



# Saint Anthony's



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25th, 2026

## MESSAGE

### CONTEXTUALIZE

We hear in today's Gospel about a people who live in darkness and have seen a great light. For the *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali* a great light has arisen.

As we hear this, we should think of the presence of Jesus and his mission preaching the Gospel.

*But how do the lands of Naphtali and Zebulon receive the Gospel today?*

Some 2000 years have passed since Jesus preached the Gospel. In the modern world, how do we connect with the people who live today and how should they understand the Gospel?

Doing this is what is sometimes called 'contextualization'.

Contextualizing means putting a message in a certain language that people will hear and understand. It takes consideration of the way people hear and see things in today's world with their own setting and background.

We can hope that through 2000 years some of the messages of Jesus still remain true to us. Like: how important it is to love your neighbor; to respect them; to treat them as you would wish to be treated yourself. Also we would desire peace for all peoples and harmony in our world. Hope that people's lives could improve and could heal.

These are a few messages of the Gospel of Jesus. As followers of Jesus we are called to exemplify these qualities in our own daily life. In our own little way, we announce the Gospel every time that we are kind, considerate, and compassionate; every time we do something good for some other person; every time we hope and desire for a better world and more healing in this world.

May God bless you all !

Fr Rob

### Second Collection this Week for the Church in Latin America

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• **Social Ministry and Special Outreach:** Supporting prison ministry in Ecuador, efforts to combat human trafficking in Venezuela, aid for migrants in Honduras, and support for contemplative nuns in Brazil.

## 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

Second Collection This  
Weekend  
For Church in Latin America



*"You have brought them abundant joy  
and great rejoicing as they rejoice before you at the harvest!"*

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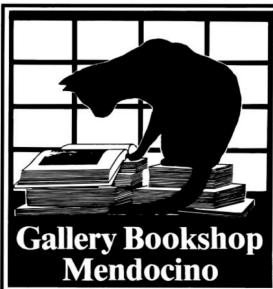
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