

PERPETUAL NOVENA
In honor of
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA



ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH
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ST. ANTHONY'S LILIES

Pictures and statues of St. Anthony often portray him holding a lily. This beautiful flower has long been regarded in Christian art as a symbol of integrity of life. In many parts of the world, lilies are in bloom in the middle of June, when the feast of St. Anthony is observed.

On the Saint's feast in 1680, a cut lily had been placed in one of the hands of his statue in the church at Mentosca d'Agesco in Austria. For a whole year the flower retained its freshness and fragrance. The following year the stalk bore two more lilies, and the church was filled with their fragrance.



Another unusual event took place on the island of Corsica at the time of the French Revolution. The Franciscans had been forced to leave the island, but the people continued to honor St. Anthony and invoke his aid, as the friars had taught them. On his feast day the people place a shrine of the Saint and bouquets of lilies in the deserted church. Many months later, lilies at Anthony's statue were found still fresh and white. Permission to bless lilies in honor of St. Anthony was given by Pope Leo XIII.

Prayer for the Restoration of Things Lost or Stolen

O blessed St. Anthony, the grace of God has made you a powerful advocate in all necessities and the patron for the restoration of things lost or stolen. I turn to you today with love and heartfelt confidence. How many have you wondrously helped in recovery of things that were important to them?

I recommend what I have lost to your care, in the secure hope that you will restore it to me if this be to the greater glory of God and to my own spiritual benefit. Obtain also for me an active faith, peace of mind, sincere love for others and an ardent desire for eternal life. I offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

ANTHONY OF PADUA

Lisbon, Portugal, was the son of a knight at Alfonso II of Portugal. He under the priests of the Canons Regular of St. near the city when transferred to the priory he found the visits of and was ordained in transferred to the taking the name



(1195-1231). Born in Ferdinand de Bulhoes the court of King studied as a youth Lisbon cathedral, joined Augustine at their house fifteen, and in 1212, was at the Coimbra because friends too disturbing, 1219 or 1220. He Franciscans in 1221, Anthony, went to

Morocco to preach to the Moors but was forced to return because of illness, and arrived back in time to participate in a general chapter of his order at Assisi in 1221. He was assigned to the hospice of San Paioli near Forli and at an ordination there delivered a sermon that was to launch him on his career as a preacher. He was assigned to preaching all over Italy and was sensationally successful. His sermons, noted for their eloquence, fire, and persuasiveness, attracted huge crowds everywhere he preached. He was appointed the first lector in theology for the Franciscans, became minister provincial of Emilia or Romagna, was envoy from the 1226 general chapter to Pope Gregory IX, and secured the Pope's release from his official duties to devote himself to preaching. His success as a convert maker and confessor was phenomenal. He settled in Padua after 1226 and his bold and brilliant preaching, attacking corruption and wrongdoing wherever he saw them, and completely reformed the city. He worked to abolish debtors' prisons, helped the poor, and worked ceaselessly and untiringly with heretics. In 1231, exhausted and plagued with dropsy, he went to Camposanpiero for a brief respite but died on the way back to Padua in a Poor Clare convent at Arcella just outside Padua on June 13 at the age of thirty-six. He was canonized the following year and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946. Stories of the miracles Anthony wrought and of his preaching prowess are legendary, and he was undoubtedly one of the greatest preachers of all times. His contemporaries called him "Hammer of Heretics" and "Living Ark of the Covenant," and he is known as the "Wonder Worker" for the miracles he wrought. He is the patron of the poor (alms given for his intercession are called St. Anthony's bread) and oppressed and he is widely invoked for the return of lost articles. His depiction in art with the Infant Jesus on his arm is because of an episode in which a visitor reported this happening.

EXPOSITION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION

Opening Hymn

1. O Salutaris Hostia
Quae caeli pandis ostium;
Bella premunt hostilia;
Da robur, fer auxilium

2. Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

1. O saving Victim, open, wide
The gate of heav'n to man below,
Our foes press on from ev'ry side;
Your aid supply, your strength bestow.

2. To your great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;
Grant us, for endless length of days,
In our true native land to be. Amen.

(After the priest has incensed the Sacrament, the Novena Prayers follow)

NOVENA TO SAINT ANTHONY

Opening Prayer

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

Priest Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Send

forth your spirit and they shall be created.

People: *And you will renew the face of the earth.*

Priest: Let us Pray.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the gift of the same Holy Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations, through Christ our Lord.

People: *Amen*

Priest: Pray for us, O great Saint Anthony.

People: *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

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All: THE MEMORARE OF SAINT ANTHONY

Remember, O good Saint Anthony, wonderworker of God, that never has it been heard that anyone ever invoked your protection or sought your aid without being consoled. In this confidence I come before you and fervently recommend myself to your care. Despise not most faithful servant of God the prayer of your humble child but graciously hear and grant it. AMEN.

ACT OF DEDICATION TO SAINT ANTHONY

All: O blessed St. Anthony, I dedicate myself to your honor and give myself to you, that you may always be my protector and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a sincere love of God and my neighbor. After your example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. St Anthony, pray for me, that I may enjoy the grace of a happy death. AMEN.

PETITIONS

All: O glorious St. Anthony, unfailing worker of miracles, to you do we raise our hearts and hands, to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the loving heart of Jesus all the help and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly for the grace of final perseverance, and the special favor we
now
implore. (*Here mention your request*).

Priest: O glorious St. Anthony, whose childhood, youth and manhood were ever consecrated to God
and
His Blessed Mother -

People: *Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.*

Priest: O glorious St. Anthony whose prayerful life and priestly labors were blessed with wondrous results -

People: *Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.*

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Priest: O glorious St. Anthony, whose preaching was confirmed by prodigious signs and wondrous miracles -

People: *Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.*

Priest: O glorious St. Anthony, whose eloquence made heretics flee and Satan surrender his victims -

People: *Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.*

Priest: O glorious St. Anthony, whose blessed tongue did always bless the Lord and cause others to bless Him -

People: *Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.*

Priest: O glorious St. Anthony, whose tongue was preserved from corruption after death -

People: *Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.*

Priest: O glorious St. Anthony, who was privileged to Carry Jesus in thy arms -

People: *Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.*

Priest: O glorious St. Anthony, whose virtuous life was rewarded by the presence of Jesus in thy last agony –

People: *Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.*

Priest: O glorious St. Anthony, universal apostle of the poor and needy –

People: *Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.*

Priest: Pray for us, O, St. Anthony.

People: *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Priest: Let us Pray.

People: *Almighty and Eternal God, who glorified your Faithful confessor, Anthony, with the perpetual gift of miracles, graciously grant that what we confidently seek through his merits, we may surely receive by his intercession. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.*

LITANY OF SAINT ANTHONY

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,

Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
 Holy Mother of God,
 Holy Virgin of Virgins,
 St. Anthony, of Padua
 St. Anthony, glory of Friars minor,
 St. Anthony, model of chastity,
 St. Anthony, gem of poverty,
 St. Anthony, example of obedience,
 St. Anthony, mirror of abstinence,
 St. Anthony, vessel of purity,
 St. Anthony, star of sanctity,
 St. Anthony, model of conduct
 St. Anthony, beauty of paradise
 St. Anthony, ark of the testament,
 St. Anthony, guardian of the Scriptures,
 St. Anthony, teacher of the truth,
 St. Anthony, preacher of grace,
 St. Anthony, destroyer of vices,
 St. Anthony, planter of virtues,
 St. Anthony, conqueror of heretics,
 St. Anthony, terror of infidels,
 St. Anthony, consoler of the afflicted,
 St. Anthony, searcher of consciences,
 St. Anthony, martyr in desire,
 St. Anthony, terror of the devils,
 St. Anthony, performer of miracles,
 St. Anthony, restorer of lost things,
 St. Anthony, helper in need,
 St. Anthony, Patron, of God's poor.

*Pray
 for
 us*

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Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Priest: Pray for us, O, St. Anthony.

People: *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Priest: Let us Pray.

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DAILY PRAY TO ST. ANTHONY

I salute you great St. Anthony and rejoice at the favors which our Lord has so liberally bestowed on you. I remind you especially of that blessed moment when the Divine Infant Jesus condescended to embrace and fondly caress you. Oh, what great happiness and joy must have filled your heart on that occasion! By this special prerogative and by the joy of your beatific vision, by which you now behold him face to face, I beg, entreat, and conjure you, O dear St. Anthony, to help me in my afflictions, troubles, and anxieties, particularly concerning (*here mention your troubles and desire.*) Oh, let your heart be moved to intercede for me, to hear and answer me. Tell our Lord of the wants and necessities of your devoted client. One word, one sigh from your heart, which Jesus loved so much, will crown my success and fill me with joy and gratitude. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary.

V. Pray for us, St. Anthony.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

BENEDICTION

Tantum Ergo

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| <p>1. Down in adoration falling,
This great Sacrament we hail;
Over ancient form of worship
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith will tell us Christ is present,
When our human senses fail.</p> | <p>1. Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui,
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum,
Sensuum defectui.</p> |
| <p>2. To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who made us free,
And the Spirit, God proceeding
From them Each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty. Amen.</p> | <p>2. Genitori Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.</p> |

V. You have given them bread from Heaven

R. *Containing itself all delight.*

Priest stands and continues by singing:

Let us Pray: O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R. *Amen.*

THE PRIEST, THEN RECEIVES THE HUMERAL VEIL, GOES TO THE ALTAR, GENUFLECTS, AND THEN, WITH THE MONSTRANCE, BLESSES THE PEOPLE WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. AFTERWARDS, PLACES THE MONSTRANCE ON THE ALTAR, GENUFLECTS, RETURNS TO THE MIDDLE OF THE SANCTUARY, KNEELS, AND ALL PRAY THE DIVINE PRAISES.

THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of
the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most
holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

(Where approved by the Bishop)

May the Heart of Jesus / in the Most Blessed
Sacrament / be praised, adored and loved /

with

grateful affection / at every moment / in all the
tabernacles of the world / even to the end of
time. Amen.

(As the celebrant leaves, the following or another suitable may be sung).

Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
All on earth thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore thee,
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign!

Hark, the loud celestial hymn;
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

HYMNS

“Saint Anthony, We Turn To Thee”

*Saint Anthony, we turn to thee
When troubles sore distress,
Sure of thy love, for thou didst know
The Christ Child’s soft caress.*

*For thou didst hear His gentle voice,
Didst clasp Him to thy breast,
Didst feel His pretty cheek ‘gainst thine,
His arms about thee pressed.*

*O gentle Saint, tell him our needs,
His children too are we,
O ask him now to grant our pray’rs,
And we at peace shall be.*

*We would, O blessed Saint, with thee
The Holy Child adore,
With hearts as pure as thine, dear Saint,
Now and forevermore.*

*The whole creation, join in one,
To bless the sacred Name,
Of Him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb!*

“A Child’s Visit to the Blessed Sacrament”

*They told me of your tiny home
Within this house of prayer,
And all alone to You I’ve come,
O! Jesus, are you there?*

*To hear Your voice, to see Your face,
 To kiss the robe You wear,
 I've sought Your holy dwelling-place:
 O Jesus! Are You there?*

*A radiance, where the light was dim
 Within God's house of prayer.
 Oh, can it be the smile of Him?
 "Dear Jesus! Are You there?"*

*A whisper sweet that thrills him through:
 "Pure Anthony, fear not:
 My Heart is warm with love for you,
 Now press Me to your heart."*

"Sing Joyful Praises to the King"

*Sing joyful praises to the King,
 A loyal soldier's recompense.
 To Anthony, He grants His grace,
 His miracles through human word.*

*O Anthony, God's chosen one,
 With mortal eyes, you saw your Lord.
 A solemn pledge of glorious life,
 A foretaste of your own reward.*

*From Padua first, to East and West,
 Arose a hymn of praise and fame.
 Through heaven's grace, we still affirm,
 Unending honor to your name.*

*To father, Son and Holy Ghost,
 The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
 From men and from the angel host
 Be praise and glory evermore.*

17.



In 1263 Saint Anthony's body was exhumed and transferred to an immense and majestic Cathedral built in his honor. Saint Bonaventure who presided at the ceremony, beheld amid the saint's corrupted remains the tongue that had preached so many wonderful sermons. It alone was intact, as fresh as the day he died. Deeply moved, Saint Bonaventure kissed the holy relic then holding it aloft cried, "O blessed tongue! Thou who has so long blessed God and taught others to bless Him!

Thou fully provest to us how great were Anthony's merits before God!"

His praises have resounded down through the centuries and do so today. Pope Leo XIII said Saint Anthony is "not only the saint of Padua, but the Saint of the Whole World. His is Everybody's Saint!"

"If Great Wonders Thou Desirest"

If great wonders thou desirest,
Hopeful to Saint Anthony pray;
Error, Satan, wants the direst,
Death and pest his will obey,
And the sick, who beg his pity,
From their couches haste away.

Young and old are ever singing,
Praises to Saint Anthony bring;
Stormy Ocean calms its passion,
Bonds and fetters break in twain,
Treasures lost and limbs disabled,
These his pow'r restores again.

Padua has been the witness
Of these deeds six hundred years;
Dangers flee and need must perish,
Grief and sorrow disappear,
Filling all the world with wonder,
While the demons quake with fear.

TUESDAY, ST. ANTHONY'S DAY

St. Anthony had wanted to be put to rest at home in Padua, but when the news spread of his death, disputes arose over the possession of the remains of this extraordinarily popular Franciscan, just as had happened with Francis himself.

The following Tuesday, Anthony's remains were finally home in a triumphal funeral procession to the friars' church in Padua. The day saw a marvelous manifestation of favors granted to all who called on the Saint for his intercession.

As a result, Tuesday became particularly associated with St. Anthony. Down through the centuries, pilgrims to his tomb have gathered there on Tuesdays to pray for their needs.

According to tradition, in the year 1617, Tuesday became securely established as St. Anthony's day by the Saint himself. A noblewoman who lived at Bologna in Italy had prayed before his altar for the gift of a child after 22 years of marriage. That night, St. Anthony appeared to her in a vision.

He instructed her to visit his statue in the church of the Friars Minor for nine consecutive Tuesdays and promised her prayers would be heard. The woman faithfully did as directed, and a child was born – but terribly deformed. Undaunted, the mother carried the baby to church, placed it on the Saint's altar and soon afterwards the child was found to be in perfect health.

The story of this miracle spread rapidly throughout Italy, and the novena of Tuesdays in honor of St. Anthony became a favorite devotion. It then traveled to other countries.

Not satisfied with nine Tuesdays, the faithful increased the number to 13 to commemorate the day on which the Saint had died. The Church has encouraged these special Tuesday prayers in honor of St. Anthony.



ST. ANTHONY'S SHRINE CHURCH
Nanuet, New York