

The Cathedral of St. Joseph

Parish Mission Statement:

Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

Saint Joseph, pray for our parish.

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Schedule

Sunday Masses: 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Weekday Mass: 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound: Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

Initiation/Baptism: Rites of Initiation for Adults can be arranged by contacting Debbie at the office. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Call Debbie to make arrangements.

Marriage: Engaged couples should contact Debbie at the office at least six months in advance for pre-marriage preparations.

Anyone needing a ride to Mass or a parish event, please call Laurale Hetzel at (304) 232-2915 or Diane Fredericks at (304) 233-8574..

Il Corriere del Duomo

Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph

Saint Anthony of Padua

Saint Anthony was born Fernando Martins in Lisbon, Portugal. He was born into a wealthy family and by the age of fifteen asked to be sent to the Abbey of Santa Cruz in Coimbra, the then capital of Portugal. During his time in the Abbey, he learned theology and Latin.

Following his ordination to the priesthood, he was named guestmaster and was responsible for the abbey's hospitality. When Franciscan friars settled a small hermitage outside Coimbra dedicated to Saint Anthony of Egypt, Fernando felt a longing to join them.

Fernando eventually received permission to leave the Abbey so he could join the new Franciscan Order. When he was admitted, he changed his name to Anthony.

Anthony then traveled to Morocco to spread God's truth, but became extremely sick and was returned to Portugal to recover. The return voyage was blown off-course and the party arrived in Sicily, from which they traveled to Tuscany. Anthony was assigned to the hermitage of San Paolo after local friars considered his health.

As he recovered, Anthony spent his time praying and studying.



Anthony had a book of psalms that contained notes and comments to help when teaching students and, in a time when a printing press was not yet invented, he greatly valued it.

When a novice decided to leave the hermitage, he stole Anthony's valuable book. When Anthony discovered it was missing, he prayed it would be found or returned to him. The thief did return the book and in an extra step returned to the Order as well. The book is said to be preserved in the Franciscan

friary in Bologna today.

He was only 36-years-old when he died and was canonized less than one year afterward by Pope Gregory IX. Upon exhumation some 336 years after his death, his body was found to be incorrupt, yet his tongue was totally incorrupt, so perfect were the teachings that had been formed upon it.

He is typically depicted with a book and the Infant Child Jesus and is commonly referred to today as the "finder of lost articles."

Christian Awareness

By: Alex J. Nagem

The alarm on the bedroom clock goes off at 4am just as it has for many years. The first thought of mind as my feet touch the floor is saying good morning to God and making the Sign

of the Cross. Why do I make the Sign of the Cross so often, and talk to God in brief sentences? I need to give this some thought. It has become a habit of which I cannot remember the origin. I am not sure how many times I make the Sign of the Cross or say

A Conversation of One

"Thank you, God" each day. I wonder what has motivated this behavior. It could be fear that I may not be ready or prepared for a life changing event. Maybe making the Sign of the Cross gives me the feeling of having a shield or barrier in front of me to protect

me. I wonder how many others have religious based habits as these. Talking to God in brief sentences gives me comfort that I frequently have God in mind. Maybe this is my form of constant prayer. Do others
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talk to God the same way? I wonder. Maybe talking briefly to God allows me to control my frustration that can turn into words that would express my true feelings on someone's behavior. Maybe I need to go to confession more often. That could be the solution to many problems. But that may be a daily occurrence. That would make me feel good, maybe. But then again, the problems caused by others will still be there. Then confession would become a revolving door and I will just be walking in circles. There are days when I need more direction than others. Maybe the feeling of walking in circles is allowing me to see that I need to search for the direction that leads to God or maybe more confession time. I will continue the walk in circles.

I did find out that making the Sign of the Cross repeatedly throughout the day is a way to sanctify the day. "At every forward step and movement, at every going in and out, when we put on our clothes and shoes, when we bathe, when we sit at table, when we light the lamps, on couch, on seat, in all the ordinary actions of daily life, we trace upon the forehead the Sign." This was the thought of Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullianus an early Christian writer from Carthage. He must have had the same early morning thoughts as me concerning making the Sign of the Cross often through the day. Hard to believe that making the Sign of the Cross has been in thoughts for more than 1,800 years. Tertullian was born around 155 AD and lived to around 225 AD. There are conflicting dates to the exact date of his birth and death. I wonder if there are conflicting thoughts on what he actually said. I guess it doesn't matter. The words provide comfort, and comfort appears to be what we are after. We each have our own habits when it comes to praying and giving thanks to God. I don't believe we should judge each other's habits of this nature. We all talk to God in a manner that is comfortable to each of us.

I lost my desire to talk to God for a while. My last year in high school through a few years after college appeared to be the dark years. I felt like

the prodigal son with my time and beliefs during those years. I know the reason why I left, though it wasn't a good excuse to leave. I am back and with a stronger belief in my religion that has been tested. My time of wandering and returning has made me a nonconformist. My mindset for Christianity is not boring. I do have conversations with God which are not always starting out by asking, "why me?" My conversations started since I don't feel I have learned how to properly pray beyond reciting the Our Father and the Hail Mary and the Glory Be. Those three are easy to remember and recite since they were commonly repeated in my Catholic elementary school. The Sisters of St. Joseph did a good job with me during those years. They did a good job for many of us. I wish they were still involved in teaching. They always seemed to focus on the students that needed the most help, in and out of school, without losing the interest of others. The SSJ's gave me a basis for my beliefs that drew me back to sitting in a pew and praying in a manner that is comfortable to me. There are also a few priests who have given me spiritual encouragement to see through the fog of disbelief. The testing of faith is relentless, but the strength of faith is now lasting. I guess I have been tested by fire. Some fires were set by me over the years, and some by others. I don't believe any one of us is better than another when it comes to our faith in God. Sometimes we are caught up on the words used by someone who is expressing their beliefs than the feelings they are expressing. There is a tendency to think they have a misguided faith. We are all called to follow Christ. We don't need to walk in a straight line or shoulder to shoulder as if we were in a military parade. This would not be freely following Christ. Feeling comfortable in religious habits has helped with overcoming daily problems and helped with the stresses of life. Could religious beliefs be my opiate? If so, I welcome the experience daily.

I think the habit of saying thank you to God came from a book I had read on Jewish religion. I have read many books on religion. I don't remember the exact one. As a tradition, every Jewish home is to have a mezuzah on the doorpost. The

mezuzah is a small decorative case which contains a piece of parchment of which the verses from Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 11:13-21 are written in Hebrew. The mezuzah is a reminder and public declaration of Jewish identity and faith. It recalls the Exodus from Egypt. Some homes will have a mezuzah on the doorpost of each room. Whenever you move from one room to another there should be a renewal of consciousness of God's presence and act in a manner that sanctifies God's name. Thanking God for something different every time we walk through a doorway is a good way to have God ever present in mind. Though the origin of my habit has been lost, it has become easy to be thankful for family members, friendships, warm clothes, a home, food to eat, clean air and water, and health to name a few things to be thankful. I suppose the mezuzah is the same as the cross many of us wear around our necks as an acknowledgement of our faith. But, I wonder how many crosses have become just pieces of jewelry with the true meaning lost over time. Maybe bumping into a doorway will be a good reminder to thank God.

"My soul is like a house, small for you to enter, but I pray you to enlarge it. It is in ruins, but I ask you to remake it. It contains much that you will not be pleased to see. This I know and do not hide. But who is to rid it of these things? There is no one but You." – Augustine of Hippo, Confessions.

My conversations with God are said with you in mind, as I hope to be remembered in yours.

"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"

Alex J. Nagem

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Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—June 12th—ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 6:00p Mass for Jean Huff
8:00a Mass for the Parishioners
10:30a Mass for Eugene Pleva
12:00p Chapman Baptism
RDGS: 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11
Gal 2:16, 19-21 Lk 7:36—8:3

Monday—June 13th—Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of the Church

12:05p Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery
RDGS: 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3b, 4b-7 Mt 5:38-42
Anthony of Padua, died 1231 at age thirty-six; from Lisbon; O.F.M.; devoted student of scripture; first friar to teach theology to his fellow friars; gifted orator and preacher; known as the "Evangelical Doctor"; patron saint of Portugal, of the poor, of harvests, and of lost articles.

Tuesday—June 14th—11th Week of Ordinary Time

12:05p Mass for Albert Engelmeier
RDGS: 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-6b, 11, 16
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday—June 15th—11th Week of Ordinary Time

12:05p Mass for Philomina Kalapurackal
RDGS: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Ps 31:20-21, 24
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
5:30p

Thursday—June 16th—11th Week of Ordinary Time

12:05p Mass for Clara Scheibelhood
RDGS: Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-7 Mt 6:7-15

Friday—June 17th—17th Week of Ordinary Time

11:15a Confessions
12:05p Mass for Dale Shutler
RDGS: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Ps 132:11-14, 17-18
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday—June 18th—18th Week of Ordinary Time

9:00a Mass for Stella Sine
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Mass for Dale Shutler
RDGS: 2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 89:4-5, 29-34 Mt 6:24-34

Sunday—June 19th—TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father's Day

8:00a Mass for John Sheets
10:30a Mass for the Parishioners
RDGS: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Gal 3:26-29
Lk 9:18-24

Stewardship Thought

Everything in life is up to you...Including Stewardship.

One day not too long ago the employees of a large company returned from their lunch break and were greeted with a sign on the front door. The sign said: "Yesterday the person who has been hindering your growth in this company passed away. We invite you to join the funeral in the room that has been prepared in the gym."

At first everyone was sad to hear that one of their colleagues had died, but after a while they started getting curious about who this person might be.

The excitement grew as the employees arrived at the gym to pay their last respects. Everyone wondered: "Who is this person who was hindering my progress? Well, at least he's no longer here!"

One by one the employees got closer to the coffin and when they looked inside it they suddenly became speechless. They stood over the coffin, shocked and in silence, as if someone had touched the deepest part of their soul.

There was a mirror inside the coffin: everyone who looked inside it could see himself. There was also a sign next to the mirror that said: "There is only one person who is capable to set limits to your growth: it is YOU."

You are the only person who can revolutionize your life. You are the only person who can influence your happiness, your realization and your success. You are the only person who can help yourself.

Your life does not change when your boss changes, when your friends change, when your parents change, when your partner changes, when your company changes. Your life changes when YOU change, when you go beyond your limiting beliefs, when you realize that you are the only one responsible for your life.

The Stewardship Committee