

St. Anthony de Padua



**Religious Recognition Award
Catholic Committee on Girl Scouting**

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Archdiocese of San Antonio



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ST. ANTHONY de PADUA AWARD

DAISIES (Kinder/1st grade):

Complete 5 starred (*) requirements

BROWNIES (2nd/3rd grade):

Complete all 10 starred (*) requirements.

JUNIORS (4th/5th grade):

Complete all 10 starred (*) requirements and 3 additional.

CADETTES (6th/7th/8th grade):

Complete all 10 starred (*) requirements and 6 additional.

SENIORS, AMBASSADORS AND ADULTS:

Complete all requirements.

Although this is a Catholic Committee on Girl Scouting Award, everyone (regardless of faith) is encouraged to earn this award and learn about St. Anthony.



Saint Anthony, perfect imitator of Jesus, who received from God the special power of restoring lost things, grant that I may find (*mention your petition*) which has been lost. As least restore to me peace and tranquility of mind, the loss of which has afflicted me even more than my material loss.

To this favor I ask another of you: that I may always remain in possession of the true good that is God. Let me rather lose all things than lose God, my supreme good. Let me never suffer the loss of my greatest treasure, eternal life with God. Amen.

Who is Saint Anthony de Padua?

Saint Anthony de Padua is a patron saint of **lost items**. He was born on **August 15, 1195**; his feast day is **June 13**; he was born and raised by a wealthy family in **Lisbon, Portugal**. His birth name was **Fernando Martins de Bulhões**.

Saint Anthony's name was changed when he was **admitted to the new Franciscan Order**. Saint Anthony de Padua joined the Franciscan Order because **he was inspired by the beliefs and lifestyle of devoting their lives to God**, after witnessing their martyrdom.

"Saint Anthony's bread" refers to a favor received by a mother of a girl named Louise Bouffier, who almost drowned in a well. The mother promised loaves of bread for the poor in exchange for Saint Anthony's help. Saint Anthony decided to help, and the daughter survived. The mother kept her promise and opened a shop devoted to bread for the poor. The shop was a center for the poor, thanks to St. Anthony de Padua.

The City of San Antonio is named after Saint Anthony de Padua because **Spanish missionaries arrived and claimed the San Antonio land on June 13, 1718. As this was St. Anthony's feast day, they named the city "San Antonio."** There is a large statue of him on the RiverWalk as well as one in front of the San Fernando Cathedral.

Saint Anthony is often pictured with a lily because it represents his **purity and his lifelong struggle against the devil**. Baby Jesus is often pictured with Saint Anthony because it **represents purity** as well.

St. Anthony died in **Padua, Italy on June 13, 1231** and was buried at the **Basilica of Saint Anthony**. **Pope Gregory IX** canonized Saint Anthony de Padua on **May 30, 1232** at **Spoletto, Italy**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIGREvrZBcA>

<http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/kids/saints/0613.asp>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITw42f17CPU>

<http://sanantoniotourist.net/st-anthony-de-padua/>

Some of St. Anthony's Miracles:

Miracle of the Usurer-

The 13th century made a big difference in the economy of Europe. Before this time, most people were farmers and their lives revolved around their agriculture. Each farming village was generally governed and traded among themselves, because interaction with other villages tended to be risky. The dawn of the Middle Ages and Crusades changed this. Slowly people began to interact with farther and farther away places and to depend more and more on goods brought from outside of their limited villages. As trade developed, the cities grew, and an economy was soon developed and created. Along with trade and currency, there was also a growth of "unfair" business practices, like debtors' prisons. Anthony, like the other friars, announced that they did not care for these new practices. They condemned them. Once Anthony preached at the funeral of a money lender. He told his listeners that they should not bury his body in the ground, for his soul was already in hell. He said that the man's heart was no longer in his body, but that the Gospel had been fulfilled, "For where your treasure is, there will be your heart (Mt 6,21; Lk 12,34). They opened the man's side and found that his heart was missing, but they found it when they opened up his treasure chest.

Miracle of Tommy & St. Anthony's Bread-

Tommy was a 20-month-old boy who lived with his parents near the Basilica in Padua. His mother had left him playing in the kitchen, where there was a large pot on the fire with boiling water in it. The little boy took a stool and started to peep into pot. He saw his own reflection and wanted to touch it, but in doing so he fell into the boiling water. Immediately afterward, the mother was back, and when she saw Tommy's feet sticking up out of the pot, she ran to pull him out, but the boy was already dead.

The poor mother's screams roused the whole neighborhood, and soon a crowd had gathered at the house, including some friars from the Basilica. Seeing the friars, the woman was reminded of the wonderful miracles done by St. Anthony, and began to pray loudly for his help, promising to donate her child's weight in bread to the poor if he were restored to life. While the mother was still praying, Tommy arose as if from a deep sleep.

The miracle of the little boy who was brought back to life gave rise to the much beloved pious practice of giving bread to the poor as a petition or in gratitude for favors received through St. Anthony's intercession. Today, bread isn't as important in our diet as it used to be in ancient times, so now the friars of the Basilica of St. Anthony in Padua encourage the faithful to participate in this beloved tradition by giving alms to the poor.

Miracle of the Fish-

Once, Anthony had travelled to the city of Rimini because it was a full of heresy. The city leaders had ordered everyone to ignore him, so no one turned up for his speeches and homilies. Wherever Anthony went, no one welcomed him.

Anthony walked along praying and reflecting upon what had happened. As he walked outside of the town, he came to the mouth of the Marecchia River where it flows into the Adriatic. There he began to address the crowds: full of fish — not people.

He announced, “You, fish of the river and sea, listen to the Word of God because the heretics do not wish to hear it.” Suddenly, the river filled with fish, pushing their heads out of the water, seemingly truly listening.

The people of Rimini, witnessing the miracle, came to the river to listen to Anthony. What began with a bit of curiosity for an amazing event turned into a piqued interest and open hearts to what Anthony was saying. They were so touched by Anthony’s words that they abandoned their dislike and hardened hearts to return to the Church.

The Miracle of the Baby Jesus-

By 1231, all of Anthony’s travels and illnesses he had throughout his life had weakened him. Anthony was suffering from dropsy, an illness that sapped him of his energy. During Lent of 1231 he spoke to always increasing crowds in Padua, but his preaching and the endless hours of confessions left him weak. Around this time, Anthony had been having a feeling that something bad was going to happen--perhaps a feeling of his approaching death. The friars and Count Tiso told Anthony to go to a hermitage in Camposampiero, a town not far from Padua, so that he may regain some of his energy. Tiso had been one of the “unfair” politicians seen in the “The Miracle of the Usurer, but after hearing Anthony preach, he had changed his beliefs and donated the plot of land of the town to the friars upon which the hermitage at Camposampiero was built. The weather was damp at this time of year, and it triggered Anthony’s illness, just like pollen or mold can trigger someone’s allergies. This conflict was solved when the friars noticed Anthony admire a large walnut tree on the property. They told Tiso about it, and he had a small tree house built in the walnut tree for Anthony.

One time, Count Tiso was passing by Anthony’s room when a powerful light attracted him. At first, he thought that it was a fire, and so he ran into the room, alarmed and concerned. There he saw Anthony jovially embracing the Baby Jesus. Anthony asked Tiso not to tell anyone about what he had seen, and Tiso respected the Saint’s wishes until after his death.

<http://sanantoniotourist.net/st-anthony-de-padua/>

<http://www.santantonio.org/en/miracles>

1. *Where was St. Anthony born? *

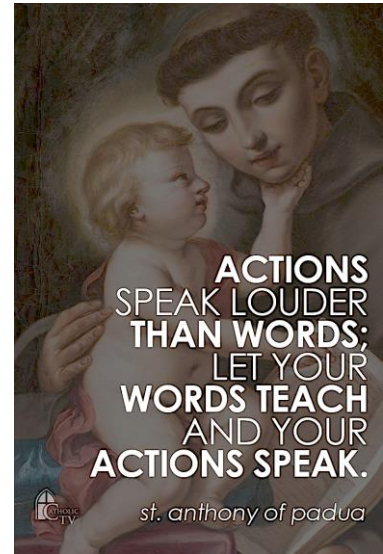
2. *In what year was St. Anthony born? *

3. *When is St. Anthony's feast day? *

4. *What was St. Anthony's name at birth? *

5. Why did St. Anthony change religious orders to become a Franciscan?

6. When was his name changed to his new religious name of St. Anthony?



7. List 3 miracles performed by St. Anthony and describe what effect they had on the people involved:

7.a. _____

7.b. _____

7.c. _____

8. *When did St. Anthony die and where is he buried? *

9. *What is St. Anthony the Patron Saint of? *

10. *We all lose things. We know that St. Anthony can help us find our lost items. Can you help us find some of our things? *

OLDER GIRLS: Ask a family member about an encounter with St. Anthony when they asked for his help. Write down what you learned:

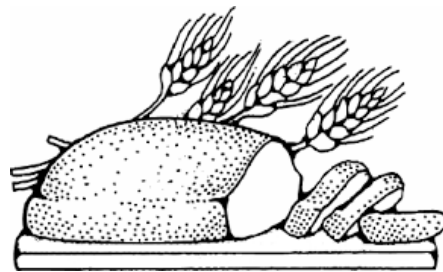
10.a. Complete Seek and Find Activity Sheet (back of booklet)

10.b. Complete Word Search (back of booklet)

11. On what day and year did Pope Gregory IX declare St. Anthony a saint?

12. What is St. Anthony's Bread?_

<http://franciscanmissionassoc.org>



13. Make an offering to a charity (giving alms to the poor) in honor of St. Anthony de Padua.

14. Why is San Antonio named after St. Anthony? Provide dates and event.

15. Participate in any religious service pertaining to St. Anthony. Suggestions include attending Mass on St. Anthony's feast day or reciting the Litany of St. Anthony. <http://sborromeo.org/prayers/anthony8.pdf>

16. Complete praying the St. Anthony Chaplet (included in booklet).

17. *Why is St. Anthony often pictured with a lily? *

18. *Why is St. Anthony also pictured with the Baby Jesus? *



<http://www.st-anthony-medal.com/symbols-of-saint-anthony.htm>

19. *Take a moment to think of something you lost that was special to you at a point in your life. Now that you have learned about St. Anthony and how he is the Patron Saint of "Lost Things"; how will you use this knowledge in the future? Take a minute to reflect on this and share it with your adult advisor.

20. Are there any St. Anthony relics in your diocese/archdiocese? Make a pilgrimage if possible to one of them (or a statue of him) and send a photo of you there to catholicgs@gmail.com.

Catholic Prayers: Litany of Saint Anthony de Padua

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us.

St. Anthony, glory of the Friars Minor, pray for us.

St. Anthony, ark of the testament, pray for us.

St. Anthony, sanctuary of heavenly wisdom, pray for us. St. Anthony, destroyer of worldly vanity, pray for us.

St. Anthony, conqueror of impurity, pray for us.

St. Anthony, example of humility, pray for us.

St. Anthony, lover of the Cross, pray for us.

St. Anthony, martyr of desire, pray for us.

St. Anthony, generator of charity, pray for us.

St. Anthony, zealous for justice, pray for us.

St. Anthony, terror of infidels, pray for us.

St. Anthony, model of perfection, pray for us.

St. Anthony, consoler of the afflicted, pray for us.

St. Anthony, restorer of lost things, pray for us.

St. Anthony, defender of innocence, pray for us. St. Anthony, liberator of prisoners, pray for us. St. Anthony, guide of pilgrims, pray for us.

St. Anthony, restorer of health, pray for us.

St. Anthony, performer of miracles, pray for us.

St. Anthony, restorer of speech to the mute, pray for us. St. Anthony, restorer of hearing to the deaf, pray for us. St. Anthony, restorer of sight to the blind, pray for us. St. Anthony, disperser of devils, pray for us.

St. Anthony, reviver of the dead, pray for us.

St. Anthony, tamer of tyrants, pray for us.

From the snares of the devil, St. Anthony deliver us.

From thunder, lightning and storms, St. Anthony deliver us.

From all evil of body and soul, St. Anthony deliver us.

Through your intercession, St. Anthony protect us.

Throughout the course of life, St. Anthony protect us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

V. St. Anthony, pray for us.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY: O my God, may the pious commemoration of St. Anthony, your Confessor and Doctor, give joy to your Church, that she may ever be strengthened with your spiritual assistance and merit to attain everlasting joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Anthony Chaplet

Pray an *Our Father*, a *Hail Mary*, and a *Glory be* after each of the thirteen favors and conclude with the *Miraculous Responsory*.

1. Most gracious St. Anthony, keep me from sin and enable me to persevere in good.
2. Great St. Anthony, keep whatever is uncharitable far from me.
3. Dear St. Anthony, make mine a true, lasting, and vibrant faith.
4. Good St. Anthony, banish from my heart all that would cloud God's love.
5. St. Anthony, encouraged by your gentleness, help me to grow in genuine conversion of heart.
6. St. Anthony, heal me and obtain for me true love of God and health of mind and soul.
7. St. Anthony, with my guardian angel, guide me though the perils of this life and keep me safe.
8. St. Anthony, protect me from the devil's temptations and obtain for me God's help.
9. St. Anthony, healer of the sick, preserve my life and grant me blessings of good health.
10. Saint of miracles, finder of lost things, help me to discover what is truly important in my life.
11. St. Anthony, my helper and friend of God, be my defense and security in times of doubt.
12. St. Anthony and friend of God, I ask your intercession at God's throne for divine grace.
13. St. Anthony, I join with you now and with the whole company of heaven in praising the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Miraculous Responsory

If then you ask for miracles, Death, error, all calamities,
Leprosy and demons fly, And health succeeds infirmities.

The sea obeys and fetters break, And lifeless limbs do you restore;
While treasures lost are found again, When young and old your aid implore.

All dangers vanish at your prayer, And direst need does quickly flee;
Let those who know your power proclaim, Let Paduans say, "These are of thee."

To Father, Son, may glory be And Holy Spirit, eternally.

Pray : Glory Be ...+AMEN



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ANTHONY

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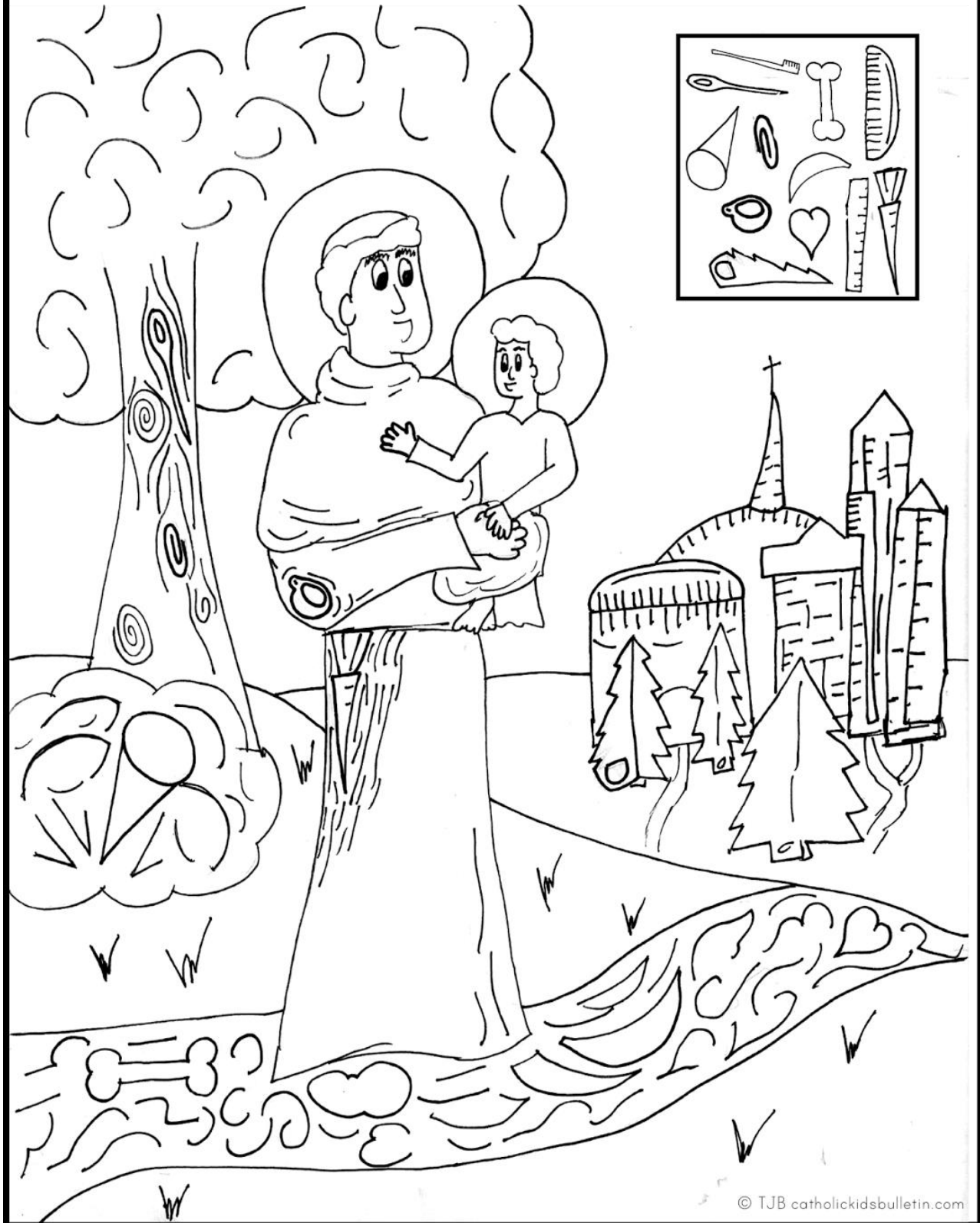
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Saint Anthony of Padua

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AWARD APPLICATION

ST. ANTHONY DE PADUA AWARD

This is to certify that the requirements have been fulfilled.

Applicant Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent or Guardian (if applicable):

Church and Diocese or Archdiocese:

Adult Advisor (if applicable):

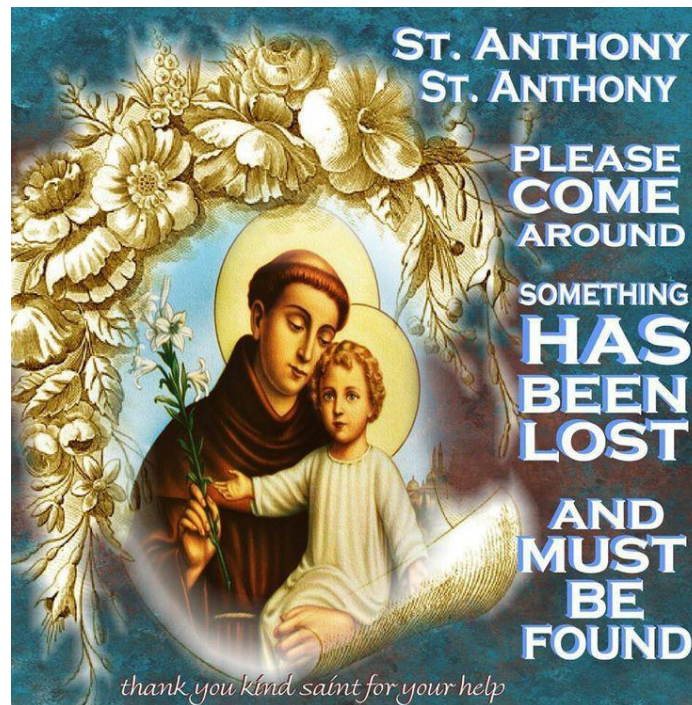
Troop Leader (if applicable) _____ Troop Number _____

of Patches Ordered at \$5.00 each (includes shipping) _____

Patch Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

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Scouting, PO Box 790464, San Antonio, TX 78279
or scan and email to catholicgs@gmail.com

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The Catholic Committee first introduced this award in 1991 to mark the 300th anniversary of the first Mass celebrated near the banks of the San Antonio River in 1691.

Second revisions were approved and adopted by the Catholic Committee in January 2009.

Third revisions were written by GSSWT Troop 246 for their Silver Award in 2018 to mark the 300th founding of the City of San Antonio.

Fourth revisions adopted by Catholic Committee in June 2020.