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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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—B

March 14 , 2021

*God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son
so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.*



The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is in continuity with the words of the prologue. In these reflections, John elaborates on many themes: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is why we are rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

IV DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA

"E come Mosè innalzò il serpente nel deserto, così bisogna che sia innalzato il Figlio dell'uomo, perché chiunque crede in lui abbia la vita eterna." Gv3,14-15. "Bisogna che il Figlio dell'uomo sia innalzato". Quel Figlio che nel mistero dell'Incarnazione si era "abbassato" ora bisogna che venga "appeso - innalzato - che ascenda": è l'inizio del suo ritorno al Padre, ma è anche la condizione, per chi crede, di avere nel Suo Spirito la vita eterna, cioè la vita dei figli di Dio. Davanti a quel "Bisogna" noi non possiamo che inginocchiarci e il nostro cuore non può che commuoversi e ringraziare per il grande Amore che Dio ha per tutti noi!



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





Living in the Light

The Sunday readings in Lent have been showing us the high points of salvation history—God’s covenant with creation in the time of Noah; His promises to Abraham; the law He gave to Israel at Sinai.

In today’s First Reading, we hear of the destruction of the kingdom established by God’s final Old Testament covenant—the covenant with David. His chosen people abandoned the law He gave them. For their sins, the temple was destroyed, and they were exiled to Babylon. We hear their sorrow and repentance in the exile lament we sing as today’s Psalm.

But we also hear how God, in His mercy, gathered them back, even anointing a pagan king to shepherd them and rebuild the temple. God is rich in mercy, as today’s Epistle teaches. He promised that David’s kingdom would last forever, that David’s son would be His Son and rule all nations. In Jesus, God keeps that promise.

Moses lifted the serpent as a sign of salvation. Now Jesus is raised on the Cross to draw all people to Himself.

We are God’s handiwork, saved to live as His people in the light of His truth. Midway through this season of repentance, let us again behold the Pierced One and rededicate ourselves to living the “good works” that God has prepared us for. -

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. A They will be taking a virtual Marriage course on March 14.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN: Next weekend on March 20 & 21 we celebrate Solidarity Sunday for Lent 2021 Development and Peace. Please give generously:

You can donate online at: <https://devp.org/give>
By mailing a donation to: Development and Peace
1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd. West, 3rd Floor,
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For those that have **Sunday Envelopes**, there is an envelope for **Share Lent** in your weekly envelope box.

FIRST COMMUNION 2021: The dates for this year’s First Communion are June 5 & 6, 2021, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. A reminder to parents to support their children with the preparation program, posted on the church website, stanthonysparish.ca Attending mass is most important in preparing for First Communion. Mass can be attended by livestream with the link being found on the church website, during the current closure and in person when the church re-opens.

CONFIRMATION 2021: The dates for this year’s Confirmation are May 1 & 2, 2021. A reminder to the candidates to complete the preparation program with the support of their sponsors and parents. The program has been emailed to the families and is also available on the church website at stanthonysparish.ca Attending mass is also an important part of sacramental preparation. Mass can be attended by livestream with the link being found on the church website, during the current closure, and in person when the church reopens.

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 & 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 15—21, 2021

Monday, March 15

All Parishioners

9:00am English

Pastor

Tuesday, March 16

Rose Ward
Giuseppina Rizzo

7:00pm Italian

R. Furioso
Famiglia

Wednesday, March 17

Renee Deschenes
Bruno Nardi
Primo Decal
Francesco, Maria & Giuseppe Magisano
Luigi Petricio

7:00pm English

Valela Family
Mom & Dad
Olinda
P. Magisano
Families

Thursday, March 18

All Parishioners

7:00pm Italian

Pastor

Friday, March 19

Giuseppe DiGiuseppe

7:00pm English

Figli

Saturday, March 20

5:00pm
All Parishioners

Pastor

Sunday, March 21

Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00am

Eva Sacchetti
Carmine & Antonetta DeGrazia
Esterina Romito

Ermando & Fam.
Family
late Esterina

11:00am

Pina & Valeriano Valente
Giovanni Malench & Peter & Lucia Sandri
Rosina Rosso
Neil Wood
Antonietta & Gaspare Coccimiglio
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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.



† Let us pray for Salvatore Tassone who recently passed away.

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