

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2020

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

We should put ourselves in the shoes of the disciples in today's Gospel. Downcast and confused they're making their way down the road. They can't even recognize Jesus as He draws near to walk with them. How does Jesus make himself known at Emmaus? First, He interprets "all the Scriptures" as referring to Him. After opening the Scriptures, Jesus at the table took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples—exactly what He did at the Last Supper. In every Eucharist, Jesus reveals himself to us in our journey. He speaks to our hearts in the Scriptures. Then at the table of the altar, in the person of the priest, He breaks the bread. The disciples begged him, "Stay with us." So He does. In the Eucharist—as at Emmaus—we know Him in the breaking of the bread. In all the Mass celebrations we have an opportunity to recognize the presence of the Lord.

III DOMENICA DI PASQUA

La storia dei due di Emmaus è anche la storia di noi cristiani che, lungo strade diverse, lo abbandoniamo per la nostra fragilità, ogni volta che nella nostra vita "si fa sera", ogni volta che ci sembra che il giorno della nostra fede sia "ormai al tramonto". Quando nello "spezzare il pane" da parte del forestiero si aprono gli occhi dei discepoli, essi si rendono conto che «il cuore ardeva nel petto» mentre lo ascoltavano spiegare le Scritture. In quel cuore che arde possiamo vedere la storia e la scoperta di ogni vocazione, che non è commozione passeggera, ma percezione sempre più certa e forte che l'Eucaristia e la Pasqua del Signore saranno sempre il segno più forte della sua presenza.



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



A reflection on the road to Emmaus



I think there are at least five truths that are revealed in today's reading from the Gospel of Luke 24:13-35

1) The two disciples walking along the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus when He first approached them. Why is this? Because their faith was weak. Only a strong faith allows our intellects to be illuminated by the light of God's truth.

Without that faith, our pride causes us to be spiritually blind, and we can't see God even when He's right in front of us.

2) Jesus presented Himself to the two disciples as a stranger on a journey. It was a test for them. He wants us to love others the way He loves us, and the way we should love Him in return. Do we see Jesus in everyone we meet? If we did, I think it would change the way we treated people and see them.

3) Jesus told them everything in the Old Testament was referring to Him. This is the basis for the use of typology in Church tradition. When you read the Old Testament in the light of the new and the new in the light of the old, you can begin to see the full picture.

4) The disciples asked Jesus to stay with them and eat dinner. It says Jesus took the bread, broke it, and said the blessing. Sound familiar? It should if you're Catholic. The words that Jesus used when He instituted the Eucharist and the priesthood at the Last Supper proves that the Eucharist truly is Jesus's body and blood for us. The disciples' eyes were opened, and they could see Jesus as He was for the first time. Jesus opened the eyes of his disciples at that supper to show them how blind they were, and how much grace and power is stored in His body and blood in the Eucharist. But it wasn't just for them that Jesus performed the miracle, it was also for us so that we would believe in his presence in the Eucharist. This was the first miracle Jesus performed after His resurrection. He wanted to make it clear that the Eucharist is the life of the Church, and thus should be the center of our faith.

5) When we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, our hearts are inflamed with love for Him because His Sacred Heart is on fire with love for us. That's why the disciples said, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" That same presence they felt on the road to Emmaus enter our hearts when we received the Eucharist. He inspires us to go out into the world and tell everyone we meet how He opened our eyes and how He filled us with His love and grace. When God enters our hearts, we're changed from within, and we desire to give ourselves to others because that's what true love is, a total gift of self to another. As He said, "I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled!" The Eucharist is the match that lights the blaze, and it's up to us to aflame the world with this Good News.

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.catholictv.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 HAS BEEN CANCELLED

please visit our WEBSITE for further notices.

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FIRST COMMUNION: Sunday, June 14, 2020

ALL MEETINGS & PREPARATION IS CANCELLED until further notice.

FUNERAL SERVICES: There are no funeral services in our church at this time. Prayers in the funeral home (if allowed) are possible and graveside burial services, with immediate family members, (no more that 10) are possible. Social distancing is required and funeral Masses are to be celebrated at a later time, if the family desires.

UNITE YOURSELF IN PRAYER as best you can at this time and make a Spiritual Communion.

The following prayer will assist you in doing so.

"My Jesus, I believe that you are in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to separate from you. Amen."

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God Bless!



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

**ALTHOUGH CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED,
FR. LUIGI WILL SAY MASS (IN PRIVATE) AND
MENTION & PRAY FOR ALL INTENTIONS**

MASS INTENTIONS April 27—May 3, 2020

PASTORAL CENTRE OFFICE: is CLOSED until further notice due to the rules of the Ontario government. They will respond to telephone calls and e-mails to the best of their ability.

Unfortunately due to the continuation of the ban on gatherings by the province of Ontario, we will have to extend our church closures until May 31. So all churches and public church services are cancelled until further notice.

Monday, April 27

All Parishioners
All Souls

9:00am English

Pastor
Parishioner

Tuesday, April 28

Luciana Pucci
Cecil Mechis

7:00pm Italian

St. Anthony's Seniors
R. Furioso

Wednesday, April 29

Filip Ivanetic
Ercole D'Angelo

7:00pm English

Giovina & Family
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Thursday, April 30

Emma & Bruno Santi
Mario Terlicher

7:00pm Italian

nieces
Wife & Family

Friday, May 1

Filomena Tassone
Giuseppe Donato

7:00pm English

Family
F. Donato & Fam.

Saturday, May 2

Filomena Bernardo
Franco & Tony DeVuono
Dennis Fonso
Deceased of Uvanile & Miller Families
Antonio & Annunziata DeFlavis
Leo Catanzaro
Vincenzo Catanzaro

5:00pm

R. Tassone
Gilda
R. & A. Uvanile
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B. & E. Melchiorre
Scopacasa Family
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Sunday, May 3

Defunti DeCal
Carmine DeVuono
Francesco & Allegrina DiGiuseppe
Giuseppe, Maria & Pasquale Arella
Anna Slobbe
Lucia Bucciarelli

9:00am

Olinda & Family
wife & children
R. & G. DiGiuseppe
M. Arella
P. Rizzi
A. & S. Anttila

11:00am

Adelina & Ildio DaSilva
Ida Pucci
Manuel & Maria do Carmo Pimentel
Maria Cava
Frank Joseph Cappello
Pasquale Bossio
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Rita DeBruyne
Domenica Mancuso

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L. & D. Nuttall
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† Let us pray for Lidia Arena recently passed away.



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