



## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN

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As the carnival trailers and games began to arrive early this week, I overheard a young girl say to her father, "Daddy, I am so excited! This week is the St. Anthony Feast!!" Her excitement put everything in context for me. When I saw the trailers I thought mostly of the work and responsibility of this busy week! Hearing the excitement in this sweet girl's voice for this special week, makes it all worthwhile!

Let's remember that our celebration is over the holy life of St. Anthony of Padua. Anthony was born in Portugal, became a Franciscan monk, and was known by his contemporaries for his powerful preaching, love for Sacred Scripture, and his selfless service to the sick and to the poor. He was a missionary to Italy, and although he only lived until he was thirty-six years old, Anthony left a legacy of love and service that we still celebrate today. Oh, St. Anthony, you wonder worker, pray for us!

On another note, please take a look at the collage of photos of the church restoration we have placed on a billboard outside the church. We will update these photos every week so that everyone can follow the progress. We are also providing special envelopes, especially for visitors, if you would like to support the project. We need it! Thanks to Alejandra Fernandez and the youth group for putting this collage together.

**God Bless,  
Father Jonathan**

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