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We hope to do this with a Spirit of Christian generosity that brings us closer to the blessing of unity, peace and reconciliation.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—B

December 13, 2020

The Spirit of the Lord now upon me has sent me to bring good news to the poor.



The joy of Advent shines forth with an inspiring message of hope and encouragement, urging us to rejoice and be happy because the Lord is near. On the first Christmas, when God came down in the person of Jesus, he filled the world with glad tidings of great joy. His life was geared towards God, the Father, in joy, prayer, and thanksgiving. Our Christmas joy cannot be complete unless we show generosity to those who have nothing to give to us in return. The happiest people are those who are doing most for others. We were created for happiness. May the joy of Christmas free us again from our selfish way of life and open our families to the true light the Emmanuel is giving us.

III DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

La *profezia di Isaia* sull'avvento del Messia, che abbiamo ascoltato nella prima lettura, contiene le parole che lo stesso Gesù citò, riferite a sé, in risposta ai discepoli del Battista, inviati ad interrogarlo se fosse lui il Messia. Siamo a una settimana da Natale, e questa riflessione ha tutto il sapore della Domenica delle Palme... Ma se ci pensiamo, i dolori della passione hanno accompagnato il cammino del Signore, fin dall'inizio. "Non c'era posto per loro nell'albergo." La verità è molto interessante: ve la esprimo con le parole di Giovanni: "Venne fra la sua gente, ma i suoi non l'hanno accolto." Non oso pensare se e come lo accoglieremmo, se nascesse ai nostri giorni...



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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One Who is Coming

The mysterious figure of John the Baptist, introduced in last week's readings, comes into sharper focus today. He is not Elijah returned from the heavens, although he dresses in the prophet's attire and preaches repentance and judgment like him. Not Elijah in the flesh, John is nonetheless sent in Elijah's Spirit and power to fulfill his mission. Neither is John the prophet Moses foretold, although he is a kinsman and speaks God. Nor is John the Messiah, though the Spirit has anointed him since he was in the womb.

John prepares the way for the Lord. The baptism he performs is symbolic, not sacramental. It is a sign given to stir our hearts to repentance. John shows us the One upon whom the Spirit remains, the One who fulfills the promise we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus' bath of rebirth and the Spirit opens a fountain that purifies Israel and gives all a new heart and a new Spirit. John comes to us in the Advent readings to show us the light, that we might believe in the One who comes at Christmas. As we sing in today's Responsorial, the Mighty One has come to lift each of us, to fill our hunger with bread from heaven.

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 96% of our goal having raised \$27,884.08

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS GREETING:

2020 has had its challenges, from Health concerns with Covid 19, to Soul searching of Racial indifferences. During this Christmas Season, please take a moment to put our "Faith Into Action", reach out and call a friend, neighbour & family and ask "How Are You"?

From our Fraternity of Brother Knights, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and may God Bless you with Good Health and Happiness for 2021.

William David Baxter Grand Knight, Leo Council 1130

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MASS INTENTIONS December 14—20, 2020

Monday, December 14

All Parishioners
Raffaella Marino
Deceased of Slobbe family

9:00am English

Pastor
Figli
Slobbe Family

Tuesday, December 15

Amedeo Frattarola
Rosa Coltellaro
Giuseppina Costanzo
Donato & Antonio DiGiacinto

7:00pm Italian

G. & T. Leonetti
Amerigo
A. & R. Slobbe
G. Ivanetic

Wednesday, December 16

Lucia Bucciarelli
Paolo, Manual & Luiza Vincenta
Erik Sereda
All Souls
Lou Nistico

7:00pm English

M. Bitonte
I. DaCosta
mom, dad & Nicole
A. & R. Slobbe
R. Furioso

Thursday, December 17

Giuseppe Magisano
Giuseppe DiDomenicis
Albert Valela
Special Intention
Deceased of Marozzo Family

7:00pm Italian

V. & A. Augruso
DiBiagio & Charlton
Family
Parishioner
A. Crough

Friday, December 18

Raffaele & Sergio Iachetta & Orlando & Lidia
Nicola Marino
Gina Benincasa
Matthew Talarico

7:00pm English

Maio Family
C. Coda
C. & M. Turco
Family

Saturday, December 19

5:00pm
Deceased of Zanandrea Family
Giuseppe Floreancig
Maria & Bruno Mauro
Nick Tucci
Francesco Tassone
Nicola Squartecchia
Wallace Hudson
Pasquale Casoria
Ercole D'Angelo
Angelo Nardi

Dino & Family
Family
Family
Family
Family
Wife & Family
Hudson Family
Wife & Family
A. & D. Castellani
cognati Cosmo & Raffaella

Sunday, December 20 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am
Rita & Quinto Bordignon
Eva Sacchetti
Vincenzo, Angelina & Ciccio Rosso
Santo & Bruno Bitonte
Esterina Romito
Iolanda Conforti
Mario & Angela Sacchetti

Family
husband & Family
daughter & sister
M. Bitonte
M. Sacchetti
R. Filice
Family

11:00am

Mario & Lauretta Filice
Giuseppantonio Rosso
Giovanni Malench & Peter & Lucia Sandri
Pina Valente
Antonio Figueira
Esterina Romito
Paolo Galle
Carmine & Antonetta DeGrazia

Family
Rosina
Gina
E. Cassano
Family
late Esterina
Family
Family

*Please continue to pray
for all affected by the coronavirus.*

*Stay safe, we will get through
this difficult time with the help
of our Blessed Mother.*



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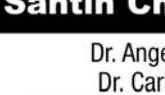
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