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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.

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021

*Abide in me as I abide in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia.*



*Am I dead or alive?* Today's Gospel says that our relationship to him is similar to a tree and its branches. So I have to ask myself: Am I a living branch on the vine that is Jesus? Am I a Christian that bears fruit? Am I living my life creatively so that others also benefit? Can other people see the influence that Jesus has on my life – in my words, my actions, my general behaviour and my lifestyle? Am I a true follower of Jesus? How many people have come to know and believe in Jesus because of me? It is a blessing to see the joy of knowing God's love that comes to us through Jesus and his Church.

## V DOMENICA DI PASQUA

Il discepolo di Gesù davanti a Dio e al mondo e' tralcio della vite vera che e' Cristo. Chi è inserito in Cristo, attraverso l'obbedienza alla sua Parola, produce frutti di vita eterna per sé e per il mondo. Chi crede di essere inserito in Cristo, ma non obbedisce alla sua parola, non solo non produce alcun frutto, viene il Padre e lo taglia come tralcio. Separato "naturalmente" dalla vera vite, secca e viene bruciato nel fuoco. Mentre il tralcio che produce, il Padre lo pota perché porti più frutto. L'obbedienza alla Parola di Dio produce frutti. L'unità di essenza con Cristo è la sola sorgente della nostra vita.



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





## The Vine

Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be—the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations. In Baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist.

Paul always seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine—His Church. We, too, are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness. Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will "prune" us—as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness.

We need always to remain rooted in Him. We stay in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us, and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything, we must be guided by humility, remembering that we can do nothing apart from Him. As we sing in today's Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives. - Scott Hahn



## A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP COLLI:

My Dear Friends, Unfortunately our churches still remain closed during this "stay at home order" and emergency lock down. I know this is difficult for everyone, and I again ask for your patience and understanding. Everyone wants to go back to church and regular Sunday Mass or weekday Mass, however, as we see in our province, the situation is rather dire in many parts of the province. We must maintain our attention to following the safety protocols, to stay at home and remain with our immediate family only, to maintain physical distancing, to wear a mask, to wash our hands regularly and to work from home when possible. Everyone is encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible also. Thank you for your continued support to our parishes both spiritually in prayer and economically in your weekly donations. We ask the Lord to guide us through this time and to lead us to safety and gathering once again as a faith family. May the Lord bless you and your families and keep them safe.

**FIRST COMMUNION 2021:** The dates for this year's First Communion are still 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](http://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.

**CONFIRMATION 2021:** Given the current Stay At Home Order, Confirmation has been moved to June 26th & 27th. A meeting for candidates, their sponsor and ONE parent has been scheduled. In order to stay within the anticipated COVID guidelines, we will be having TWO separate meetings. For all candidates that are scheduled to receive their sacrament on Saturday, June 26th, your meeting date will be on Sunday, June 13th at 7:00pm. For all candidates that are scheduled to receive their sacrament on Sunday, June 27th, your meeting date will be on Monday, June 14th at 7:00pm. The wearing of masks, hand sanitation and social distancing are requirements of all in attendance. Please arrive by 6:45pm so that we can begin on time. A reminder to bring all of your completed documents that have been emailed to you.

**BEST YOUTH ON HILLS:** Next Zoom Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 2nd at 7:00pm. The Zoom invitation will be emailed if you have registered your email with us. All youth in Grade 7 & up are welcome to join. If you are new and wish to join the meeting, please email [cocci5@tbaytel.net](mailto:cocci5@tbaytel.net) to receive a Zoom Meeting invitation.

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



**“AN EXTRAORDINARY TIME OF PRAYER AND SHARING”:**

The **Bishop’s Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign** has traditionally started on Divine Mercy Sunday these past years. This year the Diocesan Centre will contact donors by mail. In the next few weeks you will be receiving information on this year’s campaign in your mailbox. Our theme is most appropriate as we share with Pope Francis in asking the Lord for courage and patience during this worldly pandemic that has changed our lives. I ask again for your consideration and generosity for this year’s Campaign. Our needs grow more and more each year and your response in past years has been most appreciated and has enabled me, as the Bishop, to serve the needs of our parishes and communities in our Diocese. Please be generous again this year and I ask God’s blessing upon you and your families. Bishop F. Colli

**MASS INTENTIONS May 3— May 9, 2021**

**Monday, May 3**

All Parishioners

**9:00am English**

Pastor

**Tuesday, May 4**

Domenico & Marcello Donato & Deceased Family Family  
Lucia Bucciarelli  
Fr. Richard Veltri

**7:00pm Italian**

E. Sacchetti  
C.W.L.

**Wednesday, May 5**

Franca Costantino  
Ernesto Romito

**7:00pm English**

R. Mauro & Family  
late Esterina

**Thursday, May 6**

Mike Ferrari  
Salvatore Tassone

**7:00pm Italian**

Wife & Children  
S. & I. Micieli

**Friday, May 7**

Maria Nardi  
Riccardo Longo  
Maria, Salvatore & Damiano Valente

**7:00pm English**

fratello Cosmo & sorella Raffaella  
M. & S. Jollineau  
figlio Cosmo

**Saturday, May 8**

**5:00pm**

Faustina Biscardi  
Angelo Tucci, Teresa Primerano, Domenico Zaffino, Raffaella Federico Tucci Fam.  
Giovanna Chiarelli  
Angelo & Giuseppina Papa

**D. McFarlane**

T. & L. Cappello  
figlia Rosa

**Sunday May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**9:00am**

Mass Intentions for ALL MOTHERS

**11:00am**

Mass Intentions for ALL MOTHERS

Mass can also be viewed by livestream with the link being found on the church website:

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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.*



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