

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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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – A

September 20, 2020

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son



The biblical understanding of today's parable of salvation guides our meditation. The landowner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise. In the Lord's great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations. God's ways are far from our ways. And today's readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God's lavish mercy. Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late, after having spent most of their days idling. We should rejoice that God has compassion on all whom He has created.

XXV DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

Nella parabola del vangelo di oggi le diverse ore della giornata dicono la presenza, gli interventi e le chiamate di Dio nella storia, dall'inizio alla fine. Tra le cinque chiamate ci sono anche quelle all'ora della crocifissione e all'ora della morte di Gesù. I primi chiamati potrebbero indicare il popolo della Prima Alleanza, e gli ultimi i pagani, i peccatori, verso i quali il padrone mostra un'attenzione privilegiata che suscita la protesta dei primi. La severa risposta del padrone all'operaio che si lamenta suona così: "...oppure il tuo occhio è cattivo perché io sono buono?". È la radicale distanza tra il nostro cuore e l'infinito amore di Dio. La cosa più difficile da accogliere di Dio è la sua misericordia. Il padrone esce per portare operai dentro la vigna. Il padrone esce perché tutti entrino.



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.

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The house of Israel is the vine of God, who planted and watered it, preparing the Israelites to bear fruits of righteousness. Israel failed to yield good fruits and the Lord allowed His vineyard, Israel's kingdom, to be overrun by conquerors. But God promised that one day He would replant His vineyard and its shoots would blossom to the ends of the earth. This is the biblical backdrop to Jesus' parable of salvation history in today's Gospel. The landowner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise. In the Lord's great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations.

This provokes grumbling in today's parable. Doesn't the complaint of those first laborers sound like that of the older brother in Jesus' prodigal son parable? God's ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in today's First Reading. And today's readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God's lavish mercy.

Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late—after having spent most of their days idling in sin. But even these can call upon Him and find Him near, as we sing in today's Psalm. We should rejoice that God has compassion on all whom He has created. This should console us, too, especially if we have loved ones who remain far from the vineyard.

Our task is to continue laboring in His vineyard. As Paul says in today's Epistle, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name. - Scott Hahn

MASKS: A reminder that masks are required in the church.

MASS TIME CHANGE: For the month of September, all masses will be said at 9:00am. Thank you.

BISHOP'S DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN:
"He's not heavy...he's my brother!"

Our goal this year is **\$29,000.00.**

This Campaign will run until mid December. Cheques can be made out to **St. Anthony's Church or the Diocese of Thunder Bay.**

All donations are tax-deductible.

To date, we have reached 30% of our goal having raised \$8,640.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

May God bless us all on our journey as a community of believers.

COLLECTION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: Since the formal collection for Development and Peace (Share Lent) was missed this year due to church closures, anyone who has not made their donations can still do so by mailing to **Development and Peace**

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CONFIRMATION: We are pleased to announce that the 2020 Confirmation will be going ahead the week of September 21-25. The group will be split into 4 separate groups in order to ensure social distancing is maintained at each of the 4 services. The families of the candidates will be contacted by email or phone.

Electronic donations can be made online. One-time or automatic monthly donations by credit card www.stanthonysparish.ca

Thank you to all Parishioners & visiting friends for your continued

generosity & support. God Bless!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

ADULT FAITH & 4 SEASON'S: is open from 10:00am—2:00pm. Drop by to see “What’s New” also open Monday—Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. #343-9313. located at 1222 Reaume St. (behind the Police Station)



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MASS INTENTIONS
September 21— September 27, 2020

Monday, September 21
All Parishioners
Carmine & Elvira Pascuzzo

9:00am English
Pastor
Frank & Anna

Tuesday, September 22
Dennis Menean
Gayle Hudson
Luigi DiBiagio

9:00am Italian
wife & Menean Fam
Hudson Family
Lori, Angelo, Katie & Fam

Wednesday, September 23
Defunti Famiglia Foresta

9:00am English
A. Foresta

Thursday, September 24
Marcello & Domenico Donato
Vincenzo Romeo & Deceased Romeo & Bruzzese
Donato DiGiacinto

9:00am Italian
Family
Family
Family

Friday, September 25
Sam Larizza
Ernesto & Esterina Romito
Natalina Quinn
Bobby, Jacinto & Maria Carvalho

9:00am English
Rocco, Pina, Bruna
Esterina
Family
Family

Saturday, September 26
Deceased of Zanandrea Family
Francesco Colistro
Tarcisio Guidolin

5:00pm
Dino & Family
V. Bossio & Fam
Guidolin Family

Sunday, September 27 XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am
Angelo Nardari
Franco Paladino
Defunti Tozzo
Bruno Larizza
Ercole D'Angelo

Wife & Family
Moglie & figli
Family
Wife & Family
L. & P. D'Angelo

11:00am
Giuseppantonio Rosso
Amedeo Frattaroli
Antonetta DeGrazia
Antonio Arruda
Elida Amaya Jaen
Maria Campese & Giuseppe Papa

Rosina
M. Agostino
G. & M. Agostino
S. Ceci
J. & V. Fuentes
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