mon	May. 11	9:00 AM	For: + Joseph Jabbour By His sister Mouna wife of Kamil Hbaiter & Family	
Tue	May. 12	9:00 AM	For: + The Souls of Purgatory, Larry & Dora Maria By Dora Periera	
Wed	May. 13	9:00 AM	For: Ibrahim & Soline Geha (Anniversary)	
Thu	May. 14	9:00 AM	For: Private Intentions	
Fri	May. 15		NO Liturgy	
	6TH SU	ألأحد السادس من القيامة المجيدة dth sunday of resurrection		
Sat	May. 16	4:00 PM	For: + David Mansour By Anja Dupart	

For: Kamal & Mireille Azzi (Anniversary) **May. 17** 8:00 AM Sun

> For: + Robert & Sheila Gurka By Judy Gurka, Jessica & Jeremy Hall, Phyllis 9:00 AM

Touma and Gurka Brothers

For: In Honor of Monica Abou—Ezzi (Graduation) By Her Family 11:30 AM



We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers O glorious and blessed Virgin.

تحت ظل حمايتِكِ نلتجئ يا والدة الله القديسة فلا تغفلي عن طلباتنا عند احتياجنا إليك. لكن نجّينا دائمًا من جميع المخاطر. أيّتها العذراء المجيدة المباركة.



# 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 : RECTORY@STANTHONYLAWRENCE.ORG -SUBJECT BIBLE STUDY
- ⇒ ARABIC SESSION: GotoMeeting -MONDAY AT 7AM

# PARISH BUILDING MAINTENANCE COSTS: \$ 55,764.75

Rubber Roof (Rectory): \$7,800.00



AC Unit & Installation: \$10,725.00



AC Unit & Installation: \$6,789.75



Chair Lift: \$5,285.00 Boiler: Re-Piping Boiler Area: \$19,850.00





Removal and dispose of all the 3" Victaulic pipe in the mechanical room. Cut all pipes back to the return lines and circulator pumps. Clean pumps and install new gaskets. Completely re-pipe all near boiler piping with 3" copper and pro press fittings. Install a 3" Cal-

efi flanged hydraulic separator and new water makeup feed. Install a 3" Adey Magna Clean filtration system and Adey 3" DRX magnetic strainer. Reconnect all new piping to the boiler and all zones. Install a full flush to the boiler system and flush multiple times. Add a final rust inhibitor to the system.



Rectory, Office, Kitchen & Garage Leak Damage Repair: \$10,600.00



Raffle Winners Announced! If your number has been drawn, please email a picture of the winning ticket to the Rectory (rectory@stanthonylawrence.org) or call 978-685-7233

by May 10th and your giftcard will be mailed to you!

The Winning Numbers are:

3090956 - 3090465 - 3090333 - 3090487 - 3090718

3090455 - 3090669 - 3090334 - 3090828 - 3090950





# **CONDOLENCES**

**+Ann Harb** Family: sons, Thomas & Michele-Labrecque Harb, David R. Harb, Richard and Robyn Harb. The grandchildren, Krystle, Jonathan, Ryan, Keith, Jarrod and Kaila

# **EPISTLE READING - Letter to the Ephesians 2,1-10.**

Brothers and sisters, You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

# GOSPEL READING - John 21, 15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

# THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

**LEFT** Sanctuary Lamps will burn *In memory of Michael Rizk By Noreen Quinlan , Molly & Meghan Rizk* **RIGHT** Sanctuary Lamps will burn *In memory of Raymond and Anna Quinlan By Noreen Quinlan & family* 

# The Pope's April Intentions for 2020 -Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.



# Pope Francis's prayer to Mary during coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen

رسالة القدّيس بولس الرسول إلى أهل أفسس ٢ / ١ - ١٠

يا إخوتي، وأنثم، فقد كُنْتُمْ أَمْوَاتًا بِزَلاَّتِكُم وخَطَايَاكُم، الَّتي سَلَكْتُم فيهَا مِنْ قَبْلُ بِحَسَبِ إِلَهِ هذَا الْعَالَم، بِحَسَبِ رَئِيسِ سُلْطَانِ الْجَوّ، أَي الرُّوحِ الَّذي يَعْمَلُ الآنَ في أَبْنَاءِ الْعُصْيَان؛ ومِنْهُم نَحْنُ أَيْضًا جَمِيعُنَا قَدْ سَلَكْنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ في شَهَواتِ إِنْسَانِنَا الْجَسَدِيّ، عَامِلِينَ بِرَغَبَاتِهِ وأَفكَارِهِ، وكُنَّا بِالطَّبِيعَةِ أَولادَ الْغَضَب كَالبَاقِين؛ لَكِنَّ الله، وهُوَ الْغنِيُّ بِرَحْمَتِه، فَلِكَثْرَةِ مَحَبَّتِهِ الَّتي أَحَبَنَا بِهَا، وقد كُنَّا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا أَمْوَاتًا بِزَلاَّتِنَا مَعُ المَسِيح، وبِالنِّعْمَةِ أَنْتُم مُخَلَّصُون؛ ومَعَهُ أَقَامَنَا وَأَجْلَسَنَا في السَّمَاوَاتِ في المَسِيح يَسُوع، لِيُظْهِرَ في الأَجْيَالِ الآتِيَةِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ الْفَائِقَة، بِلُطْفِهِ لَنَا في المَسِيح يَسُوع. في المَسيح يَسُوع، لِيُظْهِرَ في الأَجْيَالِ الآتِيَةِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ الْفَائِقَة، بِلُطْفِهِ لَنَا في المَسِيح يَسُوع. في الأَجْمَال: وهذَا لَيْسَ مِنْكُم، إنَّهُ عَطِيَّةُ الله. ولا هُو مِنَ الأَعْمَال، لِبَلَا فَاعَدَهُ الله فأَعَدَه الْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَة، الَّتي سَبَقَ الله فأَعَدَها لِكَى نَسْلُكَ فيهَا.

إنجيل القدّيس يوحنا ٢١ / ١٥ - ١٩

#### ST THERESA PARISH IN METHUEN INVITES YOU:

Monday May 11th: Mother's day tribute & Mary songs.

Monday May 18th-Praise Music Night Bernie Choiniere and Lori McLaughlin . Available to watch via our website <u>"ALAA Scholarship</u> Banquet has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Scholarships will still be awarded, details will be shared with recipients as they become available." Scholarship Committee

Our Lady of Fatima -Saint of the Day for May 13

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

# MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

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



# 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

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# **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:**

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## AS WE PRAY ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

May 9: Chena Farhat -Robert Faris -Elias Zouein- Charbel Abi Samra

May 10: Abdo Abi Samra -Joseph Cherabie -Melissa Najiar

May 11: Maria Abi-Samra

May 12: Joey Abou Raad -Peter El-Achkar -Libnan Ramy

-Valerie Sarkis -Charbel Tawitian

May 13: Tatiana Daher -Brock Lanoue

May 14: Marta Abdou -Jean Mazraani - Marcus

Mouawad - Joey Safi May - Christopher Safi

May 15: Raymond Germanos -Yola Nammour

**May 16:** Silvia Cadell -Edward Hatem -Ethan Homsey - Christine Kattar -Louise Martin -Alfred Roderigues

May 17: Walid Awad -Harper Fontaine -Nathaniel Has-

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## AS WE PRAY ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY

May 10: Chiklis, Gregory & Fadwah / May 13: Geha, Ibrahim & Soline / May 16: Zaaroor, John & Maria

May 17: Azzi, Kamal & Mireille

Ronald Rolheiser FEVER

John Updike, after recovering from a serious illness, wrote a poem he called, Fever. It ends this way: But it is a truth long known that some secrets are hidden from health.

Deep down we already know this, but as a personal truth this is not something we appropriate in a classroom, from parents or mentors, or even from religious teaching. These just tell us that this is true, but knowing it does not itself impart wisdom. Wisdom is acquired, as Updike says, through a personal experience of serious illness, serious loss, or serious humiliation.

The late James Hillman, writing as an agnostic, came to the same conclusion. I remember hearing him at a large conference where, at point in his talk, he challenged his audience with words to this effect: Think back, honestly and with courage, and ask yourself: What are the experiences in your life that have made you deep, that have given you character? In almost every case, you will have to admit that it was some humiliation or abuse you had to endure, some experience of powerlessness, helplessness, frustration, illness, or exclusion, it is not the things that brought glory or adulation into your life that gave you depth and character, the time you were the valedictorian for your class or the time you were the star athlete. These did not bring you depth. Rather the experience of powerlessness, inferiority, is what made you wise.

I recall too as a graduate student sitting in on a series of lectures by the renowned Polish psychiatrist, Kasmir Dabrowski who had written a number of books around a concept he termed, "positive disintegration". His essential thesis was that it is only by falling apart that we ever grow to higher levels of maturity and wisdom. Once, during a lecture, he was asked: "Why do we grow through the disintegrating experiences such as falling ill, falling apart, or being humiliated? Would it not be more logical to grow through the positive experiences of being loved, being affirmed, being successful, being healthy, and being admired? Shouldn't that fire gratitude inside us and, acting out of that gratitude, we should become more generous and wise?"

He gave this response: Ideally, maturity and wisdom should grow out of experiences of strength and success; and maybe in some instances they do. However, as a psychiatrist, all I can say is that in forty years of clinical practice I have never seen it. I have only seen people transformed to higher levels of maturity through the experience of breaking down.

Jesus, it would seem, agrees. Take, for example, the incident in the Gospels where James and John come and ask whether they might be given the seats at his right hand and left hand when he comes into his glory. It is significant that he takes their question seriously. He does not (in this instance) chide them for seeking their own glory; what he does instead is redefine glory and the route to it. He asks them: "Can you drink the cup?" They, naïve as to what is being asked of them, responded: "Yes, we can!" Jesus then tells them something to which they are even more naïve. He assures them that they will drink the cup, since eventually everyone will, but tells them that they still might not receive the glory because being seated in glory is still contingent upon something else.

What? What is "the cup"? How is drinking it the route to glory? And why might we not receive the glory even if we do drink the cup?

The cup, as is revealed later, is the cup of suffering and humiliation, the one Jesus has to drink during his passion and dying, the cup he asks his Father to spare him from when in Gethsemane he prays in agony: "Let this cup pass from me!"

In essence, what Jesus is telling James and John is this: There is no route to Easter Sunday except through Good Friday. There is no route to depth and wisdom except through suffering and humiliation. The connection is intrinsic, like the pain and groans of a woman are necessary to her when giving birth to a child. Further still, Jesus is also saying that deep suffering will not automatically bring wisdom. Why not? Because, while there is an intrinsic connection between deep suffering and greater depth in our lives, the catch is that bitter suffering can make us deep in bitterness, anger, envy, and hatred just as easily as it can make us deep in compassion, forgiveness, empathy, and wisdom. We can have the pain, and not get the wisdom.

Fever! The primary symptom of being infected with the coronavirus, Covid-19, is a high fever. Fever has now beset our world. The hope is that, after it so dangerously raises both our bodily and psychic temperatures, it will also reveal to us some of the secrets that are hidden from health. What are they? We don't know yet. They will only be revealed inside the fever.