

Catholic Parishes of St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills

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St Anthony by appointment. Our Lady of the Hills by appointment.

DID CATHOLIC CHURCH DISCOURAGE BIBLE READING?



According to St. Paul, “*All scripture, inspired of God, is profitable to teach ... [and] to instruct in justice*” (2 Tim. 3:16). The Pope, the thousands of Catholic Bishops, and the many millions of Catholic lay people, are not aware of ever having discouraged Bible reading. The Popes have issued pastoral letters to the whole Church, called encyclicals, on the edifying effects of Bible reading. The Catholic Bible far outsells all other Christian Bibles worldwide. In fact, it has always been thus. The very first Christian Bible was produced by the Catholic Church—compiled by Catholic scholars of the 2nd and 3rd century and approved for general Christian use by the Catholic Councils of Hippo (393) and Carthage (397). The very first printed Bible was produced under the auspices of the Catholic Church—printed by the Catholic inventor of the printing press, Johannes Gutenberg. And the very first Bible with chapters and numbered verses was produced by the Catholic Church—the work of Stephen Langton, Cardinal Archbishop of Canterbury.

It was this perennial Catholic devotion to the Bible which prompted Martin Luther—who certainly cannot be accused of Catholic favoritism—to write in his Commentary on St. John: “We are compelled to concede to the Papists that they have the Word of God, that we received it from them, and that without them we should have no knowledge of it at all.” *Lectio divina*” practice of reading and meditating on the bible passages daily originated in the Catholic Church. The Church however discourages personal interpretation of the Bible passages when it deals with a matter of faith and morals and when that interpretation goes *against* Church held doctrines it deals with a matter of faith and morals.

Mass Schedule August 15 — 23

Saturday 08/15: <small>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. †Pauline Wyatt
Sunday 08/16: <small>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Saturday 08/22: <small>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 08/23: <small>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Eilene Parpart SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †David Wibberg

Bulletin & Mass Announcements

The deadline this week for bulletin announcements is **Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** and for Mass announcements is **Friday at 9:00 a.m.**

Thank you!!

Hand Sanitizer and Disinfectant Donations

We are accepting donations of hand sanitizer and disinfectant for both St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills. There will be a basket at the church entrances for donations. Thank you!!



Safe Environment—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

Mass Intentions—In accordance with the guidelines from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Mass stipends are deposited in a separate checking account. **If you are writing a check, please make it payable to St. Anthony Mass Account.**

The current suggested level of giving is **\$20 for a weekend Mass or \$10 for a daily Mass.** Any offering, however, is most welcome, and, if you do not have funds to offer, you are encouraged to request your Mass intention.

Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

St. Anthony—Mary Canterbury, Mary Hanson, David Dodd, Nazira Joseph, Zachariah Kushner, Christina Lopez, Michael McCallister, Maya Clark, Robin Holly, Mike Layne, Michael Bee, Lorie Collingwood

Our Lady of the Hills—Bert Zodorozny, Margaret Hancock, Violet Edwards, Marilyn Spencer, William Spencer, Katie Caroli, Jeanne Rollins, Steven Spencer, Doug Spencer, Harry Crede, Lorie Collingwood

Please call Father Tijo George at 304-342-2716, ext. 406 if you would like a visit and to receive communion or a home blessing.

Stewardship Report for August 8 — 9, 2020

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,304.50
Building Fund	50.00
St. Anthony Caring Fund	65.00
Attendance	Saturday—12 Sunday—36

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 1,045.00
St. Anne's Outreach	50.00
Building Fund	45.00
Other	70.00
Attendance	Sunday—23

Thank you for your generosity! Please remember to continue to support your parish during this difficult time. May God bless you!

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Come, Christians, Join to Sing (instrumental) — #549
Gloria:	Mass of Renewal — #860
Offertory:	Prayer of St. Francis — #525
Communion:	Blest Are They — #725
Recessional:	Let Heaven Rejoice (instrumental) — #570



Annual Mission Appeal—August 22 & 23: Each year a mission group is allowed by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to make an appeal for funds to support their efforts. This year the group selected to make an appeal for our parishes is Food For The Poor. Unfortunately due to the pandemic, Food For The Poor, while needing our support more than ever, will be unable to make an appeal in person the weekend of August 22 & 23. You are asked to view an online video appeal at <http://www.foodforthe poor.org/father-robert-karris.html>. Please remember to make checks payable to your parish and write Food For The Poor on the memo line of the check.

Food for the Poor Ministry:

Food For The Poor, one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the nation, does much more than feed millions of the hungry poor primarily in 17 countries of the Caribbean and Latin America. Founded in 1982, the interdenominational Christian ministry serves the poorest of the poor. Thanks to its faithful donors, the organization's programs are providing housing, healthcare, education, fresh water, emergency relief and micro-enterprise assistance, in addition to feeding hundreds of thousands of people each day.

Food For The Poor donors have built more than 85,400 safe and secure homes for the destitute. In 2018, Food For The Poor built 4,253 homes for families in need of safe shelter. Since inception, the charity has provided more than \$15.7 billion in aid. Feel free to visit our website www.foodforthe poor.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on any of the flags to learn what we do for the poor in those countries.

Holy Land Collection—August 29 & 30: The Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land Collection has been rescheduled from April 10th to August 29th & 30th due to parish closings during the COVID-19 pandemic. This collection is in support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities. If you have already donated to this collection, thank you for your gift. If you have not donated yet, please be generous.

Vocations for Divorced?

Is it possible to be ordained a priest, or profess vows as a brother or sister if divorced?

The decision to enter a religious community, like the decision to marry, must be freely chosen. This means the individual who hopes to become a sister or brother must not be under any force to enter the community, must be old enough to make the decision and must have no obligations that would prevent her or him from taking vows as a religious.

One such obligation is marriage vows, and the Church's Code of Canon Law states, "One is invalidly admitted to the novitiate ... who is a spouse, during a marriage" (Canon 643). A comment on the text observes a marriage is presumed to be valid until the death of a spouse or until a Church court dissolves it. This means a divorced person must obtain a Church annulment before seeking admission to a religious community.

In the United States, at least, an individual cannot pursue an annulment without first securing a civil divorce. The terms of the divorce should specify provisions for distribution of property and financial care for children. Thus the divorce ought to resolve these potential limits on a person's freedom and render the individual free to enter any community willing to accept those previously married.

~Fr. Reginald Martin

Fish Available to Purchase—Due to the ongoing pandemic, St. Anthony has fish available to purchase. If you are interested, please call Moya Doneghy at 304-345-4101 or Katy Layne at 304-380-3260.



We extend our condolences to Deacon David & Mary Wuletich and family. Deacon David's brother, Edward, passed away on Wednesday, August 12, 2020. Please pray for Edward, Deacon David and their family. May he rest in peace.

Why are Liturgical Rules Important?

On the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus called His would-be-disciples to a deeper, fuller conversion. To follow Christ is not merely external obedience, but a matching obedience of the heart.

Our external piety and the motives of our heart should be directly connected. As the Catechism explains:

“Jesus’ call to conversion and penance, like that of the prophets before Him, does not aim first at outward works, ‘sackcloth and ashes,’ fasting and mortification, but at the conversion of the heart, interior conversion. Without this, such penances remain sterile and false; however, interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures and works of penance” (No. 1430).

Jesus addressed this matter directly in His teaching on prayer, almsgiving and fasting: “Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven” (Mt 6:1, RSV).

For those who sincerely want to grow closer to Jesus, who are striving by grace to “be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Mt 5:48), this can pose a sticky conundrum.

When we attend Mass, the most vivid occasion when we “practice our piety before men,” what do we do when the practices of people around us differ from what we believe is right? What should we do when few of the people around us are genuflecting, kneeling, bowing, crossing themselves or showing reverence to Our Lord in the tabernacle?

On the other hand, what should we do when the people around us seem to be going overboard in their piety, in ways that seem far too showy, extravagant or self-promoting?

In either situation, when expressing our piety in public requires being different from those around us, how can we be sure we’re doing it for God’s sake rather than as a statement to others?

Some, in the name of “freedom,” dismiss liturgical rules and rubrics as a straightjacket to spiritual expression. They protest: “It really doesn’t matter how you pray or what you do with your body; all that matters is uniting your heart with God. We should be free, and that means being spontaneous!”

But the devil laughs at such a notion, for in our striving to be “free” we find it nearly impossible to focus on God when the overpowering motive is to be different and separate from those around. Too often in these circumstances, the underlying motive is not to please others or even God, but to feed the ego of self.

How do we avoid this problem? Herein lies the beautiful freedom of the liturgy. In her wisdom, the Church insists that liturgical rules and rubrics free us from the tyranny of trying to please others or ourselves. The Church teaches in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal:

“The gestures and posture of the priest, the deacon, and the ministers, as well as those of the people, ought to contribute to making the entire celebration resplendent with beauty and noble simplicity, so that the true and full meaning of the different parts of the celebration is evident and the participation of all is fostered. Therefore, attention should be paid to what is determined by this General Instruction and the traditional practice of the Roman Rite and to what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice” (No. 42).

Consider: When is a railroad train the most “free”? When it remains on the tracks, where it can roam full-steam ahead within trustworthy limits.

And when are we most free to worship God without the inner conflict of mixed motives? When in willing obedience we simply worship within the guidelines of our loving mother, the Church. For then we can be confident that our Father who sees in secret will reward us (see Mt 6:4).

~Marcus C. Grodi

Healing Prayers Offered for Covid-19 Victims

If you have a family member/friend who has been infected by the Coronavirus, Fr. Tijo would like to pray for the infected person during the private daily Masses and Sunday Masses. A votive candle will also be lit for his/her healing. Please call the parish office or Fr. Tijo to have their names included in his prayers and a votive candle lit.