

# St. Anthony Church

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**TWENTY-SIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – A**

**September 27, 2020**

***My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.***



Today's liturgy points out that there must be a connection between what we say and what we do. Jesus criticized the religious leaders of his day because they shirked their responsibility and only thought that they wanted to do God's will. Their promises were empty because they did not keep them and as a result their journey to God was going nowhere. In a ringing denunciation Christ stated that their observance of the law was an outward show and that there was more honesty and a greater readiness to accept the call for repentance among outcasts. 'I tell you solemnly, tax-collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of heaven before you.' This is a story for all ages.

## **XXVI DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO**

Nel vangelo di questa domenica la domanda posta da Gesù è la seguente: "Chi è allora il vero destinatario della promessa, il vero credente?". Anche la parabola dei due figli deve essere letta in questa prospettiva. Molte volte, infatti, può verificarsi una forma di sintonia solo apparente, perché ultimamente interessata, tra la nostra volontà e quella del Padre. Siamo capaci di dirgli dei "sì" speciosi e superficiali, non maturati al sole di quella vera obbedienza interiore, che può solamente essere il frutto di una profonda conversione a Dio. La parabola ci fa capire quanto sia anche per noi reale il pericolo di partecipare, con apparente docilità, durante tutta la nostra vita, alle celebrazioni liturgiche e alle attività della Chiesa, senza mai diventare veri cristiani.



**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 Humble Path

Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked

one who turns from sin? This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day—tax collectors and prostitutes—who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders—who said they would serve God in the vineyard, but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance.

Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the Cross. In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority—that they had no further need to hear God's Word or listen to God's servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father. - Scott Hahn

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to the 39 newly Confirmed young men & women. May you continue to have your hearts open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. A special thank you to our Confirmation Team for their leadership and guidance.

### **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 36% of our goal having raised \$10,345.00**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

**OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ROSARY:** in honour of Our Lady, the Rosary will be said every day before weekday Masses.

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:** October 2. There will be adoration with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:00pm-7:00pm

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS IN HONOUR OF ST. FRANCIS:** Saturday, October 3 at 11:00am outside the front doors of our church.



**THANKSGIVING MASS:**  
Monday, October 12 at 10:00am

Please join us in prayer & thanksgiving.

There will be no 9:00am Mass for that day.

Office will be closed.



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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 Sept. 28— Oct. 4, 2020**

**Monday, September 28**

All Parishioners  
Giovanna Chiarelli

**9:00am English**

Pastor  
F. Gigliotti

**Tuesday, September 29**

Vincenzo Romeo  
Edoardo Rucchin  
Maria Giulia Rucchin  
Pietro Marasco

**9:00am Italian**

Family  
Moglie & figle  
Maria & Famiglia  
nipote Maria & Fam.

**Wednesday, September 30**

All Souls  
Francesco & Teresina Gigliotti

**9:00am English**

Parishioner  
Gigliotti Family

**Thursday, October 1**

Ermando & Leonetta Pavone

**7:00pm Italian**

M. & S. Frattaroli

**Friday, October 2**

Franco & Tony DeVuono  
Francesco & Rosina Ferraro

**7:00pm English**

Gilda  
Gigliotti Family

**Saturday, October 3**

11:00am BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

2:00pm WEDDING Joseph Larizza & Kiarra Cerqueira

**5:00pm**

Giovannina & Francesco Cava  
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B. & E. Melchiorre  
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M. Stipcevic & Fam.

**Sunday, October 4 XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00am**

Marcello & Domenico Donato  
Carmine DeVuono  
Francesco DiGiacinto  
Lucia Bucciarelli  
Raffaella DeLuca  
Giuseppe Arella & Pasquale Arella  
Marta Marozzo  
Esterina Romito

Family  
Wife & children  
Family  
CWL  
Aquila & Family  
M. Arella  
M. Arella  
G. & F. Biancospino

**11:00am**

Paulina & Luis DaRosa  
Francisco & Beatriz Pacheco  
Primo DeCal  
Pasquale & Concetta Tassone & Bruno Marino  
Manuel Jose  
Antonio Arruda  
Milvia & Carlo Filippini  
Rosina Rosso

E. & M. Novo  
M. Pacheco  
Olinda & Family  
Family  
M. & C. Darocha  
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