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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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—B

March 7, 2021

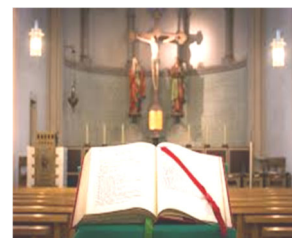
Lord, you have words of eternal life.



After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection. During Lent, we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and our world.

III DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA

Gesù si presenta al suo popolo come vero profeta. Le cose di Dio vanno fatte sempre sotto mozione dello Spirito del Signore. I Giudei comprendono il gesto di Gesù. Se Gesù è vero profeta, deve attestarli con dei segni inequivocabili. Essi però dimenticano che il segno del profeta è la verità della sua parola. Gesù proprio questo segno dona loro: *"Distruggete questo tempio e in tre giorni lo farò risorgere"*. Il tempio da distruggere non è quello di pietra. È invece il suo corpo, vero nuovo tempio di Dio. È la risurrezione di Gesù il vero segno che deve aprire i cuori alla vera fede.



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





Spiritual Sacrifice

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple but fulfill it—to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan.

He is the Lord the prophets said would come—to purify the temple, banish the mer-

chants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples. The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands. Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves.

Notice in today's First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices—only that Israel heed His commandments. His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today's Psalm. It was a law of love, perfectly expressed in Christ's self-offering on the Cross.

This is the "sign" Jesus offers in the Gospel today—the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as Paul tells us in the Epistle.

Jesus' body—destroyed on the Cross and raised three days later—is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple and together builds us into a dwelling place of God. In the Eucharist, we participate in The offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and truth that the Father desires.

We are to offer praise as our sacrifice. This means imitating Christ—offering our bodies—all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others. - Scott Hahn

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During Lent, parishioners are invited to meditate on the Stations of the Cross and pray for all our beloved.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Let us pray for our couples that are to be married this year. They will be taking a virtual Marriage course on March 14.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN:

During Lent 2021, Development and Peace invites us to act in solidarity with people of the global south through prayer, reflection and action. Please don't forget to donate to the ***Share Love Share Lent Campaign***. Your generosity will help Development and Peace to continue supporting our poorest sisters and brothers in the global south.

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By mailing a donation to: Development and Peace
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or by calling (toll free) 1-888-234-8533. For those that have Sunday Envelopes, there is an envelope for Share Lent in your weekly envelope box.

FIRST COMMUNION 2021: The dates for the 2021 First Communion have been set for June 5th & 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 in order to obtain a registration form. *Please remember to attend Mass every Sunday—by livestream, as the best preparation for First Communion.*

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 to obtain a registration form. **Confirmation meeting is postponed until further notice.**

BEST YOUTH ON HILLS: 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.

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



COMMUNITY MESSAGES:

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY: As per the Government of Ontario, the Bereavement Authority of Ontario, & for the safety of our patronage & staff, the Our Lady of Charity Mausoleum will NOT be opening at this time.

SUNDAY MASS WITH BISHOP COLLI: Each weekend Bishop Colli celebrates Sunday Mass for those unable to attend at this time. Please visit website: www.dotb.ca

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORN BEEF TAKE OUT: Columbus Centre (301 May St. S. 623-3252. Pick up 4-6pm, Wednesday, March 17. Preorders only by Mon., March 15. (Corn beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, coleslaw & slice of rye bread. Cost \$20.00

MASS INTENTIONS March 8—14, 2021

Monday, March 8

All Parishioners
Maria & Eugenio Sacchetti
Luisa DiBiagio

9:00am English

Pastor
Family
Family

Tuesday, March 9

Marcello Donato
Giovanni Niccoli

7:00pm Italian

Mom
Family

Wednesday, March 10

Erik Sereda
All Souls

7:00pm English

mom, dad & Nicole
I. DaCosta

Thursday, March 11

Maria Darosa
Ann Skribka
Giulia & Giuseppe Roccatani

7:00pm Italian

daughters
R. Furioso
Franco & Silvana

Friday, March 12

Giuseppina Costanzo
Evelina Ghersinich

7:00pm English

St. Anthony Seniors Group
A. & J. Ghersinich

Saturday, March 13

5:00pm

Faustina Biscardi
Deceased of Zanandrea Family
Angelo & Giulia Abbantonato
Mary Furioso
Giuseppina Rizzo

T. & L. Sacchetti & Fam.
Dino & Family
B. & E. Melchiorre
R. Furioso
Family

Sunday, March 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00am

Carmine & Antonetta DeGrazia
Rachele & Santo Costanzo
Filip Ivanetic
Antonietta Frattaroli

Family
Family
Giovina & Family
Family

11:00am

Manuel & Maria do Carmo Pimentel
Pasquale Bossio
Amedeo Frattarola
Jose Cabral
Antonio Arruda
Raffaele Costanzo
Irene Botelho Paulo Raposo

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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.

Alex Marrello was baptized in the Lord. Congratulations & blessings to the family.



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