

St. Anthony Church

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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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 2020

“I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.”



The blind man in today's gospel stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin" he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ. As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth, Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay. As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "Sent." In the sacrament of Baptism Jesus has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us. With the once-blind man, we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew and profess our faith: "I do believe, Lord." The Lord looks into our hearts He wants to find us pleasing to the Father as "children of light".

IV DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA

Il cieco dalla nascita, insieme alla luce degli occhi, acquista anche la luce della fede: ha chiesto una luce e ne riceve due. I farisei, al contrario, non accolgono la luce che è Gesù e, come i malati che ritenendosi sani rifiutano la guarigione, restano nelle tenebre. Ognuno sceglie la propria strada. Il cieco imbecca decisamente la strada verso la luce della fede ("l'uomo che si chiama Gesù mi ha guarito... è un profeta!... io credo, Signore, che sei il Figlio di Dio"). La buona notizia è che la porta del Regno di Dio non è l'essere giusti, ma il riconoscersi ciechi, poveri, incapaci di camminare. La fede, molto prima di essere una conquista è un dono da accogliere. Per guarire il cieco Gesù usa fango e saliva, una strana medicina che ci ricorda il tempo della nostra creazione. È lo Spirito di Dio che ci dà luce e vita. Abbiamo bisogno di nuovi occhi di fede per vedere bene.



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



**SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL PARISH GROUPS
REGARDING CORONA VIRUS-COVID 19:
ALL MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED**

OUR CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED: March 21 & 22 and March 28 & 29 upon request of the Bishop. This situation will be assessed for the coming together for Masses again on Palm Sunday, April 4 & 5 and for Holy Week.

LENT REFLECTION: Lent prepares us for the heart of the Christian faith, the great Easter celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. It is a time to have a heart to heart with God; to let oneself be more inhabited by Jesus, the Saviour; to ask for peace for oneself, one's family and the peoples of the Earth; and to seek inner transformation through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

OUR JOURNEY TO EASTER: video presentations & reflection in our church hall: March 25, April 1 & 8th. Our March 25 movie is "***What Every Catholic Needs to Know About the Bible***". **It is left at your discretion if you would like to attend.**

PLEASE HELP: those who suffer from the cold. **Donate warm hats, gloves, scarves, socks.** A box will be in the lobby for donations. Thank you.

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

C.W.L. Executive Meeting & General Meeting for April are CANCELLED.

C.W.L. MEATBALL FUNDRAISER for March 25 is **CANCELLED**

SENIORS GROUP: CANCELLED until further notice.

BEST YOUTH ON HILLS: youth meeting for Sun., Mar. 22 **IS CANCELLED.**

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MINI LENTEN RETREAT Sat., March 28 in meeting room, 11:00am—noon.

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursday, March 26th **IS CANCELLED.** For more information contact alanavalente87@gmail.com

Who are the principal witnesses of the obedience of faith in the Sacred Scriptures?

There are many such witnesses, two in particular: One is Abraham who when put to the test "believed in God" (Romans 4:3) and always obeyed his call. For this reason he is called "the Father of all who believe" (Romans 4:11-18). The other is the Virgin Mary who, throughout her entire life, embodied in a perfect way the obedience of faith: "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).



MASS ON TV: in an effort to continue the practice of our faith in these trying times here are a few suggestions: www.dailytvmass.com, www.catholicv.org, www.mass-online.org & for TV-Vision: TV (Bell Channel 261), Shaw Direct Channel 394, Tbaytel Channel 675, EWTN (Shaw Channels 292, 559, 285) Faith TV (Bell Channel 591), Joy-V (Bell Channel 656), YesTV (Bell Channel 651).



Please continue to pray for all those affected by the coronavirus.

CONFIRMATION DATE: Saturday, May 2, 2020
2:00pm-Bishop E. Q. Jennings School
5:00pm-Bishop Gallagher School & other schools
2nd MEETING: Wed., April 22 at 7:30pm in the church hall, for Parents, Sponsors & Candidates.
CANDIDATES RETREAT: Sat., April 25 from 2:00pm—6:00pm.

FIRST COMMUNION: Sunday, June 14, 2020
Group A- 11:00am: Holy Cross School
Group B- 2:00pm: All other schools.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During Lent, parishioners are invited to meditate on the Stations of the Cross every Friday following the 7:00pm Mass.

GENERAL ABSOLUTION: at Corpus Christi Parish, March 26: **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Thank you to the leaders who have prepared our couples for the sacrament of Marriage this weekend. We ask our congregation to pray for the engaged couples as they prepare themselves for marriage. Thank you to our **Catholic Women's League** for gifting each couple with a beautiful cross to bless their homes.

USED STAMPS: Thank you for your continued support with the initiative of collecting used stamps. In 2019, 1.5 pounds (680g.) were sent to **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**. Proceeds help fun projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

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



COMMUNITY EVENTS:

LADIES of ITAL. SOC. of P.A. Spring Cancer Tea: scheduled for April 19 **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.** Call Michele Love 344-6893 for more information.

LADIES OF ITAL. SOC. OF P.A. General Meeting for April 13 **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

**ALL DIOCESAN EVENTS
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.**

MASS INTENTIONS March 23-29, 2020

Monday, March 23

All Parishioners
Antonio Berti
Antonietta Frattaroli
Antonietta DiGiuseppe
Peter Trevisan

9:00am English

Pastor
Figli
G. & M. Scocchia
Figli
Francesca

Tuesday, March 24

Marcello & Domenico Donato
Vincenzo Romeo, Deceased Romeo & Bruzzese Family
Settimio Fata Wife

7:00pm Italian

Family
Wife

Wednesday, March 25

Antonio Tassone
Sam Larizza
Gino Perri
Lourdes & Guilherme Cabral
Fortunato, Caterina & Maria Valela
Giuseppe Tassone
Salvatore Sanzo
Anna Garofalo
Natalina Quinn

7:00pm English

E. Sanzo
Rocco, Pina & Bruna
M. Arella & Family
M. Cabral
A. Valela
Family
Wife & Children
Daughter Pina & Fam.
Family

Thursday, March 26

Maria Marasco
Michele Bernardo

7:00am Italian

Senior's Club
S. DeCicco

Friday, March 27

Luisa & Rosario Larizza
Bruno Larizza
Marianna & Ciro Frattaroli

7:00pm English

Children
Family
Family

Saturday, March 28

5:00pm
Brunina Ariganello
Pasquale Bossio
Rocco D'Angelo
All Deceased of Gazzola & Pelicano Family
Francesco Colistro
Francesca Stefanile
Special Intention for Dr. Wallace Sife
Antonietta & Ercole D'Angelo

Family
G. Paladino & Fam.
B. & E. Melchiorre
L. Gazzola
M. & R. Stefanile
G. Chiarelli
E. Kowalski
Family

Sunday, March 29 Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00am
Angelo Nardari
Rosina, Battista & Rosario Felice
Laurina Tropea
Anna Maria Chiodo
Bruno DeStefano

Wife & Family
M. Arella
G. & R. Milano
Zia Assunta
I. & C. Tassone

11:00am

Lina Talarico
Deceased of Filice Family
Domenica Mancuso
Carmine DeGrazia
Rita DeBruyne
Adelina DaSilva

Family
Family
G. & D. Paladino
R. Furioso
Deacon P. & S. Coccimiglio
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† Let us pray for **Marta Marozzo** who recently passed away.



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