



Essential Evangelization

St. Anthony

St. Anthony of Padua, the infamous finder of lost things, has a feast day celebrated on June 13. Anthony's life was a great example of the gospel call to leave all behind to follow Christ. In effect, he "lost himself" to Christ, and to be totally open to the Providence of God. His many years of study and searching for Jesus in prayer, reading sacred Scripture and living a life of chastity and obedience prepared Anthony for a fruit filled life in the Spirit. Time and again Anthony was redirected and tested on his journey for the Lord, but he always remained in great zeal and a constant servant of God. It has been said that God did with Anthony as God pleased. His preaching was so astounding that those hearing him knew not the Spirit's power to give such eloquent words. Sickness finally subdued him from preaching and teaching and he spent his days humbly reading Scripture, praying and serving others to the best of his ability.

If you have lost something of value, try praying to St. Anthony. More importantly, if you feel your current life completely out of control and going in an unexpected direction, Anthony can be your Patron Saint.

Have you given your life to Christ; are you open to the leading of His Spirit?

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Matthew 28: 19-20 The Great Commission from today's Gospel

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