

# 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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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—B**

**November 29, 2020**

***Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.***



The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new church year. Amidst the excitement of preparing for the Christmas festivities, the season of Advent reminds us that we have to make preparations for the deeper meaning of what Christmas is all about God's presence among his people in the person of Jesus Christ. His coming on Christmas Day fills us with hope and encourages us to secure our future amidst all life's troubles because it is in God's hands. May this Advent Season find us eager to prepare the way for the Lord in our hearts and our families.

## **I DOMENICA DI AVVENTO**

La Chiesa, oggi, dedica questo tempo, l'Avvento, perché tutti possiamo preparare la nostra grotta, per ricevere Dio che viene a noi nell'umiltà del presepio e nella semplicità del nostro vivere di ogni giorno. Avvento: un tempo 'per preparare la via al Signore'. Anche noi vogliamo essere pronti a vivere degnamente questo tempo particolare di 'attesa di Dio'. Che cosa possiamo fare? L'Avvento è il tempo di metterci alla prova, per vedere se davvero in noi c'è il sincero desiderio di accogliere il Signore che viene. Lui è l'Emmanuele, il Dio con noi che ci chiama a condividere la gioia di essere nella Famiglia di Dio.



**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**



## Watch for Him

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading. In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne—to save and shepherd His people. Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are simple as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, failures to keep God's covenant, and their inability to save themselves.



And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him? *God is faithful, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. He is our Father and wont to restore us to His love.* So, in this season of expectation and repentance, we should heed the warning—repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel—to be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

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**FIRST COMMUNION 2021:** The dates for the 2021 First Communion have been set for June 5th & June 6th, 2021. Parents who have registered their child to receive the Sacrament have received an email. If you did not receive an email, we have not received a registration form from you. If you wish to register your child to receive their First Communion, please contact the office ASAP in order to obtain a registration form. A meeting for parents has been scheduled for Monday, January 11th, 2021 at 7:00pm. The information for this year's program will be delivered at this important meeting.

**CONFIRMATION 2021:** The dates for the 2021 Confirmation have been set for May 1st & May 2nd, 2021. Parents who have registered their child to receive the Sacrament have received an email. If you did not receive an email, we have not received a registration form from you. If you wish to register your child to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the office ASAP in order to obtain a registration form. A meeting for the candidates, their sponsor and ONE parent has been scheduled for Monday, January 18th, 2021 at 7:00pm. The information for this year's program will be delivered at this important meeting.

*Blessings in Christ, Deacon Pasquale*

## **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 80% of our goal having raised \$23,209.08**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

May God bless us all on our journey.

**All donations must be received at our parish office by December 20th or at the Pastoral office by December 30th.**

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:** In light of the physical distancing guidelines, additional ministers are needed for the Sunday masses & during the Christmas season. Anyone interested may contact the rectory or speak with a hospitality minister at Mass.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES:** To further promote physical distancing, alternate pews are now closed. Please wait to be seated by a hospitality minister. With this change, people living in the same household are no longer required to physically distance in the pews. *"If you live together, you may sit together."* However, physical distancing of 6 feet is still required between people that do not live in the same household, including between extended family members.

**WINTER WARMTH:** Toques, mitts, scarves, neck warmers, warm socks are basic necessities during a cold winter. If you can please consider donating any of these items. A donation box will be in the lobby. **PLEASE, NEW ITEMS ONLY.** Thank you for your continuing generosity.

**SUNDAY MASS with BISHOP COLLI:** Each weekend Bishop Colli celebrates Sunday Mass for those who are unable to attend Mass at this time. Please visit our Diocesan website at: [www.dotb.ca](http://www.dotb.ca)

**SUNDAY MISSALS 2020-2021:** available in the church lobby. Cost is \$6.00.

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Thank you to all Parishioners & visiting friends

for your continued generosity & support.  
God Bless!



**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**ZOOM@NOON:** join St. Dominic's parish on Tuesdays & Thursdays in November for study, prayer session & discussion followed by Adoration from 12:30-1:00pm. Study sessions in the hall & also on Zoom. Adoration in church. Copies available in PDF email info@stdominics.ca (zoom@noon in subject line).

**MSGR. STILLA'S SCRIPTURE SERIES:** you may be familiar with Msgr. Stilla's popular "Bible Series" that he has given at the Catholic Pastoral Centre over the years. Now you can view his talks on DVD in the comfort of your home. All 10 series are available at the Adult Faith Formation Shop. Stop by Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4:30pm located at 1222 Reaume St. (behind the police station). For more information please call 343-9313.

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**MASS INTENTIONS Nov. 30—Dec. 6, 2020**

**Monday, November 30**

All Parishioners  
Greta Sacek

**9:00am English**

Pastor  
R. Furioso

**Tuesday, December 1**

Fr. Bortignon  
Fred Sylvester  
Casimiro & Argentina DiCasimiro

**7:00pm Italian**

C.W.L.  
Family  
Children

**Wednesday, December 2**

Serafino Barca  
Gina Benincasa  
Esterina Romito

**7:00pm English**

Family  
F. Trevisan  
late Esterina

**Thursday, December 3**

Pasquale Bossio  
Franco & Tony DeVuono  
Giuseppe Arella

**7:00pm Italian**

Vanda & Family  
Gilda  
Maria

**Friday, December 4**

Marcello & Domenico Donato  
Lucia Bucciarelli

**7:00pm English**

Family  
F. & G. Biancospino

**Saturday, December 5**

**5:00pm**  
Bruno Bitonte  
Silvio & Beniamina Tesolin  
Tony DiMarcantonio  
Franca Costantino  
Raffaele Costanzo  
Ercole D'Angelo  
Paolina & Alessandro Iacino  
Caterina Piaskowski  
Maria, Angelo & Carlo Iorio & Deceased Barfi

M. Bitonte  
Vic & Laura & Family  
B. & E. Melchiorre  
Costantino Family  
M. & R. Stefanile  
T. & D. DiBiagio  
Family  
Piaskowski Family  
S. & F. Roccatani

**Sunday, December 6**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**9:00am**

Deceased of Marinig & Chiabai Family  
Romilda  
Eva Sacchetti  
L. & G. Cristoforo  
Carmine DeVuono  
Dino DiGiuseppe  
Olga Cecon  
Luigino Modesto  
Ernesto Romito  
Giuseppina Conforti



Wife & Children  
Italia & Family  
M. Menis  
M. Menis  
late Esterina  
late Esterina

**11:00am**

Mike Ferrari  
Ildio & Adelina DaSilva  
Francisco Pacheco  
Primo DeCal  
Pasquale Bossio  
Battista (Buddy) Cava  
Colleen Valente

Wife & Children  
E. & M. Novo  
Wife & Family  
Olinda & Family  
S., I., & V., Miceli  
T. & D. Cava  
J. DePaola & Family



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.



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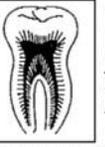
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