



Saint Anthony's



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1st, 2026

MESSAGE

ALREADY AND NOT YET

There is a theological concept of the "already and not yet" that describes the state of some good being experienced yet still desiring even more of that good to the point of complete satisfaction.

For example we can already experience the goodness of life through the resurrected Christ but one day we will experience a fully resurrected life in Christ.

Originally I thought the Beatitudes as being the opposite - first experiencing bad things in order to later experience good things: we have to be poor in order to become rich; sad to become joyful; meek in order to become powerful.... But now I see it as an 'already not yet' thing: since we experience something of the goodness of God now we realize how much we are lacking in this goodness and desire even more of the goodness of God to be received later.

There is a deep logic in this: we can't really desire more of a given thing unless we have an initial experience of the goodness of that thing. It's like when we are in an ice cream parlor and we try three different samples of ice cream but we ultimately choose the flavor that pleases us most!

So we are poor in spirit when we want more and more of God in our lives!

We are poor in mercy when we see how important mercy is to the world!!

We are humble and meek when we see all the good that can be done with the resources we have at our disposition!!!

May you all be blessed with the goodness of the Lord and may you continue to be blessed and ever blessed!

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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keeps giving!**

Another Beautiful and Successful Crab Feed !

This last Friday and Saturday we celebrated the 49th Annual Knights of Columbus Crab Feed and it was another wonderful success!

Thanks to so many people from our Parish who made it work! Thanks especially to our steering committee that started in September making preparations. Mark Mertle, Guy Parcurar, Cathy Jordan, Robin Hawthorn, Ken Camera, and John Scott were all members of this committee.

Like the last few years the Mendo High students served the tables as members of Marshall Brown's AV Club. Beneficiaries of the proceeds were the Hospitality House, the Fort Bragg Food Bank, and the Redwood Coast Senior Center. Many local businesses donated for the raffle prizes. Once again the Crab Feed was a great event for our Parish and for the community!



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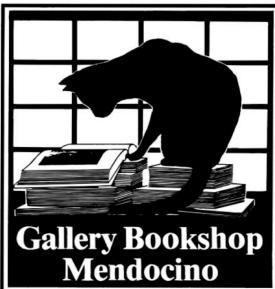
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