



# Saint Anthony's



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4th, 2026

## MESSAGE

### FRUIT OF THE KINGDOM

*"The Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit"*

We hear these ominous words at the end of today's Gospel. Of course, we know that Jesus was originally speaking of how the Prophets had been rejected and how Jesus himself would be rejected too.

But in our present day context could we be a people from whom the Kingdom of God is taken away? And what is this fruit of the Kingdom of God that Jesus is speaking of anyway? We know from Matthew 3:8 that the first fruit of the Kingdom of God is repentance - that is to turn our hearts away from sinful and selfish inclinations and turn them toward the ways of God. As the Psalmist said: *"Create in me a clean heart O Lord and purify me from my iniquities."*

Matthew 7 says that *by their fruit you will know them* and that *a bad tree can not produce good fruit*. But we need to have a clean heart to recognize the good fruit from the bad - an unclean heart will not recognize bad fruit when it sees it - it will simply think its good.

Jesus also talks frequently about the importance of abiding in him to produce good fruit in John 15. So it is certainly necessary to be rooted in Jesus to produce fruit and to have life. As a branch if we are cut off from Jesus we will wither up and die. So to produce good fruit in the Kingdom is to remain attached to Jesus with a heart that is turned toward him. In him there is life but without him there is only darkness and death.

May you remain close to Jesus every day of your lives!  
May God bless you all !

Fr Rob

## Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Daily 9am  
Saturday: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 10am  
In Elk: Saturday at 4pm

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## EVENTS

7@7 Prayer Group with Fr Rob -  
Mondays at 7pm  
on Zoom7

Bible Study - Tuesdays at 10am

Men's Lunch at Patterson's -  
Thursdays at Noon

Rosary in Church -  
Weekdays at 8:30am

Knights of Columbus Meeting -  
1st Wednesday of the Month  
At 6:30 pm

K of C Pancake Breakfast -  
2nd Sunday of the Month  
8am - Noon

Games and Ping Pong Night  
Thursdays at 6:30pm

Silent Meditation Group -  
Wednesdays at 4pm

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### **Legacy of St Francis of Assisi on the occasion of his 800th Anniversary this Sunday**

• **Spirit of Peace** - St Francis was a man of peace. During the height of the Fifth Crusade in 1219, Francis crossed enemy lines to meet with Sultan Al-Kamil in Egypt. Instead of conflict, the two engaged in days of respectful dialogue, establishing an early historical model for interfaith peace and mutual respect. Let us pray for a renewal of Peace in our world.

• **Spirit of Connection with all Creation** - St Francis viewed all living things as interconnected brothers and sisters. His famous poem, the "Canticle of the Sun", highlights how ecological harmony and care for the environment are deeply tied to human peace. Let us pray for a healthy stewardship of creation.

**The Blessing of the Animals will take place at 2pm this Sunday October 4th on the plaza behind Mendocino Presbyterian Church.**



*"...in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God!"*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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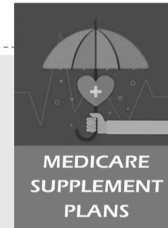
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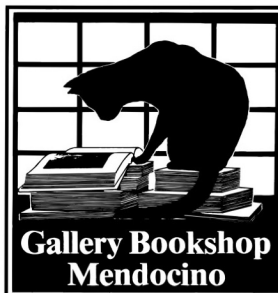
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