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St. Anthony's Parish is a Catholic Faith community rich in cultural diversity with a strong flavor of identity.

Our mission is to foster a strong spiritual growth of life and faith in our families, community and society by sharing the gift of our time, treasures and talents.

We hope to do this with a Spirit of Christian generosity that brings us closer to the blessing of unity, peace and reconciliation.

Like St. Anthony called to love and to serve - we try our best in following Christ on the road of this world using God-given gifts for his glory and for the good of our brothers and sisters.

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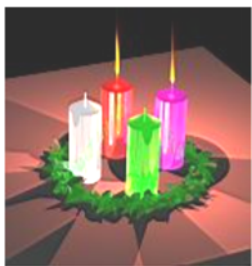
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2019



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Each Advent is an opportunity for us to come closer to Christ and deepen our relationship with him through prayer and repentance. His power is at work in our lives when we make peace with the family member we have rejected, the relations we don't speak to, the neighbors we have fallen out with, the poor we have no time for and whose plight we don't want to know about. Breaking down these barriers will open the way for Christ to come to us and be born in our hearts at Christmas.

II DOMENICA DI AVVENTO - IMMACOLATA CONCEZIONE DELLA BEATA VERGINE MARIA

La Chiesa ha il compito di continuare nel mondo la missione materna di Maria, quella di comunicare il Salvatore al mondo. Il cristiano di oggi deve fare proprio il piano di Dio "il quale vuole che tutti gli uomini siano salvati". Questa seconda domenica di Avvento ci invita a fare tesoro della lezione che Giovanni Battista ci offre. Dobbiamo far nostro il triplice invito che ci rivolge Giovanni il battezzatore e che è il punto di partenza di ogni autentico cammino d'Avvento in vista del Natale: preparare la via al Signore, convertirci nel profondo del nostro cuore e svolgere una vita degna di essere definita cristiana nella sostanza e nella forza di questo tempo speciale. Costruire ponti di pace e di accoglienza e aprire la porta del nostro cuore al giubileo perenne del perdono e della misericordia, che è amore e tenerezza verso tutti



Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am-12 noon 1:00pm- 4:00pm

For Daily & Weekend Mass Intentions see inside

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM (English)

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM (Italian - English) & 11:00 AM (English)

Registration:

Parish Census Forms at Church entrance or call the Office.

Baptism:

Parish Membership & Baptism class required. Please contact the Office.

Marriage:

Parish Membership & Preparation required. Call Office 6 months in advance.

Reconciliation - Confession:

Saturday 4:00pm & 30 min. before each Mass or on request.

Anointing of the sick:

Every First Friday of the Month during the Mass & on request.

Church & Hall at one level:

Wheelchair & Washroom Facilities available. Hall: 768-9368



BISHOP'S DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN

Our goal this year is **\$29, 000.00** and we have almost reached our goal as the campaign is coming to an end. Please make sure to send in all donations before December 15th. Cheques can be made out to **St. Anthony's Church**. All donations are tax-deductible. Thank you for your continued generosity. May God bless us all on our journey as a community of believers.

If you are a new donor, please contact the office.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Meeting, Sun., Dec. 8 following the 9:00am mass.

BEST YOUTH ON HILLS: The Best Youth On Hills are pleased to organize the **Giving Tree** for the duration of the Advent season to provide gifts from our parish for children in need in our community. This year, all students of St. Jude's School will receive gifts. Those wishing to participate are asked to return gifts to the tree with the ornaments attached. **All gifts are due December 15th** to ensure that each student will receive a gift. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated.

CAROLLING: The Best Youth On Hills will be caroling at Bethammi Long-Term Care in St. Joseph's Heritage on December 17 at 6:30pm. Those attending are asked to arrive at 6:10pm. Carolling practice will be on December 15 during the meeting time, 7:00pm-8:30pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: for the **St. Andrew's Dew Drop Inn**. Join one of the St. Anthony's teams that prepare food for this soup kitchen. Your commitment will only be three Saturdays per year. Please contact Rita at 344-0236 if interested.

C.W.L. MEMBERSHIP DUES: 2020 Memberships may be submitted through the Sunday Collection or paid for at the rectory office. Please print name and address clearly. Thank you.

C.W.L. EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00pm in church meeting room.

2020 SUNDAY ENVELOPES in the church lobby. **Please do not use these envelopes until January 1, 2020.** If you would like a box of envelopes, please call the office during office hours. Thank you.

WHY AND IN WHAT WAY IS DIVINE REVELATION TRANSMITTED?

God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4), that is, of Jesus Christ. For this reason, Christ must be proclaimed to all according to his own command, "Go forth and teach all nations" (Matthew 28:19). And this is brought about by Apostolic Tradition.



CONFIRMATION DATE: Saturday, May 2nd, 2020.

Bishop E.Q. Jennings School: 2:00pm

Bishop Gallagher & Other Schools: 5:00pm

Please see our website: www.stanthonysparish.ca

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT INFORMATION

MEETING: Thurs., January 23 at 7:30pm in the church hall. Please see our website for 2020 Program.

USED STAMPS: The CWL remind everyone to save stamps affixed to envelopes and drop them off in the container by the St. Francis door. Stamps require some paper around the edges for them to be valuable to the stamp collector. The CWL sends your stamps to the Development and Peace Office in Montreal (who sell them to collectors) to fund their charitable organizations. Thank you for your participation.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES: The Advent Penitential Service with individual confessions will be held on Wed., Dec. 11 at 7:00pm at St. Dominic Church for the South Ward and on Thurs., Dec. 12 at 7:00pm at our Lady Queen of Poland Church for the North Ward.

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD! Come & enjoy an evening of spiritual awakening on Wednesdays at St. Anthony's Parish during Advent to prepare for Christmas. December 11, & 18. December 11th movie is: Francis, The Pope of Renewal. Start time is at 7:30pm (after our 7:00pm Mass). Everyone welcome.

YOUTH CHOIR: Join our youth choir. Ages 7yrs & older are welcome. Next choir practice is Dec. 19 at 7:30pm. Contact alanavalente@gmail.com

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH : Tuesday, December 17 at 12:00noon. Members only.

EMERGENCY EXITS: Doors at the back of the church, near the confessional, are emergency exits. Please use the main entrance or the St. Francis door in the lobby. Thank you.

Electronic donations can be made online. One-time or automatic monthly donations by credit card at: www.stanthonysparish.ca

THANK YOU: to our Catholic Women's League for their generous donation of \$2,000.00 supporting our Special Projects.



Thank you to all Parishioners & visiting friends for your continued generosity & support. God Bless!

Leo Knox Nucci & Maxwell Joseph Nucci were baptized in the Lord. Congratulations to the families.



COMMUNITY EVENTS:

PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: at the Columbus Centre: Sat., Dec. 21, 10am-noon. Adults \$10, Children 5-9 yrs \$5 & 4yrs and under Free. Non perishable food items being collected for Emergency Food Cupboard for Our Kids Count. For more info call 623-3252

DEW DROP INN soup kitchen is currently seeking applications for the position of **Operations Supervisor**. For more info see www.dewdropinnthunderbay.ca deadline is Wed., Dec. 18, 2019

C.W.L. ADVENT RETREAT: Diocesan Council of the CWL is hosting an Advent Retreat on Thurs., Dec. 12 at St. Dominic's Church, beginning with Mass at 6:00pm. Advent Reflection and Adoration until 7:30pm. Refreshments & fellowship to follow.

THUNDER BAY STREET GOSPEL offers a weekly reflection of Sunday readings. Found on **YouTube**—google "Thunder Bay Street Gospel" and subscribe to the channel.

MASS INTENTIONS December 9—15, 2019

Monday, December 9

All Parishioners
Rocco & Leta D'Angelo

9:00am English

Pastor
Argentina & Family

Tuesday, December 10

Donna Valente
Filippo Arella
Marguerite Servais

7:00pm Italian

Bruno & children
Emilia & Family
F. & M. Romeo

Wednesday, December 11

Biagio Belcamino
Bruno Marino & Concetta & Pasquale Tassone

7:00pm English

Belcamino Family

Thursday, December 12

ONLY MORNING MASS

Maria Rosa Consolata Tino
Erminia & Giovanni Pucci

9:00am Italian

J. Tino & Family
Family

Friday, December 13

In onore di St. Lucia
In onore di St. Lucia
Giuseppe Marino
Vincenza DiGiacinto
Deceased Ruberto, Pucci, Natacha & Marie

7:00pm English

E. Romito
E. Rucchetto
Figli
Family
C. & S. Pucci

Saturday, December 14

5:00pm

Pasquale Casoria
Leta D'Angelo
Raffaella Marino
Antonietta Carpino
Albert Cava
Antonietta Marcon
Gregorio Sorrentino, Caterina & Salvatore Marinaro
Special Intentions of Wallace Sife

G. DeVuono
B. & E. Melchiorre
Figli
Family
M. & R. Stefanile
Veneruz & Cenedese Fam.
Tolone Fam.
E. Kowalski

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

9:00am

Francesca & Pasquale Coccimiglio
Nicola & Santina Cacciatore
Mario & Lisa Sacchetti
Albert Valela
Antonietta Coccimiglio
Maria Cava
Sylvana Belsito
Andre Bryant

O. & N. Coccimiglio
F. Donato
Family
Family
P. DeZan
S. & G. Hookham
E. Cassano & Fam.
F. Iorianni

11:00am

Giuseppantonio Rosso
Deceased of Zanandrea Family
Giovanni Malench
Peter & Lucia Sandri
Manuel Jose
Nicola Squartecchia
Domenica Mancuso
Renato Rigato
Angelina & Vincenzo Ruberto & Natacha

Rosina
Dino & Family
Family
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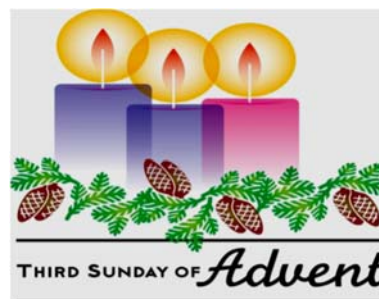
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