

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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2020

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.



Jesus will not leave us alone. He won't make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us "orphans," He assures us in today's Gospel. He asks the Father to give us His Spirit, to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father. We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation—to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son. We celebrate our liberation. This is the reason for our hope—the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth. Jesus refers to the apostles, who are his friends, as children with the consoling promise that on his departure he will not leave them orphans but will send them and to us his spirit.

VI DOMENICA DI PASQUA

Aiutaci Signore a prendere ogni tua parola come un tuo dono prezioso, aiutaci ad assimilarla e a farla diventare vita della nostra vita, per poter essere tuoi discepoli, tuoi amici non a parole, ma "nei fatti e nella verità"! - La voce di Papa Francesco. Queste parole ci ricordano anzitutto che l'amore per una persona, e anche per il Signore, si dimostra non con le parole, ma con i fatti. Infatti, essere cristiani non significa principalmente appartenere a una certa cultura o aderire a una certa dottrina, ma piuttosto unire la propria vita, in ogni suo aspetto, alla persona di Gesù e, attraverso di Lui, al Padre. Per questo Gesù promette l'effusione dello Spirito Santo ai suoi discepoli. Lo Spirito ci insegna ogni cosa, anzi l'unica cosa indispensabile: amare come ama Dio.»



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





The new commandment:
“She doesn’t know me,
but I still know who she is.”

It was a busy morning, about 8:30, when an elderly gentleman in his 80’s arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 am. The medico took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. Since

he, himself, was not busy the medico took time to evaluate the man’s wound. The wound was well healed, and so he talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound. While taking care of his wound, the medico asked his patient if he had another doctor’s appointment as he was in such a hurry. The gentleman said that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. In answer to the medico’s question about her health, the old man responded that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer’s disease. When the medico asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late, he replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now. The medico was surprised, and asked him why, if his wife didn’t know who he was, he went every morning faithfully for the breakfast. The old man smiled and said, “She doesn’t know me, but I still know who she is.” The medico with tears in the eyes said to himself, “That is the kind of love I want in my life.” True love is neither physical, nor romantic. True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be. In today’s Gospel Jesus commands, us to practice this type of sacrificial and selfless *agápe* love as he practiced it.

Jesus clarifies the second of His two-commandment summary of the Torah’s Ten Commandments, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” as one short sentence “*Love one another,*” with an added, specific and intimidating parameter, “*as I have loved you.*” “Love one another” is in the present imperative state, grammatically testifying to Jesus’ moral intent - that this be a continuous, ever-present love. “As I have loved you,” means a selfless, sacrificial, forgiving and serving love.

Jesus demonstrated the love God, his Father, has for us by living for us and dying for us. Hence, as his disciples, we are to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents and lives for others. This is what parents spontaneously do for their children by sacrificing themselves, their time, talents, health and wealth for them. That is, they “spend” themselves for their children. The most effective way of communicating God’s love to others is by treating everyone as a friend, giving each the respect he or she deserves as a human being, God’s creation. In moments of trial and stress, when people are hostile or ungrateful and we feel the pull of bitter resentment in our hearts, it is important for us to remember that Christ’s own love was not limited to the people he liked. Hence, we should close our minds to thoughts of revenge.



VICTORIA DAY: Monday, May 18 is Victoria Day. Have a safe long weekend.

CONFIRMATION: please visit our WEBSITE for further notices.

FIRST COMMUNION

PREPARATION PROGRAM is posted on the church website to replace the sessions that were cancelled. The children are asked to complete the program at home with their parents to prepare for First Holy Communion. Please view our website for more information.

www.stanthonysparish.ca

ST. ANDREW’S CEMETERY: The cemetery is closed to the public except for funeral services. The cemetery office at the pastoral Centre is responding to telephone calls and e-mails only. No public visits at this time. Thank you. For further updates please view the Diocesan Website: **www.dotb.ca**

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SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$ 2,490.00

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for your continued
generosity & support.
God Bless!



*Please continue to pray
for all those affected
by the coronavirus.
Stay safe,
we will get through
this difficult time
with the help of our
Blessed Mother.*

**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 May 18—24, 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, May 18

All Parishioners
Norma & Antonio Ferrari

9:00am English

Pastor
Pina & Family

Tuesday, May 19

Maria Cava
Raffaele & Sergio Iachetta & Orlando & Lidia
Fr. Lino Santi
Salvatore Vruna

7:00pm Italian

R. Brown
Maio Family
P. Magisano
N. S. & M. Vruna

Wednesday, May 20

Domenica Mancuso
All Souls

7:00pm English

R. Bonfiglio & Fam.
Parishioner

Thursday, May 21

Attilio Izzo
All Souls

7:00pm Italian

L. Nucci
Parishioner

Friday, May 22

Jack Provenzano
All Souls

7:00pm English

A. Tropea & Family
Parishioner

Saturday, May 23

Emilio Colla
Antonio Berti
Deceased of Filice & Pascuzzo
Bruno & Carmela Scopacasa
Maria Muraca
Peter Trevisan
Nick Tucci

5:00pm

C. & P. Gallo
nipoti
M. Pascuzzo
sorella Angelina
Family
Francesca
Family

Sunday, May 24

Marcello & Domenico Donato
Giuseppina, Pietro & Iolanda Conforti
Eva Sacchetti
Defunti Squartecchia & Saputelli

9:00am

Family
E. Romito
husband & Family
Connie & Family

11:00am

Vincenzo Romeo, Deceased of Romeo & Bruzzese Family
Giovanni Malench & Peter & Lucia Sandri Gina
Virgilio, Lucrezia & Tony Paola & Natalina & Joseph Baratta A. DeGrazia
Carmine DeGrazia, Luisa Paola, Antonio Rubino, Frank Paola A. DeGrazia
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