

May 31st—Pentecost Sunday

# WELCOME ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESAN SHRINE of OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL & DIVINE MERCY

## BROADCAST MASS SCHEDULE

In the face of the unfolding coronavirus COVID-19 epidemic there are temporary changes until further notice.

**All Public Masses are cancelled but can be viewed online:**

**Weekend:** Sun. 9:30am Latin (EF), 11:00am (Solemn Mass with Incense), 1:00pm Spanish.

**Weekday:** Mon—Fri 8:30am English & 10:00am Spanish. Thurs., 7pm Spanish.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Has been moved into the church to avoid close contact. Please pray for God’s mercy and healing. Pray for protection and for those that are ill.

**Welcome to St. Anthony Church!!** If you are new to our faith community and are interested in becoming a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, please go online to [StAnthonyDSM.org](http://StAnthonyDSM.org) to fill out a New Member Form.

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Confession may not be celebrated in common, but only individually. No specific times are set, to avoid larger crowds. The Holy See has authorized pastors to use discretion and provide “Collective Absolution” in moments of pastoral necessity.

**Baptism:** Baptism in cases of serious illness or other pastoral need, may not be celebrated in common, but only individually at the priest’s discretion with serious pastoral necessity. Standard health norms should be respected

**Marriage:** Nuptial Masses already scheduled may be celebrated with the 10 person limit; ideally, these Masses should be rescheduled after government leaders give the “all clear” notice. Any and all other public ceremonies should be rescheduled.

**Funeral:** Please contact a funeral home and they will notify the parish office. Per the Bishops order during the coronavirus crisis, funerals will be limited to 10 people in the church.

## PARISH OFFICE

**Hours:** New Hours: 8am—12pm Monday—Friday until further notice.

**Phone:** 515.244.4709

**Address:** 15 Indianola Rd., Des Moines, IA 50315



**Congratulations to all our Graduates!**  
(above is a picture of a few of our graduates)

(Left to right) Pedro Daniel Rodriguez—Dowling Catholic, America Herrera—Lincoln, Fr. Reynaldo, Alex Munoz—East High, Carlos Merlos Rojas—North High



**Monsignor Frank Chido, Pastor**  
Join Monsignor’s YouTube channel for Heart Journey videos and Sunday homilies.



**Fr. Guthrie Dolan,**  
Parochial Vicar



**Fr Jose Reynaldo,**  
Chaplain of  
Hispanic Community



## DEACONS

- Rev. Mr. Juan Bustamante
- Rev. Mr. Tom Hunkele
- Rev. Mr. Tony Romeo
- Rev. Mr. Thomas Starbuck
- Rev. Mr. Quan Tong

## MASS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### All Public Masses are Cancelled

Mass will broadcast and can be viewed online.

Found at StAnthonyDSM.org, the St. Anthony App & on the St. Anthony Church Facebook page.

#### Monday, June 1st

8:30am—+Priest Retreat

10:00am—+Kay Rizzuti

#### Tuesday, June 2nd

8:30am—+Priest Retreat

9:15am—Adoration in the Church

10:00am—+Rev. Sr. Beningha Mary

8:00pm—Benediction of the Blessed Sacraments

#### Wednesday, June 3rd

8:30am—+Priest Retreat

9:15am—Adoration in the Church

10:00am—+Elizabeth Jacob

8:00pm—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Thursday, June 4th

8:30am—+James L'Estrange, Gertrude Tursi

9:15am—Adoration in the Church

10:00am—+Jacob L. Matthew

8:00pm—Benediction of the Blessed Sacraments

#### Friday, June 5th

8:30am—+Frank & Wilma Vivone, Mary's Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart

10:00am—+St Anthony Parishioners

#### Saturday, June 6th

8:30am—+St Anne's Mothers Club, Berni Nevins, Chuck Celsi

#### Sunday, June 7th

9:30am—Latin Mass +Rene Gonzalez

\*11:00am—+Jim Lucia

1:00pm—Spanish Mass—+Altar & Rosary

+ Mass Intention

\* Incense

## FROM MONSIGNOR CHIDO, PASTOR



My Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to our graduating eighth graders. There was a wonderful gathering on the school grounds for our large group. God bless our graduates and may the Holy Spirit be their guiding light for the future.

Plans continue to be made for our Corpus Christi procession on June 14<sup>th</sup> after the 11AM Mass. More details are in the bulletin. Remember: The Procession is in motorcade this year, so call the office to secure a place for your vehicle if you would like to participate. We will stop at MacRae Park for the Solemn Blessing over our city. You can see the route in the flyer or online.

This week is the Annual Priests' Retreat. While the Conception Abbey is closed and there will be no formal retreat, Fr. Dolan and I will be out of the parish for a retreat time. Please remember us on Monday through Wednesday of this coming week.

This is Pentecost Sunday. Please remember to specifically pray to the Holy Spirit during these days of this week—the Octave of Pentecost. May the Holy Spirit send forth the fire of healing and deliverance to free us from the scourge of pandemic and set us free to serve the Lord in joy.

God bless you.

Monsignor Frank Chiodo, Pastor  
St. Anthony Catholic Church, Des Moines

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 31st—June 7th

**Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday:** 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday:** 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34

**Friday:** 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37

**Saturday:** 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44

**Next Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

## CHRISTIANITY IS A FAILURE!

By Monsignor Frank Chiodo

“Christianity is a failure!” The renowned English author G.K. Chesterton once made that remark. He explained what he meant in the following statement: “Christianity appears to have failed, but the real problem is that it has never been tried. The trouble with Christianity is not that it can’t remake the world, but that it’s difficult.” In short, the problem with Christianity is the Christian. That is why Christianity seems to be a failure.

The Christian is the problem with Christianity! And the root of the problem is found in many Christians today. The cause of the apparent failure of Christianity is this: Lack of persistence, lack of stick-to-itiveness.

Ignace Jan Paderewski made the most revealing statement to a group of music lovers after one of his piano concerts, “If I would neglect to practice the piano one day, I would notice it. If I would fail to practice a week, the music critics would surely notice it. If I would fail to practice for a month, you, my public, would notice it.”

The simple truth of that statement should pierce our hearts. When I, as a Christian, neglect one of those essential elements in the Christian life, like the plant without water, I begin to wither. If I would fail to catch hold of myself, I begin to go through the motions of living Christianity, but my heart isn’t in it. Eventually, the Christian life becomes a mere memory.

In the Book of Exodus we may catch a glimpse of our own lives. Moses has led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. He climbs Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments, while the Israelites remain below. Soon, they turn from God and create a golden calf. The Lord says to Moses, “Go down at once to your people, who you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved. They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them, making for themselves a molten calf and worshipping it, sacrificing to it and crying out, ‘This is your God, O Israel.’”

How quickly the Israelites forgot what the God of Israel had done for them! They were ready to turn to another god. They lacked persistence. How quickly we forget what the God of all has done for us! Do you lack persistence? I believe that the problem with many communities is that they often lack stick-to-itiveness. And one of the key elements to this stick-to-itiveness is stick-togetherness. Persistence and community is what we are talking about.

When I was at the Leon, Iowa parish, we celebrated the 125th anniversary of the parish. A parishioner made a painting of a large tree with roots sinking deep into the soil. On each branch of this tree were written the names of every family in the parish. What a lesson! Like a tree, our faith in Christ is rooted in His Lordship. Like a tree, our faith in Christ must grow and blossom. It must never be stagnant and lifeless. And, as this tree of living faith grows, its branches reach outward and more and more members are added. If any branch severs itself from the tree, it withers and dies.

If Christianity is failing, it is precisely because of the unwillingness of individual Christians to stick together, to be the living, vibrant faith community God wants us to be. The Vatican Council puts it this way: All children of the Church should remember that their exalted condition results not from their own merits, but from the Grace of Christ. If they fail to respond in thought, word and deed to that grade, not only shall they not be saved, but they shall be more severely judged.

The Grace of Christ is the grace of stick-to-itiveness and stick togetherness. How can we be saved if we refuse to respond to this grace? How can Christianity succeed if we refuse this grace? Christianity is a living, vibrant, alive reality. If it appears as anything else, the fault lies with us.

## CONTINUED SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

I saw a T.V. commercial on care of trees. It provided the five principles for the proper care of trees. The same principles can apply to us, for we as Christians are related to each other as branches of a tree. The five principles for the care of trees are: plan, plant, provide, protect and prune. The five P's of proper tree care apply to us: 1. PLAN: God has a plan for us. He wants to see us as a strong united force in this community. In the gospel, Jesus refers to John the Baptist in these words, "He was the lamp, set aflame and burning bright. A lamp burns itself out, in giving light it consumes itself. The true witness for Christ burns himself out for God." Together, what a radiant blaze we can be. God has a plan for you. It includes the other branches of the tree. 2. PLANT: The seed of faith was planted at your baptism, but, it can remain a buried lifeless seed unless we tend and care for it. This is the message of the Life in the Spirit Seminars. 3. PROVIDE: Like any living organism, our faith must be provided for by our efforts to keep it healthy and alive and growing. We provide nourishment for our faith in community. It is in community that the Word of God is proclaimed and explained. It is in community that the Bread of Eternal Life is broken and shared. It is in community that we become the powerful force for the world's transformation. Cut off from the tree, we wither and die. Community is where our faith is provided for. 4. PROTECT: If we do not protect our faith from the dangerous influences of a godless society, it will wither and die. One of the ways to protect our faith is to practice it in community. This community, in a special way, provides us with the shield of righteousness to battle the principalities and the powers of darkness. Try to battle them alone and you will surely fall. 5. PRUNE: Every now and then a tree needs pruning of dead, lifeless branches. What in our life needs cutting out in order for you to grow stronger in your faith? What in your community needs cutting out in order to make it a stronger and more alive organism of faith?

The five P's are the tools given in order that our faith may be alive, radiant, powerful and influential in our world: plan, plant, provide, protect and prune. Stick-to-itiveness and stick-togetherness, persistence and community –these are two pairs of essential ingredients for an alive faith. How unworthy we are of this great trust!!

God has called us to be His church/His community, but so often we have sinned. We have failed to live up to the responsibility, trying to do it alone, only to find ourselves withering and waning in our faith. If Christianity is failing, I believe it is because of our failure, as Christians, to understand the importance of persistence and community. It is up to us if Christianity is to succeed.

There is a fable which can be a reminder to us: When Christ ascended into heaven, Gabriel met Him at the gates. Gabriel asked Jesus what recognition the world had given Him and His Divine Suffering. Christ replied that only a few in Palestine knew of it. "But Lord," Gabriel protested, "The whole world ought to know. What is your plan, Master, for telling the world of it?" Jesus said, "I have asked Peter, James, John, Andrew and a few others to make it the business of their lives to tell others and those others to tell others, until the last person in the farthest circle has heard the story and has felt the power of it." "But suppose they do not tell others, what then?" Gabriel asked. Jesus answered quietly, "Gabriel, I have not made any other plans, I am counting on them."

He is counting on YOU!! Persevere and stay close as a community of faith, stick to it and stick together. Christianity appears to have failed, but the real problem is that it has never been tried. The trouble with Christianity is not that it cannot remake the world but that it is difficult. The problem with Christianity is the Christian. REMEMBER: Plan, plant, provide, protect and prune. Christ is counting on YOU!!! Amen.

(Excerpt from Monsignor Chiodo's book *"What Senses Fail To Fathom...The Eucharist"*)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

# FEAST of CORPUS CHRISTI

## Eucharistic Blessing Over Des Moines

### Saint Anthony Catholic Church

15 Indianola Rd, Des Moines, IA

Please honor us with your presence, online or in person, for this yearly celebration of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The online Mass will begin at 11AM and following the Mass the Most Holy Eucharist will be processed out of the church to the Grotto and then on a motorcade route to bless Des Moines (Starting approximately 12pm or a little later). You are welcome to join us in the motorcade for this long held tradition. To view online: St Anthony Facebook page.



### Motorcade Route

*(Route subject to change)*

To **register your car** to be in the motorcade, go to to [StAnthonyDSM.org](http://StAnthonyDSM.org)

1. Start at the St. Anthony Grotto: SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Dunham Ave. Line up behind START truck.
2. East on Dunham Ave to South Union Street North to Jackson Ave.
3. East on Jackson Ave to SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and then South to Edison Ave.
4. West on Edison Ave to SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street turn South follow the curve west on Indianola Road.
5. Indianola Road becomes Thomas Beck. Turn South on SW 9<sup>th</sup> and head into Mac Rae Park up to the EMC Overlook.
6. At the EMC Overlook, stop to bless Des Moines.
7. Leave park going south on SW 11<sup>th</sup> Street.
8. Turn West onto Davis Ave to SW 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
9. Go south on 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Park Ave turn west and go one block to SW 12<sup>th</sup> PL and turn South.
10. Go to Thornton Ave and turn East. Turn North on South Union to Hartford Ave and go East.
11. Turn South onto Indianola Ave back to St. Anthony.

Contact Kim Lehman for more information: 515.202.2517