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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—B

December 6, 2020

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.



John the Baptist was a prophet – a chosen messenger whose role in life was to prepare the way for God's entry among his people. The voice of John the Baptist speaks to us across the ages and urges us to prepare a place for the Lord in our hearts. Like John the Baptist, we have the important task of announcing Christ to others. Our every-day life is a message telling everyone through acts of kindness, honesty and faithfulness that Christ is right here with us. We may be the only book about Christ which many people will ever read. His gospel of love is the answer to the problems of our troubled world. Let's prepare for the coming of the One who is The Lord.

II DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

E' vero, in Cristo già abbiamo la possibilità di incominciare a rispondere con amore a questo amore del Padre, abbiamo un cuore che può dialogare con il cuore di Dio. Ma la giustizia piena, la risposta piena a questo amore del Signore, potrà abitare - come dice Pietro - solo in questi cieli nuovi e in questa terra nuova che il Signore sta preparando per noi. La buona novella, la buona notizia, è che questi cieli nuovi, questa terra nuova sono vicini, stanno venendo. Apriamo dunque a questa consolazione che il Signore vuole darci. Egli vuole parlare al nostro cuore. Ascoltiamo allora cosa ci dice Dio, il Signore. Accogliamo la pace che vuole versare nel profondo dei nostri cuori.



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





Straighten the Path

Our God is coming. The time of exile—the long separation of humankind from God due to sin—is about to end. This is the good news proclaimed in today's liturgy. Today's Gospel shows that Israel's historic deliverance was meant to herald an even greater saving act by God—the coming of Jesus to set Israel and all nations free from bondage to sin, gather them up, and carry them back to God.

John the Baptist quotes these, as well as Isaiah's prophecy, to show that all of Israel's history looks forward to the revelation of Jesus. In Jesus, God has filled in the valley that divided sinful humanity from Himself. He has reached down from heaven as we sing in today's Psalm. He has done all this not for humanity in the abstract but each of us. The long history of salvation has led us to this Eucharist, in which our God again comes, and our salvation is near. We have to straighten out our lives so that everything we do leads us to Him. Today, let us commit ourselves to lives of holiness and devotion.

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 90% of our goal having raised \$26,209.08

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 15th or at the Pastoral office by December 30th.

BEST YOUTH ON HILLS: Our parish is missing you! We will be having our very first virtual meeting on December 13 at 7pm. All youth are invited. Please watch for a Zoom invitation by email and on Facebook at Best Youth on Hills. Any new youth who wish to participate can email cocci5@tbaytel.net to request the Zoom invitation.

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

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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: December 12, 2020, the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe, we celebrate the National Day of Prayer in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples in Canada. The theme for this year is: "Healing of the Earth." Indigenous people around our world have their creation stories. These stories are about relationships. They teach us about the Earth and it's awakening. God the Creator makes the Earth a good place. He sees a beautiful place with purpose. We acknowledge God as the Creator of all things! Pope Francis notes in "Laudato Si", "Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home". Let us pray together on this day for the healing of our earth.

ADULT FAITH CENTRE & 4 SEASONS GIFT SHOP: are stocked with all your Advent & Christmas needs. Open Monday to Friday from 8:30am—4:30pm and Saturdays from 10:00am—2:00pm. Located at 1222 Reaume St. (behind the police station).

MASS INTENTIONS December 7—13, 2020

Monday, December 7

All Parishioners

9:00am English

Pastor

Tuesday, December 8

Antonio Calleri
Guerino D'Angelo
Deceased of Giorgio & Bahlida

7:00pm Italian

Family
B. & E. Melchiorre
P. & M. Giorgio

Wednesday, December 9

Francisco Ferreira

7:00pm English

Ferreira Family

Thursday, December 10

Donna Valente
Filippo Arella
Carlos Pinheiro
Deceased of Cuconato & Gallo Families
Marta Marozzo

7:00pm Italian

Bruno & Children
E. Arella & Family
M. & G. Agostino
Silvana
A. Crough

Friday, December 11

Bruno Marino & Pasquale & Concetta Tassone
Leo Catanzaro

7:00pm English

Family
F. & M. Romeo & Fam.

Saturday, December 12

5:00pm

Luigi, Teresa & Pietro Fabiano
Maria Rosa Consolata Tino
Francesca & Pasquale Coccimiglio
Faustina Biscardi
Raffaele Costanzo
In honour of the Madonna & St. Sebastian & All Saints
Special Intention for Rosy Vintimilla
Chris Hacio

G. Fabiano
J. Tino & Family
O. & N. Coccimiglio
F. Crupi & Family
F. & A. Costanzo
M. Chies
F. & S. Roccatani

Sunday, December 13

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am

In onore di Santa Lucia
Franco Paladino
Filip Ivanetic
Vincenza DiGiacinto
Antonietta Carpio
Esterina Romito

E. Romito
Moglie & Figli
Giovina & Family
Family
Family
M. & S. Frattaroli

11:00am

Manuel Arruda Novo
Jose Cabral
Frank Joseph Cappello
Giuseppe Marino
Manuel Jose
Antonio Arruda
Rosina Rosso
Vincenzo & Angelina Ruberto & Natacha

E. & M. Novo
M. Cabral
M. Bitone
Figli
Family
Friends
A. Tucci
Family

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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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