

Baptism is not the work of man but of Christ, and this sacrament is so holy that it would not be defiled, even if the minister were a murderer.

Isidore of Seville

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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.

PARISH SECRETARY: 978.685.7233 ... rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR PRIESTS:

Fr. Elie Mikhael305-807-9087.... pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

Fr. Manuel Rahmeh ...978-873-5363...pv@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS

Deacon Nadim B. Daou /Deacon Michael Charchaflian

Sub-Deacon James T. Demers / Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

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.



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OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Hours of Liturgical services changed due to COVID-19

Weekday Liturgies

Mon - Thu: 9:00 AM

Saturday Liturgies:

4:00 PM Vigil (English)

Sunday Liturgies:

9:00 AM (English)

11:00 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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

First Sunday after Epiphany - الأحد الأوّل بعد الدنج

Sat	Jan. 09 <i>English</i>	4:00 PM	For: Private Intention
Sun	Jan. 10 <i>English</i>	9:00 AM	For: The Assad Coury family By Sheryl Coury
	<i>Ara/Eng</i> <i>Church</i>	11:00 AM	For: + Therese Bou Mitri —40 Day Anniversary By her husband Antoine, her daughter Anabelle, her son Andre and family
Mon	Jan. 11	9:00 AM	For: Good health of Rabih & Maria Maalouf, Simon Makhoulouf, & Pierre Chartouni By Mr. & Mrs. Beshara and Huguette Sfeir For: The intentions and donors of Catholic Extension
Tue	Jan. 12	9:00 AM	For: Huguette and Beshara Sfeir By their daughter Tia Sfeir
Wed	Jan. 13	9:00 AM	For: + Mtanios, Cecilia, Doumit and Georges Hbaiter By Mr. & Mrs. Kamil and Mona Hbaiter For: The intentions and donors of Catholic Extension
Thu	Jan. 14	9:00 AM	For: Good health of Elie Nasr By his sisters Mirna, Rachele, and Grece Abou-Ezzi For: The intentions and donors of Catholic Extension
		9:45 AM- 12Noon	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Fri	Jan. 15		No Liturgy

Second Sunday after Epiphany - الأحد الثاني بعد الدنج
Feast of St Anthony the Great - عيد مار أنطونيوس الكبير

Sat	Jan. 16 <i>English</i>	4:00 PM	For: Private Intention
Sun	Jan. 17 <i>English</i>	9:00 AM	For: + Samia and her son + Tony Nicolas By the Hbaiter Family
	<i>Ara/Eng</i> <i>Church</i>	11:00 AM	For: + 1 Year Anniversary - Mary Makhoulouf Abi Awad By her family + Antoine Karam Asmar By his wife Nada & his daughter Eliane



Venmo your Parish

- 1- Scan the QR code.
- 2- Choose the amount
- 3- Use the Memo to indicate which account the contribution is made towards. (e.g. Weekly Contribution, Energy needs...)

**TITHES & OFFERINGS
STEP UP YOUR WEEKLY /
MONTHLY / ANNUAL GIVING**

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/

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

or by E-mail:

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

CEMETERY LOT SALES AND AVAILABILITY

Saint Anthony Cemetery offers affordable payment plans to fit any family's budget. For more information:

By Phone (During Office Hours) 978-685-7233

or email rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Or by visiting: www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/

Burial Pre-Arrangements

Making arrangements for a burial in advance should be no more difficult than providing insurance or having a will. It is a sensible thing to do. By pre-arranging your burial, you can avoid the unnecessary confusion plus the financial and emotional stress that death often brings. Funeral pre-arrangements are available and recommended with guarantees of no increase in cemetery charges at the time of interment.

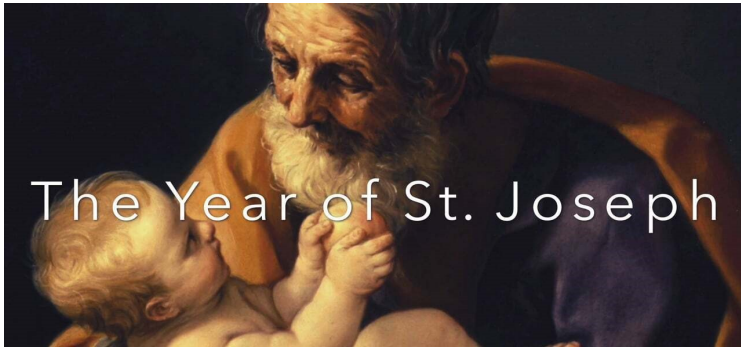
Pre-Arrangement Funds are placed in a separate account and are withdrawn at the time of the interment. An interest free Time-Payment Plan is available for your convenience.

ONLINE BURIAL SEARCH

UPDATE YOUR LOVED ONES RECORD !!

The following steps will help you access the tool:

1. Go to www.stanthonylawrence.org
2. Scroll to the bottom and click on BURIAL ONLINE SEARCH.
3. Type in the last/first name or in some cases just last name and click search.
4. Click on the name.
5. In the middle of the page, look for "Do you know more about this person or their ancestors"? Click here.
6. You can then complete any or all the fields and click submit.
7. If desired, you may send obituary notice, special documents, letters, receipts etc. to rectory@stanthonylawrence.org and we will attach that to your loved one's record.



Prayer to Saint Joseph:
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

نرفع إليه هذه الصلاة:
السلام عليك يا حامي المخلص،
وخطيب العذراء مريم.
لقد ائتمناك الله على ابنه؛
وبك وضعت مريم ثقتها؛
ومعك صار يسوع رجلاً.
أيها الطوباوي يوسف، كن أباً لنا نحن أيضاً،
وأرشدنا في درب الحياة.
التمس لنا النعمة والرحمة والشجاعة،
واحمنا من كل شر. آمين.

(Prayer by Pope Francis at the conclusion of his Letter
“[Patris corde](#)” (“With a Father’s Heart”) proclaiming a
“Year of Saint Joseph” from 8 December 2020 to 8
December 2021.)

A second collection will be taken at the end of the month for the United States Catholic Bishops’ Worldwide Charities. Envelops have been included with your sets for your convenience.

BIBLE STUDY

Arabic and English Sessions are resuming on Wednesday January 13, 2021.

For more info send an email

to: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

The Family of Victor Hatem

The Family of David Saba

May their souls rest in peace and their loved ones are comforted

Due to the increased numbers of cases of COVID all ministries will continue to hold their meetings virtually.

Religious Education

Next Session is on **January 9, 2021 @ 5:15 pm.**

Save the Dates - First Communion:

- **March 6, 2021** from 5:15 to 6:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation for First Communion.
- **May 1, 2021 @ 10:30 am:** First Communion Liturgy

Knights of the Altar

Next meeting : February 6

Weekly Spiritual Mezza

Presented by Deacon Nadim Daou

Details sent by text message and on Facebook

Guidelines For Public Liturgies During Pandemic –Capacity %25

Should I come to Liturgy?

Anyone who is ill, symptomatic, or has been exposed to someone else with the coronavirus within 14 days cannot enter the church. This is in accord with national, state, and local health directives. We also ask everyone to check their temperature at home before deciding if you are coming to Liturgy. You can find the current symptoms of the coronavirus at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website www.cdc.gov.

Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are over 60 are strongly encouraged, for their own health, to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Liturgy.

What should I do if I cannot come to Liturgy?

We will continue to livestream our Liturgies on our [Facebook page](#). Monday through Thursday Liturgy will be at 9:00 am. Saturday Liturgy will be at 4:00 pm and Sunday liturgies will be at 9:00 am & 11:00am .

Parishioners who would like to have Holy Communion brought to their homes should contact the office @ 978.685.7233 during normal business hours. The frequency of our visits for Holy Communion will depend upon the number of requests.

How will we be kept safe when we come to Liturgy?

All pews are wiped down with disinfectant; and all Qurbono Books are removed; and all surfaces used frequently (restroom facilities, door handles, etc.) are sanitized before each service.

Everyone attending Liturgy is obligated to wear a mask or other facial covering. The only exception during Liturgy is when receiving Holy Communion.

You'll be asked to observe social distancing – staying at least six feet from people not in your household. Only certain pews are available for seating. When you arrive, please use your good judgment about where to sit. Be respectful and accommodating towards others as they arrive and look for seating.

You'll find the holy water fonts are empty and that there is hand sanitizer available. You'll notice there will be no offertory procession, no sign of peace, and no passing of the collection basket.

You can drop your donation in a stationary basket, or continue to use the online provided by your parish.

Can we receive Holy Communion?

Yes, but only the Most Precious Body and only by hand. Floor markings shall be placed six feet apart in the aisles in which the congregation approaches the sanctuary for Holy Communion to facilitate proper social distancing.

When approaching the Communion minister, the communicant is to present one hand resting on the palm of the other. Moving in front of one of the side altar the communicant pulls their mask or other facial covering below their chin and reverently places the Eucharist in his or her mouth and immediately replaces their mask or other facial covering and returns to their place.

What do we need to keep in mind as we leave Liturgy?

Please leave Liturgy together as a household, wearing your masks or other facial covering and observing six feet of distance from others. You will not be permitted to congregate in the foyer, and no receptions or social gathering following Liturgy can be held.

MENTAL HEALTH & SEVERE AUTISTIC HOMES

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FOOD & MEDICINE DRIVE

Items Listed Below!

Keep Checking back to remain updated on what is still needed

Drop off location

St Anthony Church: 145 Amesbury Street, Lawrence MA

Drop off Dates / Times: Everyday Starting 1/11/21

Until further notice

**Contact the rectory with any questions @ 978.685.7233 or
rectory@stanthonylawrence.org**

FOOD DRIVE MOST NEEDED ITEMS

RAISINS

TABLE SALT

SUGAR

LENTILS

RED BEANS

BURGHOL

JELLY

HOMMUS

CANILLA RICE

PASTA

SPAGETTI SAUCE

MACARONI & CHEESE

INSTNAT POTATOES

RICE

**CANNED
VEGETABLES**

**CANNED MEAT:
CHICKEN, BEEF,
TUNA, SARDINES**

TEA

FLOUR

HONEY

DRY MILK

TOOTH BRUSHES

TOOTH PASTE

SHAMPOOS

DISH DETERGENT

ADULT DIAPERS

BAR SOAP

BODY WASH

SPORT SOCKS

TOWELS

SAINTS FOR A NEW SITUATION

By Ronald Rolheiser

Most of us have heard of St. Therese of Lisieux, a French mystic who died at age 24 in 1897 and who is perhaps the most popular saint of the last two centuries. She's famous for many things, not least for a spirituality she called her "little way". What's her "little way"?

Popular thought has often encrusted both Therese and her "little way" within a simple piety which doesn't do justice to the depth of her person or her spirituality. Too often her "little way" is understood simply to mean that we do little, hidden, humble, acts of charity for others in the name of Jesus, without expecting anything in return. In this popular interpretation we do the laundry, peel potatoes, and smile at unpleasant people to please Jesus. In some ways, of course, this is true; however her "little way" merits a deeper understanding. Yes, it does ask us to do humble chores and be nice to each other in the name of Jesus but there are deeper dimensions to it. Her "little way" is a path to sanctity based on three things: Littleness, Anonymity, and a Particular Motivation.

Littleness: For Therese "littleness" does not refer first of all to the littleness of the act that we are doing, like the humble tasks of doing the laundry, peeling potatoes, or giving a simple smile to someone who's unpleasant. It refers to our own littleness, to our own radical poverty before God. Before God, we are little. To accept and act out of that constitutes humility. We move towards God and others in her "little way" when we do small acts of charity for others, not out of our strength and the virtue we feel at that moment, but rather out of a poverty, powerlessness, and emptiness that allows God's grace to work through us so that in doing what we're doing we're drawing others to God and not to ourselves.

As well, our littleness makes us aware that, for the most part, we cannot do the big things that shape world history. But we can change the world more humbly, by sowing a hidden seed, by being a hidden antibiotic of health inside the soul of humanity, and by splitting the atom of love inside our own selves. And yes, too, the "little way" is about doing little, humble, hidden things.

Anonymity: Therese's "little way" refers to what's hidden, to what's done in secret, so that what the Father sees in secret will be rewarded in secret. And what's hidden is not our act of charity, but we, ourselves, who are doing the act. In Therese's "little way" our little acts of charity will go mostly unnoticed, will seemingly have no real impact on world history, and won't bring us any recognition. They'll remain hidden and unnoticed; but inside the Body of Christ what's hidden, selfless, unnoticed, self-effacing, and seemingly insignificant and unimportant is the most vital vehicle of all for grace at a deeper level. Just as Jesus did not save us through sensational miracles and headline-making deeds but through selfless obedience to his Father and quiet martyrdom, our deeds too can remain unknown so that our deaths and the spirit we leave behind can become our real fruitfulness.

Finally, her "little way" is predicated on a Particular Motivation. We are invited to act out of our littleness and anonymity and do small acts of love and service to others for a particular reason, that is, to, metaphorically, wipe the face of the suffering Christ. How so?

Therese of Lisieux was an extremely blessed and gifted person. Despite a lot of tragedy in her early life, she was (by her own admission and testimony of others) loved in a way that was so pure, so deep, and so wonderfully affectionate that it leaves most people in envy. She was also a very attractive child and was bathed in love and security inside an extended family within which her every smile and tear were noticed, honored, (and often photographed). But as she grew in maturity it didn't take her long to notice that what was true in her life wasn't true of most others. Their smiles and tears went mostly unnoticed and were not honored. Her "little way" is therefore predicated on this particular motivation. In her own words:

"One Sunday, looking at a picture of Our Lord on the Cross, I was struck by the blood flowing from one of his divine hands. I felt a pang of great sorrow when thinking this blood was falling on the ground without anyone's hastening to gather it up. I was resolved to remain in spirit at the foot of the Cross and to receive its dew. ... Oh, I don't want this precious blood to be lost. I shall spend my life gathering it up for the good of souls. ... To live from love is to dry Your Face."

To live her "little way" is to notice and honor the unnoticed tears falling from the suffering faces of others.

Epistle: Second Letter to the Corinthians 10: 1-11

Brothers and sisters, I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we. Now, even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it. I do not want to seem as though I am trying to frighten you with my letters. For they say, 'His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.' Let such people understand that what we say by letter when absent, we will also do when present.

Gospel: Saint John 1: 29-34

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Jan 10:** Raymonda Abouhamad,
Emersyn Khoury, Jihad Maroun,
Adrianna Maroun, Mark Shepherd
- Jan 11:** Youssef Khoder, Phillip Lucchesi,
Rita Matta
- Jan 12:** Beshara Sfeir
- Jan 13:** David Ameen
- Jan 14:** Lisa Abdallah, Mark Alliegro,
Edgard Feghali, Jasmin Jermany,
Joyce Santos
- Jan 15:** Maya Fares, Matt Kalil, Rafic Khalil,
Peter Rizkallah, Anthony Rizkallah
- Jan 16:** Hannah Ameen, Bistany Godfrey,
Kyle Hajj, Trevor Hajj, Liam Kattar

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Jan 10:** Matthew & Katelyn Maroon
- Jan 11:** Wallace & Theresa Hatem
- Jan 13:** Ghassan & Claudine Raad
- Jan 14:** Youssef & Dunia Issa
Pierre & Jennifer Kayrouz
- Jan 16:** Mark & Mary Anne Alliegro

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

- Jan 11:** Nadia Rose Deeb - Albert Abraham Sr.
- Jan 12:** Patricia E. Corey
- Jan 14:** Jane Farrah Nader
- Jan 15:** Helen Aboud - Angelle N. Daou
Nicholas Patrick Leahy
- Jan 16:** Julia V. Moses



الرسالة الثانية إلى أهل قورنثس 10: 1-11

يا إخوتي، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وجلمه، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائباً. وأرجو ألا أجبر عند حضوري أن أكون جريئاً، بالثقة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجزو بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كأنا جسديين. أجل، إننا نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كأنا جسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قادرة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعة؛ فإننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكل شموخ يرتفع ضد معرفة الله، ونأسر كل فكر لطاعة المسيح. ونحن مستعدون أن نعاقب كل عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم. إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحد واثقاً بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فليفكر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً. فإنا لا نخجل إن بالغت بعض المبالغة في الافتخار بالسلطان الذي وهبه الرب لنا لبنيانكم لا لهدمكم. ولا أريد أن أظهر كأني أخوفكم برسائلي؛ لأن بعضاً منكم يقولون: "رسائله شديدة اللهجة وقوية، أما حضوره الشخصي فهزيل، وكلامه سخيّف!". فليعلم مثل هذا القائل أننا كما نحن بالكلام في الرسائل، عندما نكون غائبين، كذلك نحن أيضاً بالفعل، عندما نكون حاضرين.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 1: 29-34

في الغد (بعد شهادة المعمدان) رأى يوحنا يسوع مُقبلاً إليه فقال: "ها هو حمل الله الذي يرفع خطيئة العالم. هذا هو الذي قلتُ فيه: يأتي ورائي رجلٌ قد صار قدامي، لأنه كان قبلي. وأنا ما كنتُ أعرفه، لكنني جئتُ أعمدُ بالماء لكي يظهر هو لإسرائيل." وشهد يوحنا قائلاً: "رأيتُ الروح نازلاً كحمامة من السماء، ثم استقر عليه. وأنا ما كنتُ أعرفه، لكن الذي أرسلني أعمدُ بالماء هو قال لي: من ترى الروح ينزل ويستقر عليه، هو الذي يُعمدُ بالروح القدس. وأنا رأيتُ وشهدتُ أن هذا هو ابنُ الله."

THANK YOU

Honorary Consul and Mrs. Ibrahim Hanna
& Cedars Mediterranean Foods, Inc.

Saint Anthony Church and Parish are grateful for the continuous and generous support of Honorary Consul Ibrahim Hanna.

We extend our immense gratitude for your kindness and your unconditional support especially during this Pandemic Season.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

WILL BURN IN MEMORY OF HELEN HAJJ

BY HER CHILDREN DANIEL, CAROL AND DORINE