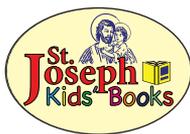


SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

The world's best loved Saint

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Anthony preaching from a walnut tree to a huge crowd.

Anthony the Preacher

ANTHONY surpassed all the men of his day as a speaker. The churches would not hold the crowds that came to hear him. A platform had to be set up in the city square. Soon this space was not large enough for so many people, and the platform was taken into the country. On one occasion, Anthony even preached from a walnut tree.

Shops and law courts were closed on the day he preached. The people came the night before to make sure of a good seat.

Anthony's sermons were so great that he was called upon to settle arguments and make peace between enemies. Judges at Padua asked him to rewrite their laws.

Anthony wrote: "The preacher must by word and example be a sun to those to whom he preaches. You are, says the Lord, the light of the world. . . . Our light must warm the hearts of people, while our teaching enlightens them."

Anthony Proclaimed A Saint

ON May 30, 1232, in the cathedral at Spoleto, Gregory IX proclaimed Anthony a Saint and assigned June 13 as his feast day.

In this same year the people of Padua began building a basilica in his honor. In 1263 this church was completed and the bones of St. Anthony were transferred there.



The people of Padua built a basilica in honor of St. Anthony.