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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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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 23, 2020



Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

We are called to the holiness of God. That is the extraordinary claim made in both the First Reading and Gospel this Sunday. Yet how is it possible that we can be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect? Jesus explains that we must be imitators of God as his beloved children. In God's kingdom upon earth, love is a powerful decision to push forward the cause of goodness and beauty without letting oneself be infected with the poison of whatever evil or hatred may be encountered. The ideal is that we would share in the huge, generous and undiscriminating love that the Father has for all the children of his creation.

VII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

L'"occhio per occhio, dente per dente"; l'antico detto "Amerai il tuo prossimo e odierai il tuo nemico" è trasformato in "Amate i vostri nemici e pregate per quelli che vi perseguitano". Come l'amore del Padre raggiunge tutti gli uomini su cui sorge il sole, tale deve essere l'amore dei cristiani: con lo stesso orizzonte infinito. Questa è la sapienza di Dio, ben diversa dalla sapienza di questo mondo, una sapienza che il mondo considera stoltezza. Un messaggio, quello della Messa di questa domenica, di fronte al quale noi cristiani dobbiamo continuamente interrogarci e convertirci, perché questo è lo scopo ultimo della vocazione cristiana. La perfezione consiste nell'amore.



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.

Marvings.

<u>Marriage:</u> 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



WHAT IS LENT? Lent is a 40 day period leading up to Easter, beginning with Ash Wednesday. This year Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 26. Ashes will be distributed at our 7:00pm Mass. Lent is a penitential season. That means it is an opportunity to examine our life, give our struggles to God, and invite him to help us become the best version of ourself. During Lent, there is a strong focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All these spiritual exercises help prepare us for the celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

PLEASE HELP: adults & children who suffer from the extreme cold. Please donate warm hats, gloves, scarves, socks. A box will be in the lobby for donations. Thank you.

BEST YOUTH ON HILLS: meeting Feb. 23, 7:00-8:30pm, to include pancake snack to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Youth gr. 7 & older, including Confirmation candidates, are invited.

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

<u>C.W.L. EXECUTIVE MEETING:</u> Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00pm in church meeting room.

<u>C.W.L. MEETING:</u> Tues., March 3 (Movie Night) following 7:00pm Mass. February & March birthday girls will be acknowledged. Any baking would be appreciated. Thank you.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING: Sunday, March 8, beginning with Mass at 9:00am.

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursday, March 12th & 26th at 7:30pm Ages 7yrs and older are welcome. Contact alanavalente87@gmail.com

HELP NEEDED: A refugee family of 4 which includes Mom, Dad & 2 boys (8yrs & 14yrs) is expected to arrive in Thunder Bay this spring from Iraq. For more info contact Gloria Cyr 345-7935

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: Friday, March 6 there will be adoration with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:00pm-7:00pm.

HOLY NAME FISH & WILD GAME FEAST: Sun., Apr. 19 at 6:00pm in our church hall. Tickets \$60.00, contact Barry Quarrell 767-7795 or email quarrellb@shaw.ca

What importance does the New Testament have for Christians? The New Testament, whose central object is Jesus Christ, conveys to us the ultimate truth of divine Revelation. Within the New Testament the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John are the heart of the Scriptures because they are the principle witness to the life & teaching of Jesus. As such, they hold a unique place in the Church.

CONFIRMATION DATE: Saturday, May 2, 2020

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

5:00pm-Bishop Gallagher School & other schools **PREPARATION FOR CANDIDATES:** Sundays at 10:00am in parish hall followed by Mass at 11:00am: **Feb. 23 & March 1.**

Candidates are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in all youth group events. Remember to attend Mass regularly. Attendance for the preparation classes is also important in order to prepare for your Confirmation.

Visit our website for more information: WWW.STANTHONYSPARISH.CA

Group A at 11:00am: Holy Cross School Group B at 2:00pm: All other schools.

Please remember to attend Mass every Sunday at 11:00am, with your child, as the best preparation for First Communion.

Please visit our website for 2020 Program.

A JOURNEY TO THE EMPTY TOMB. video presentation & reflection, every Wednesday of Lent here in our church hall: Feb. 26 (first video presentation is Get Out Of The Tomb), March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8th. Everyone welcome to this spiritual journey to Easter—free admission.

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

CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN: Thank you to the Best Youth on Hills for helping to sell many goodies in order to raise funds for this special organization. Thank you to all who purchased chocolates or donated money. A special thank you to Mamma Chocolate who donated all of the goodies. To date we have raised \$2,670.00 THANK YOU!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: reminder to all couples to return registration forms & fee before Feb. 28. Thank you.

2019 PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT is included with today's bulletin.

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

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



COMMUNITY EVENTS:

SPAGHETTI SUPPER: Sun., March 1 at the Italian Cultural Centre. In support of Cystic Fibrosis Canada. For reservations or more info call 345-5511

LADIES OF ITAL. SOC. OF P.A. General meeting Monday, March 9 at 7:30pm.

LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION: March 9 at Corpus Christi Parish. Evening begins with Mass at 7:00pm celebrated by Fr. Terry Sawchuk, followed by spiritual talk & opportunity for confession. All welcome!

SPRING CANCER TEA: April 19, 1:00pm-3:30pm at the Italian Cultural Center. Tickets \$7.00, call Michele Love 344-6893.



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MASS INTENTIONS February 24 - March 1, 2020

Monday, February 24 9:00am English

All Parishioners Pastor Marcello & Domenico Donato Family

Vincenzo Romeo & Deceased of Romeo & Bruzzese Romeo Fam.

Tuesday, February 25

Antonio Tassone B. & M. Love Sam Larizza Rocco, Pina & Bruna Angelina, Antonio & Giuseppina Conforti & Ernesto Romito E. Romito

Gino Perri Rosaria F.
Giuseppe & Filomena Tassone Family

Natalina Quinn Family

Argentina DiCasmirro G. & F. Biancospino

Maria Carmela Gallo Family

Wednesday, February 26 <u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u> 7:00pm

Thursday, February 27 7:00pm Italian

Bruno Larizza
Ettore Benincasa
Antonio DiGiacinto
In onore di San Gabriele
Gianna DiGiacinto
In onore di Sant'Antonio
Frank Paola

Friday, February 28

Carlo Pinhero M. Arella & Fam.
Anna DeRose Mira
Santo, Rachele & Michele Costanzo Family
Deceased of Gallo Family S. Arella

Saturday, February 29 5:00pm

Filomena Bernardo Maria Chiabai Marino & Doralice Sacchetti Francesco Colistro

Pietro, Giulia & son Francesco Daniele Giuseppe Primosig

Deceased of Reginato & Zambon Families

Bruna & Family

Family

G. Benincasa & Fam.

B. & E. Melchiorre

E. & B. Melchiorre

7:00pm English

M. Cicchitano

A. DeGrazia

E. & B. Coccimiglio M. Menis

C. Sacchetti R. Mauro & Family

Family

Wife & Family M. Reginato & Fam.

Sunday, March 1 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 9:00am

Battista, Rosina & Rosario Filice F. & L. Mollame
Carmine DeVuono Wife & Children
Doralice Sacchetti S. Sacchetti
Marino, Carmela, Francesco Martire & Elvira lazzolino & Maria Salatino Rosa

11:00am

Manuel Jose Family
Raffaele Bonazza Wife & Family
Pasquale Bossio J. & L. Tassone
Domenica Mancuso S. & M. Federico
Giuseppina Brutto V. lannantuono





7:00pm Italian

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