

# St. Anthony in the Philippines

This year the Saint of Padua has decided that he has been away far too long from his beloved devotees in the Philippines. The relics were last there in February 1996, exactly 20 years ago, in conjunction with the 800th centenary of his birth. Our Saint has therefore decided to come from 20 April to 2 of May this year in the form of two relics, one of which, the Saint's floating rib, was venerated by Pope Francis 16 years ago in Argentina. The same relic had earlier been venerated by Sr. Lucia of Fatima when it was taken to her convent in Coimbra, Portugal. The other relic is a piece of the Saint's skin.

The relics from the Basilica in Padua will be accompanied by our editor, Fr. Mario Conte. At least one Holy Mass will be celebrated in each venue listed herein, with ample time set aside for veneration:

## **20 April (morning):**

The Shrine of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Newport Blvd, **Pasay, Metro Manila** – Opening Mass

## **20 April (afternoon):**

St. Anthony de Padua Parish, Valley 1, **Parañaque City**

## **21 April (morning):**

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, **Singalong, Manila**

## **21 April (afternoon):**

San Lazaro Chapel (for the sick and hospital patients)

**Sta Cruz, Manila**

## **21 April (evening):**

**22 April (morning):**  
San Augustin Parish; Moonwalk, **Parañaque City**

## **22 April (noon):**

Makati Medical Center (for doctors, medical staff and the sick); **Makati City**

## **22 April (afternoon):**

National Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, **Makati City**

## **23 April (morning):**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, **Mandaluyong City**

## **23 April (afternoon):**

St. Anthony Parish, **Silang, Cavite**

## **24 April: (morning):**

St. Joseph Formation House, **Tagaytay City**

## **25 April (morning):**

Archdiocese of **Palo**

## **25 April (afternoon):**

St. Anthony Shrine Parish, **Sulangan, Guiuan, Eastern Samar**

## **26 April (afternoon):**

St. Anthony of Padua Friary, **Dolores, Eastern Samar**

## **28 April (morning):**

St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe Parish, **Novaliches, Quezon City**

## **28 April (evening):**

**29 April (morning):**  
St. Anthony of Padua Parish, **Batasan Hills, Quezon City**

## **29 April (afternoon):**

San Francisco de Assisi Parish, **Binangonan, Rizal**

## **30 April (morning):**

Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage, **Antipolo City, Rizal**

## **30 April (afternoon):**

St. Anthony de Padua Shrine, **Pila, Laguna**

## **1 May:**

San Antonio de Padua Parish, **Tonsuya, Malabon**; Immaculate Concepcion Parish, **Concepcion, Malabon**

(Diocese of **Kalookan**)

## **2 May (morning):**

**San Juan City** of the Archdiocese of Manila

## **2 May (afternoon):**

St. Ezekiel Monero Oratory (Diocese of **Parañaque**) – Concluding Mass

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**St. Anthony in one of Manila's shanty towns in 1996**



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**Archbishop Bergoglio with the Floating Rib reliquary in the year 2000**



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**Sr. Lucia of Fatima venerating the relic in Coimbra, Portugal, in 1995**



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