

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 EASTER

May 4, 2020



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine knows me.

As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd. He calls not only to the children of Israel but to all those far off from Him - to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice. The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist, as we sing in today's Psalm. "What are we to do?". We have been baptized. But each of us goes astray like sheep, as we hear in today's Epistle. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, and to become better people. We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls and to listen to his voice. Are we there?

IV DOMENICA DI PASQUA

Nel vangelo il pastore non solo riporta all'ovile la pecora perduta ma anche porta fuori le pecore dal recinto, quasi come per dare loro piu' liberta'. Non dimenticherò mai questo piccolo racconto. Un giorno una pecorella trovò un buco nel recinto. Curiosa, vi passò, pensando di essere finalmente libera. Saltava felice per i campi, i prati, i boschi, senza più limiti o costrizioni... All'improvviso, però, si vide inseguita da un lupo. Corse e corse, senza fiato e col cuore in gola, quando, ormai spacciata, si sentì sollevata in braccio dal Pastore che con ansia l'aveva cercata e, commosso, l'aveva ritrovata, portata in salvo. E nonostante molti lo consigliassero di farlo, il pastore non volle riparare il buco nel recinto



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



"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27



Jesus offers a clear contrast among shepherds. This would apply to priests, parents, and all of us in our unique way. The contrast He offers is between the ones who care deeply for those entrusted to their care and those who are just going through the motions and are more motivated by selfishness than sacrificial love.

Jesus perfectly manifested sacrificial love as the Divine Shepherd. He was willing to go all the way for us, His sheep. He was willing to sacrifice everything. He did not let suffering, persecution, rejection, and the like deter Him from His responsibility of caring for us totally and completely. It should inspire us, console us, and

encourage us to know how deep His love for us is.

This love is seen, also, in the unwavering love of a parent, sibling, or dear friend. When the loved one offers us is unwavering, especially in difficult times, this is great support. And love offered to another like this forges a deep spiritual bond that is stronger than any hardship we may face. No matter what "wolf" comes our way, we must know of the unwavering support of the Divine Shepherd. And when we can see that love made manifest in the unwavering support of others, we are doubly blessed.

But the contrast should not be ignored either. Jesus gives the example of "a hired man who is not a shepherd" who sees the wolf coming and runs. When he runs from his responsibility and gives into selfish motivation, he leaves the flock untended and vulnerable to attack. We should see in this hired man the temptation we all inevitably face in life. It's hard to stick with it through the hard times. It's hard to be there for those who need us when they need us. It's hard to be faithful in all things and to never shy away in the face of the temptation of fear.

Jesus offers His unwavering love and support to us as our Shepherd, but He also wants us to listen to his voice, to stay close to Him by offering this same commitment to help and take care of one another. Reflect, today, how well you imitate the Good Shepherd. As a priest, parent, sibling, parishioner, or dear friend let Him shepherd you so that you may shepherd others with love. Run to the Good Shepherd and trust in His perfect love for you.

Lord, I thank You for Your unwavering support of me as my Shepherd. And I thank You for those who act as Your instruments of this deep love and commitment especially doctors and nurses in the front line fighting the corona-virus. Help me to fulfill my role of shepherding Your people, the people You have placed in my life. May I never run from the glorious responsibility You have called me to. Jesus, Good Shepherd I trust in You.

Gesù è il buon pastore che vuole la nostra salvezza.

Cristo è il buon pastore che guida il suo gregge con amore, proteggendolo dai lupi, fino a donare la vita per le sue pecore.



E del suo gregge fanno parte tutti gli uomini, indistintamente: "Un solo gregge, un solo pastore". Egli è a guida di tutti, perché ogni uomo e ogni donna possano trovare in lui protezione sicura da tutto ciò che è minaccia. Il messaggio di questo Vangelo è di grande conforto: l'immagine del pastore buono ci dona la gioia di sapere che davanti a noi c'è Gesù che è buono e vuole la nostra salvezza. Egli è disposto a dare la sua vita per noi, tanto grande è il suo amore. Gesù ha accettato di morire in croce perché noi avessimo la vita eterna. Grazie Gesù!

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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OUR LADY OF FATIMA FEAST: HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

FIRST COMMUNION: Sunday, June 14, 2020

Please view our website for more information in regards to preparation.

ALL BAPTISMS IN OUR PARISH: are postponed 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 than 10) are possible. Social distancing is required and funeral Masses are to be celebrated at a later time, if the family desires.

Electronic donations can be made online.

One-time or automatic monthly donations by credit card **www.stanthonysparish.ca**

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$ 724.00

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



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

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.

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

† Let us pray for Concettina Gallo who recently passed away.

MASS INTENTIONS May 4—10, 2020

Monday, May 4

All Parishioners
Marcello & Domenico Donato

9:00am English

Pastor
Family

Tuesday, May 5

Fr. Richard Veltri
Giuseppe Tassone

7:00pm Italian

C.W.L.
Family

Wednesday, May 6

Guerino D'Angelo
Mike Ferrari
Immacolata Belluso

7:00pm English

G. Paladino & Fam.
Wife & Children
J. & L. Tassone

Thursday, May 7

Peter Chiodo
Giovanni Niccoli
Bruno Larizza
Chris Hacio

7:00pm Italian

C. Mirabelli
A. Coppola
P. Nardi
M. & S. Frattaroli

Friday, May 8

Alessandro Prete
Giulia Daniele

7:00pm English

moglie Gina
Carpino Family

Saturday, May 9

Lina Talarico
Mario Gallo & Domenico Misasi
Paulo DaCosta
Deceased of Zanandrea Family
Santina Cacciatore
Maria & Bruno Mauro
Faustina Biscardi
Gildo Marinig
Raffaella Marino & Maria Rosa Consolata Tino
Battista Buddy Cava
Concetta & Pasquale Tassone & Bruno Marino

5:00pm

Family
G. Fabiano
I. DaCosta
Dino & Family
P. DeZan
Family
M. & G. Agostino
Children
R. Forte
G. & J. Cyr
Family

Sunday, May 10

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

9:00am

11:00am

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

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