

# St. Anthony Church

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## **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**May 24, 2020**

*Go and teach all people my gospel; I am with you always, until the end of the world.*



In today's Gospel, Jesus gives this mission to all the believers: *"Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature."* This mission is not given to a select few but all believers. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. *"We preach with words but we proclaim with our lives."* As we celebrate the Lord's return to His Father in Heaven – His Ascension -- we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace, by the witness of our lives. On this day of hope, encouragement, and commissioning, let us renew our commitment to being true disciples everywhere we go, beginning with our family and our parish, *"living in a manner worthy of the call we have received."*

## **ASCENSIONE DEL SIGNORE**

Il Vangelo di oggi sottolinea il fatto che la Risurrezione *'funziona'* come da faro, illumina a ritroso gli avvenimenti della vita del Signore, ma soprattutto i suoi insegnamenti, mettendone in luce tutto il significato e il valore; era pertanto necessario che il Risorto restasse con gli Undici per un tempo - i tradizionali quaranta giorni - tempo necessario a istruire la prima comunità cristiana sul senso della sua vita, della sua morte e della sua risurrezione, nell'economia della salvezza, per il bene della Chiesa e dell'umanità. Dopodiché, Gesù si ricongiunge per così dire al Padre, nel mistero dell'Ascensione: da quel momento gli Apostoli cominciano a camminare con le loro gambe, non da soli però, assistiti dal consiglio e dalla forza dello Spirito Santo.



**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 Ascension message:

"Preach the Good News and be my witnesses:"

We need to live a life of Christian joy in the presence of the ascended Lord. According to Luke, the disciples "returned to Jerusalem with great joy." Jesus' exaltation and final blessing gave them, as it gives us, the assurance that, though absent, Jesus is still present, present even in the pain and sorrow we undergo. That is why St. Augustine assures us, "Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his Body,

have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?' and when he said: 'I was hungry and you gave me food.' While in Heaven he is also with us; and while on earth we are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power, and his love. We cannot be in Heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love."

We have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, forgiveness, mercy, redemption, and Love. We cannot put these lessons on a shelf and ignore them. They stand before us in the person of Jesus. Although no longer visibly present in the world, Jesus is present in his words., and we must make these words real in our lives as well as in the lives of others. Christianity was meant to be a Faith in which Jesus' followers would help and care for others, just as Jesus had done. But the spreading of the Good News to all nations is not a goal that can be attained by human might and craft. This is why Jesus promises to empower the Church with His abiding presence and that of the Holy Spirit. The challenge of sharing the Good News with all mankind should, therefore, begin with our admission that we have often been arrogant and overbearing. We must learn to be humble and let the Holy Spirit lead the way.

The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement: Perhaps some of the nagging doubts which inevitably accompany the journey of Faith could be lessened by our meditating on the Ascension and its implications. When we are too far from Faith to pray on our own, let us remember that we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous, praying for us. When the trials of life feel too heavy to bear, we must remember that Christ will come again in glory, the same glory in which Jesus arose from the tomb, the same glory to which Jesus ascended, and the same glory in which Jesus currently abides. Though our limited perception might find him absent, Jesus is fully present, participating in every moment of our lives. By His Ascension, Christ has not deserted us but has made it possible for the Holy Spirit to enter all times and places. In this way, each of us can be transformed by the power of the Spirit into agents or instruments of Christ. We become enlivened, and our actions become animated in a new way by the Spirit of the God we love and serve. We have become other Christs in the world sharing his mission.

(From Fr. Antony Kadavil)

## FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY:

We regret to announce that this special feast that our parish celebrates every year HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

We encourage you to pray to our St. Anthony.

*"O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for his creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore of you to obtain for me (your request \_\_\_\_\_). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle, even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. We encourage you to pray at home for the assistance of St. Anthony."* 13 Our Fathers, Hail Mary's & Glory Be.



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](http://www.stanthonysparish.ca)

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*Please continue to pray  
for all those affected*

*by the coronavirus.  
Stay safe,  
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this difficult time  
with the help of our  
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**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 25—31, 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. Please view our website or the Diocesan website for further updates. So all churches and public church services are cancelled until further notice.

**Monday, May 25**

All Parishioners  
Sam Larizza  
Natalina Quinn  
Caterina, Nicola & Vincenzo Giorgio

**9:00am English**

Pastor  
Rocco, Pina & Bruna  
Family  
Pina

**Tuesday, May 26**

Antonio Tassone  
Antonio, Angelina & Giuseppina Conforti & Marcello Donato E. Romito  
Teresa Pietrzyk  
Bruno Larizza  
Giuseppe Bradizza  
Francesca & Eugenio Desando  
Giuseppe Casali

**7:00pm Italian**

S. & R. Tassone  
B. & L. Barber  
Family  
M. Bradizza  
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**Wednesday, May 27**

Gloria Santa, Antonio Lombardo & Defunti Famiglia Franca  
Costantino Costanzo  
Gino Perri

**7:00pm English**

Wife Giovanna  
F. & S. Roccatani

**Thursday, May 28**

Jim Ruddy  
Luciana Pucci

**7:00pm Italian**

F. Petch  
P. & M. Buso

**Friday, May 29**

Caterina Carina  
All Souls

**7:00pm English**

F. Niccoli  
Parishioner

**Saturday, May 30**

Pasquale Bossio  
Mary Zanni  
Maria Cava  
Francesco Colistro  
Pasquale Casoria  
Immacolata Belluso

**5:00pm**

P. & N. Bruno-Bossio  
T. & R. Savioli  
L. Morrone & Fam.  
J. & M. Marrelli & Fam.  
wife & family  
A. & V. Rizzo

**Sunday, May 31**

Angelo Nardari  
Vincenzo Maletta  
Luigi & Carmelina Maletta  
Raffaele & Sarina Colosimo

**9:00am**

Wife & Family  
Wife Assunta  
Assunta  
figlia Assunta

**11:00am**

Maria & Giovanni Cava  
Italo, Sandra & Angela Cava  
Giuseppe, Nicolina, Salvatore & Rosa Federico Rosella Fam.  
Gilio Scarcello  
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