



Saint Anthony's



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17th, 2025

MESSAGE

CONVICTION

Perhaps Jesus is speaking about a shakedown in today's Gospel. He says that he has not come to bring peace upon the earth but division. He says that a household of five will be divided three against two and two against three.

This may seem alarming and even troubling to us. What Jesus is opposing here is a false sense of peace. That is a peace which is not based on core values or real truth. Or likewise a peace that is purely superficial and has the appearance of peace, but is really politeness and flattery and in the end very hollow.

That is why Jesus wants a shakedown. He wants us to reach down and find our core values and real truth. This involves convictions. A conviction is something that we hold to even against much adversity and opposition. It is something that we know is really true and for which it is worth making a stand. This can sometimes cause division. But Jesus says here sometimes that division is necessary. Because we are defending truths that are so important that the value of lives depend upon them.

We all would like to have peace in our own lives and the lives of others. But we must desire a peace that is founded on truth and not just feeling. This is the peace that gives true liberty to ourselves and others. Let us pray for this peace and that our world would have an everlasting true peace that comes from God and is established in this world. 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

Mens Lunch at
Patterson's - Thursdays
at Noon

Rosary in Church -
Weekdays at 8:30am

Knights of Columbus

Meeting - 1st
Wednesday of the Month
at 6:30pm

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

Games & Ping Pong
Night - Thursdays at 6pm

Silent Meditation Group
- Wednesdays at 4pm

Good news from around here !

- **Saint Jose Sanchez del Rio School** - This is the Catholic parochial school in Fort Bragg at Our Lady of Good Counsel. At the beginning of last year it had only 12 students and its future was very much in jeopardy. This year, at last count, it has 34 students! Bill Semans, Alisia Ward, and Jeanie Coulson have all been volunteer tutors at this school where the children receive much needed personalized attention!
- **The Pancake Breakfast** - last week's Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast had 180 people served - close to an all-time high! Thanks to the Knights and especially Dennis and Kathy Smith for making it such a wonderful experience!
- **Weekday Mass** - we could still use volunteers to participate at our 9am Daily Mass - it is such a beautiful way to start the day! There is coffee and fellowship in the Hall following. Thanks to Cathy Jordan for so attentively preparing the coffee and putting out the good things to eat each day!



*"For the sake of the joy that lay before him Christ endured the cross, despising its shame,
and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God."*

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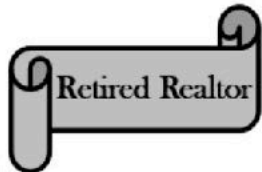
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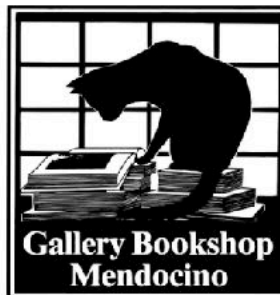


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