

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

## ST. ANTHONY MISSION CHAPEL

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SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

### 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” - Lk 12:20-21

#### Office Hours

Monday & Friday 9:00 a.m.–12 noon  
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.  
Tuesday **CLOSED**  
(Parishioners: For any emergency or sacramental needs please contact Fr. Richard, SVD at (337) 714-9327)

#### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: St. Anthony 8:00 a.m.  
St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.  
Monday - Thursday - Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

#### Confession

Saturday 4:00–5:00 p.m.  
Weekdays following weekday masses  
or by appointment

#### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Ryszard Zawadzki, S.V.D.  
(337) 714-9327

**Secretary/Bookkeeper:** Ms. Peggie M. Bellow

**Maintenance:** Mr. Terry Flugence

**Musicians:** Mr. Harris Flugence  
Ms. Carla Bernard

**Trustees:** Mr. Daniel Foster  
Mrs. Dianna Darby

**Victims Assistance Coordinator:**  
Mr. Joe Pisanco, Jr. (337) 298-2987

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the Church office to schedule Baptisms

#### Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should contact the Priest 6 months prior to the wedding date. NO wedding date should be planned, till after the Marriage Preparation has been completed.

#### Funerals

Please call the office to inform of the death of a church member and to schedule an appointment to plan the Funeral. Only after meeting with the Secretary, should one contact the funeral home with the final arrangement.

#### Meetings

**Ushers Association:** Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.—Bishop Perry Learning Center  
**Adult Choir Practice:** Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.  
**Come Lord Jesus Group:** Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.  
**Knights & Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of the month

#### Mission Statement

“As a community inspired by the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and our ancestral heritage, we the parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Anthony profess to proclaim God’s goodness. And through our faith and commitment to the Holy Word we join together in spirit, truth, love and service working together for the good of our church parish.”

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

TRANSFORM  
GREED INTO  
GRATITUDE

“What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace. Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime “in the future” while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need? We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don’t work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. “Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom).” We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.

 Mass Intentions

**Saturday 5:00 p.m:** Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson Sr & Ethel Mae Decuir, Luvenia Gibson, Laverna St Julien-Rose, Gloria Decuir, Kitty Keefe, Patrick Keefe, deceased members of the Keefe & Gilloon families, Joyce V Cormier, Antoine M Cormier, Clifton H Daigre Jr and for everyone who celebrated a birthday in July. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donor and for the wellbeing and intentions of all our church members.

**Sunday 8:00 a.m:** For everyone who celebrated a birthday in July. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of all our church members.

**Sunday 10:00 a.m:** Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson, deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Lionel Ryes, M/M Curley & Mary Ann Flugence, deceased members of the Flugence & St. Julien families, Jordan Porter, M/M Velma & Harold Flugence, M/M Joseph & Delores Porter Sr, Wilfred Thompson, Alexa James, deceased members of the Thompson family, M/M Agnes & Howard Broussard Sr, Howard Broussard Jr, deceased members of the Adam & Broussard families, Frankie Flugence, Horace Flugence, Alton Nuckie Bernard, Jenny Bernard, Oliver Bernard and for everyone who celebrated a birthday in July. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of all our church members.

**Prayers for the Sick:**

*Merciful Jesus, onto Your Compassionate Heart we recommend:*

Charles Lee, Gustavia Thibeaux, John Albert Ledet, Mark Tauriac, Mayola Williams, Lester Mouton, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson, Edna Nickerson, Shavawana Flugence, Ronnie Trahan Sr, Katherine Gregoire, Julius Gregoire, Victor Jackson, Sylvania Cormier and Mary Alice Cormier.

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31, 2022

- Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
- Monday:** Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
- Next Sunday:** Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

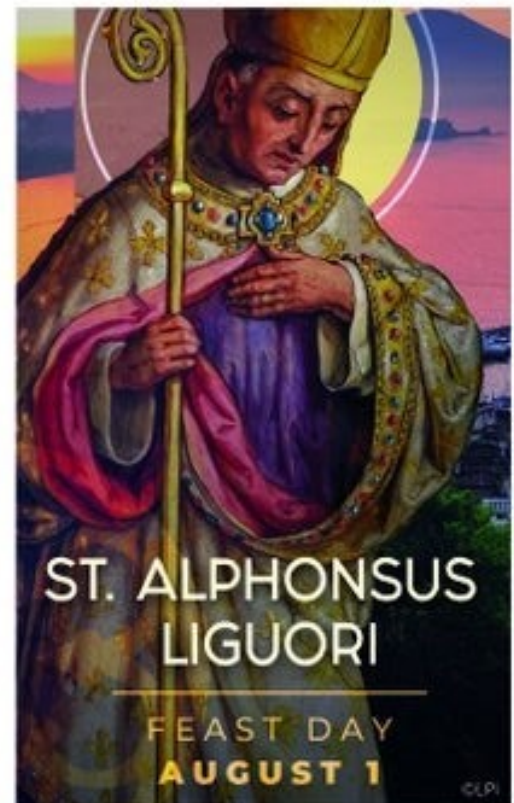
### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31, 2022

- Sunday:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
- Monday:** St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
- Thursday:** St. John Vianney, Priest
- Friday:** The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Saturday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Next Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

Greed is more present and powerful in our lives than we care to admit. We like our "stuff" and are hesitant to part with it. What we convince ourselves that we really need, we really do not. If everything we own is taken away from us tomorrow, life will continue. We will find happiness again. How many relationships are ruined because of inheritance issues? Our possessions cannot come with us when we die. Why do we foolishly think that we cannot live without them here? Wealth and happiness do not have physical origins. True wealth and happiness are gifts of God's kingdom and matters of heart and soul. We are much more than what we possess, and greed is more real and operative than we think. Let us begin our journey to detachment with an honest admission. We often place more importance on things than on people and God. Ask God to accept our conflicted hearts and give us the courage to do things differently.



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

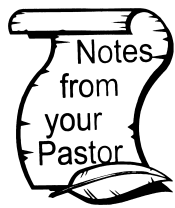
Saint Alphonsus was born into a well-respected family in 1696, in Marianella, in the Kingdom of Naples. He received an exceptional education through private tutors and was conferred degrees in civil and canon law at 16. He practiced law for 8 years before he turned to the Church. He was ordained a priest in 1726.

Saint Alphonsus traveled for 26 years in Kingdom of Naples preaching. His style of ministry was called "mission among the people," he and a group of priests or lay brothers would go to rural areas, staying for a time to teach, preach, and pray with the people there.

Saint Alphonsus was a brilliant preacher, he was able to connect with ordinary people and his teaching and sermons were marked by his compassion. In a time of restrictive Church rule, where fear of God was truly fear, Saint Alphonsus taught about God's redeeming love. He also had a special devotion to Mary, praying to her for intercession and including devotions to her in his teaching. He wrote extensively, more than 100 books which have been through thousands of editions. His books are still available today and have been translated into more than 60 languages.

In 1762 Saint Alphonsus was made a bishop by Pope Clement XIII, however, he was eventually allowed to resign his post because of his ill health. He was paralyzed for a time from rheumatic fever in 1775, and had rheumatism so severe it was deforming, bending his head so far forward that his chin rested on his chest.

He died peacefully at the age of 90 in 1787. He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI, and in 1871 he was named a doctor of the church by Pope Pius IX. In 1950 he was declared patron of moral theologians by Pope Pius XII.



## PASTORS CORNER

Luke 12:13-21

Jesus exemplified his point with a story of the rich fool who was totally involved with material things. The rich man in the story was a fool not because he was wealthy but because he thought that he could guarantee his own personal security through the hoarding of his harvest without placing his trust in God. This man had wrong priorities. The first was that he never saw beyond himself. He was extremely selfish. The man's second wrong priority was that he never saw beyond this world. His whole basis of security was his wealth. For him his money and possessions were everything. Hence the gospel tells us that man planned to store his grains in bigger barns and provide for himself with a larger and secure storage place. He indeed had become the slave of the property and property was not his slave. The final priority was to look for happiness based on material goods. He told himself that he would be indeed happy for years to come. God called him a "fool" a term that is reserved for those who deny that there is a God. Today's readings ask us to consider another approach altogether. It is important to emphasize that Jesus is not saying, "You must give up all these things and lead a life of bleak misery for my sake." On the contrary Jesus is offering a much more secure way to happiness and a life of real enjoyment than the way that most people insist on believing in even though it is seen to fail again and again. Against the greed that obsesses many people Jesus offers an opposite alternative to security and happiness. In this context we look at the rich man. In his own eyes the rich man had been really a successful person. He had convinced himself that he had more than needed for his security and he could indeed be satisfied and happy. Yet one thing noticeable is that in this story no other people are mentioned. The rich person had made himself absolute center of everything. At the end of his teaching, Jesus places the invitation before his audience to give up treasures of this world in order to build treasures in heaven. The lesson from the Gospel is obvious. To be in this world and not of it, to collect the necessary goods of this world by honest labor and yet remain detached from them to possess and not to be possessed by worldly riches, is an ideal to which our weak human nature responds very reluctantly. Jesus has given us a lesson that greed and selfishness are always powerfully tempting to human-kind. They are also very deceptive in that they promise far more than they can deliver. Real wealth and salvation rest in God.

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## Inspirations for Your Week

Dear God, I come before you  
 at this moment. Please  
 Enlighten what is dark in me,  
 Strengthen what is weak in me,  
 Mend what is broken in me,  
 Heal what is sick in me,  
 And revive whatever peace  
 and love that has died in me.  
 This prayer is for me, my family,  
 my friends, my enemies and even  
 those who hate me. Amen.

### Our Giving

July 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

St. Joseph: (65) Envelopes      \$1,220.00  
 St. Anthony: (24) Envelopes      626.00  
 \$1,846.00

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:

Building Maintenance:      110.00  
 Building Insurance:      55.00  
 Peters Pence:      10.00  
 Catholic Communications:      60.00  
**TOTAL:**      **\$2,081.00**

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**June Assessment Paid:      \$1,133.72**

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### Stewardship Quotes:

*"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15*

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> August 6, 2022 5:00pm	Christela Spurlock	Linda Johnson		
<b>SUNDAY</b> August 7, 2022 8:00am	Dianne Darby			Lucinda George Eddie Chretien
<b>SUNDAY</b> August 7, 2022 10:00am	Jennifer Harris	Terry Flugence		

**Please Note:** Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; by calling for a replacement when you are scheduled but cannot serve, you honor your commitment and help to ensure that there is no interruption for mass. Thanks!!

**God's Housekeepers:**

**St. Joseph:** Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group C** that cleaned the church on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The next group is **Group A:** Marie Francis, Gaynell Kimble and Jennifer Harris on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**St. Anthony — August, 2022: (Group B):** Theresa Cormier, Dianna Darby and Laura Chretien.

*Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!*

**PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:**

**Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon**  
**1<sup>st</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade**



Confirmation Retreat — TBA

Confirmation Mass — TBA



**To Everyone Who Celebrated a Birthday in July**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next weeks 2nd collection will be for the Building Maintenance Fund
- First Friday of the month; August 5th: Adoration following 8am mass
- **Items needed for October Fall Festival:**  
Cases of Each of the Following:  
Chicken Leg Quarters  
Chicken White Meat  
Fish Fillets  
  
Cooking Oil  
150 Pounds of Rice  
Potatoes  
Mayonnaise  
Yellow Mustard  
BBQ Sauce  
Monetary Donations