St. Anthony Church

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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. Pasquale Coccimiglio
Office Admin.:	Mary Stefanile	Custodian: Raffaele Stefanile
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December 27, 2020



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—January 3, 2021 & BAPTISM OF THE LORD B January 10, 2021

We have seen his star in the East and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

The baptism of Jesus naturally makes us think of our baptism. Christ's baptism was not just an isolated event in his own life; it was the beginning of a new era in God's relationship with humanity and had implications for us all, as it affects each of us at the deepest and most personal level. At baptism, the spirit of God takes possession of us in a very special way, to direct and guide us in the footsteps of Christ. Baptism unites us with Jesus in the most intimate manner, bringing us into the family of God with the right to call God our Father.

EPIFANIA DEL SIGNORE & BATTESIMO DEL SIGNORE

Il disegno misterioso di Dio sull'umanità ora è pienamente svelato: a chi accoglie il Verbo fatto carne viene donato il potere di diventare figlio di Dio. L'uomo è chiamato a divenire partecipe della stessa filiazione divina del Verbo: ad essere nel Verbo Incarnato figlio del Padre. E il Padre genera nel Verbo Incarnato anche ogni uomo e in lui vede e ama ogni persona umana. È la suprema rivelazione della dignità di ogni persona umana, della singolare preziosità di ogni uomo.



Parish Of	fice 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.			
<u>Baptism:</u>	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		



GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION

Christmas is God's love for us in action, moving our good feeling about ourselves, the future, and

the power of love made visible. At the heart of Christmas and the special joy we feel is recognizing that God came among us. The story of Jesus' birth and Mary's role in it bring us into the simplicity of this extraordinary mystery of life and faith.

"Mary gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke. 2:7)

However, there is much more to the story of Christmas. Jesus grew up. As we grow up, we find that our relationship with him is greatly changed. As adults, demands that our faith in the Lord makes on us are demands made on us.

The beauty and excitement of Christmas are the realizations that God chose to speak to us. He came to be with us, loving us, and be a permanent presence in our life. The challenge for us is to respond with the same attention and devotion to this extraordinary presence. In doing so, we truly become happy people in sharing that divine presence of love, light, and peace.

This year has been a very 'extraordinary year.' Thank you for following all the protocols with this pandemic and for keeping you and your family safe. May God bless all of us with health, prosperity, and goodness in 2021. To you and all my beloved Parishioners close or far away, peace and Joy. Fr. Luigi

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.

UPDATE ON COVID 19 ISSUE:

All public Masses from December 26 until January 9, 2021 are CANCELLED.

This is all due to the rising number of cases of Covid-19 and the pandemic in our province. Fr. Luigi will celebrate private Masses for the intentions of the parishioners but our churches and church offices will be closed for the lock down of 14 days.

"People are reminded that they are still dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during this pandemic. Please pray together as a family and please observe the directions of our health authorities for everyone's safety. Please pray for those working in our hospitals and health care institutions and for our first-responders. Keep your family safe and also those around you. You can follow Christmas Mass and Sunday Masses on the internet with Bishop Colli at www.dotb.ca

Merry and Holy Christmas to all—be safe and pray for an end to this pandemic in our land. Sincerely, Bishop Fred J. Colli

BEST YOUTH ON HILLS: Our parish is missing you! We will be having virtual meetings. 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.

Electronic donations can be made online. One-time or automatic monthly donations by credit card www.stanthonysparish.ca

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Thank you to all Parishioners & visiting friends for your continued generosity & support. God Bless!

Sébastien Charles Petch was baptized in the Lord. Congratulations & Blessings to the family.



Congratulations to **Catherine Blaikie** who has been received into the Catholic Faith.



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.





