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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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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - CORPUS CHRISTI - A

June 14, 2020

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.



The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That's how Jesus presents it in today's Gospel. Four times in today's reading, Jesus uses a Greek word—*trogein*—that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing. He is testing their faith in His Word, as today's First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert. The manna was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. In the Eucharist, we are made one flesh with Christ. This is what Paul means in today's Epistle when He calls the Eucharist a "participation" in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature. This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us to believe. And He gives us His promise: that sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised on the last day.

SANTISSIMO CORPO E SANGUE DI CRISTO

Eucaristia: Corpo spezzato e Sangue versato. Gesù fa del Suo Corpo cibo da mangiare: Dio, il Messia, si è fatto servo per noi. Chi è più importante tra il cibo e la persona che mangia? Ovviamente l'uomo mentre il cibo è servo, serve al suo fabbisogno che è quello di fame e di sopravvivenza. Dio si offre a noi come cibo e nutrimento. Si è presentato come un bambino...diventa per noi cibo e bevanda e tutto questo affinché noi possiamo essere nutriti e stare bene. Gesù stesso, quando ci ha consegnato il padre nostro, ha invitato i suoi discepoli a chiedergli «il pane quotidiano», come figli che con fiducia attendono tutto dal loro Padre celeste. *"Chi mangia la mia carne e beve il mio sangue ha la vita eterna e io lo risusciterò nell'ultimo giorno"*. Dio è per noi, aspetta solo di essere accolto, mangiato così che Lui in noi e noi in Lui diventiamo un corpo solo.



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





Reflection for the Feast of Corpus Christi

Our belief in this **Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist** derives from the literal interpretation of the promise of Christ to give us His Body and Blood for our spiritual food and drink, as found in St. John's Gospel, Chapter 6, and also in the four independent accounts of the fulfillment of this promise at the Last Supper. Eucharistic theologians explain the *Real Presence* by a process called *transubstantiation*: the entire *substance* of bread and wine is changed into the entire *substance* of the risen, living, and glorified Body and Blood of Christ, retaining only the "accidents" (taste, color, shape) of bread and wine. Can there be a religion in which God is closer to man than our Catholic Christianity? Jesus does not believe that he is humiliating himself in coming to us and giving himself to us in His Flesh and Blood to be our spiritual food.

Vatican II states that as a sacrifice, "**the Holy Eucharist is the center and culmination of the Christian life**" (*Lumen Gentium*, 11). Why? 1) because it enables us to participate in Christ's sacrifice as a present reality and to benefit from its fruits in our own lives; 2) because it helps us to worship the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the most perfect way; 3) because it strengthens our charity and unity with Jesus and each other in a joint offering of his Body and Blood to the Father; and 4) because it gives us a lasting memorial of Christ's suffering, death, and Resurrection, reminding us of our obligation to make loving sacrifices for others. The Eucharist is the Mystery of our Faith, the mystery of our Hope, the mystery of our Charity. Why do we celebrate the Eucharist some 2,000 years later? We do this because Jesus told us to do so: "*Do this in memory of me.*" This Holy Memorial is known by various names: 1) "*the Eucharist*" because Jesus offered himself to God the Father as an act of thanksgiving; 2) "*the Lord's Supper*"--or "*Breaking of the Bread*"-- because we celebrate it as a meal; 3) "*Holy Communion*," because we become one with Christ by receiving him; and 4) "*Holy Mass*" (holy sending) because it gives us a mission: "*Go in peace, glorifying God by your life.*"

Jesus instituted the Eucharist in deliberate allusion to, and fulfillment of, what happened on Mount Sinai. He replaced Moses as the God-chosen mediator, establishing the New Covenant promised through the prophet Jeremiah (Jer 31:31-34), by using his Blood rather than that of sacrificial animals. By sacramentally consuming the Body and Blood of the God-Man, we, the final-age people of God, are interiorly transformed through the most perfect possible union with God. Jesus creates a faithful people intimately united with God through his sacramental Body and Blood.

As we celebrate this great feast of faith, let us worship what St. Thomas Aquinas did not hesitate to call, "*the greatest miracle that Christ ever worked on earth My Body My Blood*".



UPDATE ON CHURCH REOPENING: We are working to make sure the church is safe for your return. **Churches will reopen the weekend of June 27 / 28.** Our church can only allow **30% capacity, that is equal to 150 people at each Mass.** We remind you that if we do reach capacity at the mass you are planning to attend, there are other mass times available. We thank you for your patience and support.

CONFIRMATION: please visit our WEBSITE for any updates.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to all graduating students. We are proud to see so many young people from our parish on the honour roll.

Congratulations to all students. Have a safe & fun summer.



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Thank you to all Parishioners & friends 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.*



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.

For further updates please visit the Diocese of Thunder Bay Website: www.dotb.ca

ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTRE

JUNE TAKEOUT DATES:

June 14- Penne, Gnocchi & Meatballs
 June 21- Father's Day Family Lasagna
 June 28- Penne, Gnocchi & Meatballs
 *for more information call 345-5511

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

MASS INTENTIONS June 15—21 2020

Monday, June 15 9:00am English
 All Parishioners Pastor

Tuesday, June 16 7:00pm Italian
 All Souls Parishioner

Wednesday, June 17 7:00pm English
 Giuseppe Magisano Wife & Family
 Filomena Bernardo Caputo & Cupelli Fam.
 Bruno Nardi Mom & Dad

Thursday, June 18 7:00pm Italian
 Sam Larizza Rocco, Pina & Bruna

Friday, June 19 7:00pm English
 Jean Grassi daughter Joan
 Raffaele & Sergio Iachetta & Orlando & Lidia Maio Family
 Dennis Menean wife & Menean Fam.

Saturday, June 20 5:00pm
 Umberto & Peter Pascuzzo Maria
 Bruno Tucci L. Tassone & Fam.
 Eva Sacchetti husband & Family
 Deceased of Zanandrea Family Dino & Family
 Filip Ivanetic Giovina & Family
 Pasquale Bossio L. Colla
 Bruno & Maria Mauro Family
 Tim McFarlane M. & S. Mauro
 Eugenio Arella Family
 Nick Tucci Family
 Nicola Squartecchia Tina, Catia & Families
 Giuseppe Marino R. Forte
 Pasquale & Concetta Tassone & Bruno Marino Family

Sunday, June 21 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am
 FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

11:00am
 FOR ALL PARISHIONERS



† Let us pray for Antonietta DeGrazia, Bruno Monteleone, Julie Pacifico & Tony ruda who have recently passed away.

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