# 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.

Pastor:	Rev. Luigi Filippini		
Deacons:	Rev. Dave Cattani &	Rev. Pasqua	ale Coccimiglio
Office Admin.:	Mary Stefanile	Custodian:	Raffaele Stefanile
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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 Of	fice Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am-12 noon 1:00pm- 4:00pm		
SATURDAY: 5:00 PM	For Daily & Weekend Mass Intentions see inside (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 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:**

<u>"He's not heavy...he's my brother!"</u> 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 1425 Rene'Levesque Blvd. 3rd Fl. Montreal, PQ H3G 1T7 or on their website: www.devp.org

**COLLECTION FOR GOOD FRIDAY**—Holy Land & Diocesan Communications: if you missed giving your donation you may do so by sending it directly to the Pastoral Centre: Box 104400, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6T8

**<u>CONFIRMATION</u>**: 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 so-cial 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. Onetime or automatic monthly donations by credit card <u>www.stanthonysparish.ca</u>

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)



ITALIAN CULTURAL **CENTRE TAKEOUT:** for more information call 345-5511

COLUMBUS CENTRE TAKE OUT: you must preorder with credit card only. For more info call 623-3252



# MASS INTENTIONS September 21— September 27, 2020

## Monday, September 21

All Parishioners Carmine & Elvira Pascuzzo

#### Tuesday, September 22

**Dennis Menean** Gayle Hudson Luigi DiBiagio

Wednesday, September 23 Defunti Famiglia Foresta

## Thursday, September 24

Marcello & Domenico Donato Family Vincenzo Romeo & Deceased Romeo & Bruzzese Donato DiGiacinto Family

#### Friday, September 25

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

#### Saturday, September 26

Deceased of Zanandrea Family Francesco Colistro Tarcisio Guidolin

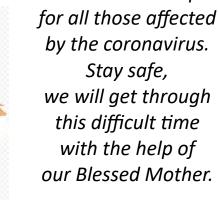
# Sunday, September 27 XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Angelo Nardari Franco Paladino Defunti Tozzo Bruno Larizza Ercole D'Angelo

#### 11:00am

Giuseppantonio Rosso Amedeo Frattaroli Antonetta DeGrazia Antonio Arruda Elida Amaya Jaen Maria Campese & Giuseppe Papa Wife & Family Moglie & figli Family Wife & Family L. & P. D'Angelo

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



Please continue to pray

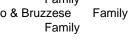
9:00am English Pastor Frank & Anna

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

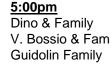
> 9:00am English A. Foresta

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# 9:00am Italian



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