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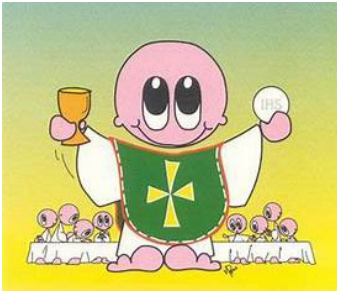
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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2021

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of eternal life.



Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who is described as Jesus' disciples only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention. On behalf of all the Twelve, Simon Peter announces that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life. This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make their judgment about who Jesus is and, in doing so, determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

XXI DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

L'apostolo Pietro ci offre nel vangelo di oggi una risposta che ci permette di superare i condizionamenti della storia e della cultura per scoprire - anche con fatica - che Gesù ha *parole di vita eterna*. La folla aspettava un messia che trionfasse, quelli che seguivano Gesù avevano questa illusione, e tra questi anche qualcuno degli apostoli. Pietro si fa timido portavoce di un gruppo di uomini chiamati a diventare luce, sale e lievito della storia. Per essere apostoli si deve scegliere semplicemente la logica della croce. L'eternità è presente nell'oggi, nella vita che viviamo, sono le parole del Signore a rivelarcelo. È l'eternità dell'oggi che dà significato e prospettiva alla storia e ci libera. Affermare che le parole di Gesù sono spirito e sono vita è affermare che la sua parola agisce e crea proprio nella vita e nello spirito di noi uomini di questo tempo la vita eterna.



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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A Choice to Make



This Sunday's Mass readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist. The Twelve Apostles in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice—either to believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood or return to their former ways of life.

We, too, are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks, we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist—a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt. He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that we will have no life in us unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood. It is a hard saying, as many murmurs in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life. We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed Himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world. As we hear in today's Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh. Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants. - Scott Hahn.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP COLLI: Step 3 of Reopening of Churches: On Friday, July 16th, we entered **Step 3** of the province's reopening plan. This plan allows for full capacity of our churches, according to what proper social distancing will allow. Most probably still marking off every second pew at this time. The other **safety protocols** are still in place however. Masks must be worn; social distancing in and outside of church; sanitizing of hands at the doors; no congregational singing, but cantors and musicians are allowed; no shaking of hands, and Holy Communion only in the hand. No children's liturgies at this time and limited washroom access. No collections or processions. **Funerals** and **weddings** and **baptisms** may all be celebrated in the church with the above limits and protocols. We are awaiting some **updates** from the Ontario Bishops which will give us more details about this third step and reopening. We hope to see a lessening of these protocols as the summer continues. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Pastoral Centre for clarification. Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

Bishop Fred Colli

MUSICIANS IN NEED: the church is in need of any musicians that are interested in playing for masses. If you are interested in this volunteer experience please contact the office at (807) 768-1878.

FIRST COMMUNION 2021: September 11th & 12th. Parents are reminded to support their children with the preparation program that has been emailed out to them and posted on the parish website stanthonysparish.ca Attending Mass is the best preparation for First Communion.

CONFIRMATION: Special thanks to the preparation team, the hospitality and music ministers who gave their time and talents to make the 4 Confirmation celebrations prayerful for the newly confirmed and their families. Heartfelt appreciation is also extended to our CWL for the Confirmation prayer cards gifted to the newly confirmed.

FR. LUIGI ON WHEELS: Sunday, July 18th was the annual Fr. Luigi on Wheels fundraiser. It was a great success! Thank you to everyone who was involved and participated. To date we have raised \$3,225.00. Thank you to those who donated. God bless.



HOLY NAME GOLF TOURNAMENT: St. Anthony's Holy name will be hosting their Annual Golf Tournament to be held at Whitewater Golf Course on Sunday, August 22nd, 2021. The cost is \$130 per member. This includes lunch at 11:30am, golf, and dinner to follow. For more information please contact Vince Fragale at (807) 474-9568 or Rory Cava at (807) 626-2045.

WEEKDAY SUMMER MASS TIMES: beginning Monday, June 28 and continuing for the months of July and August, our weekday Mass time will be at 9:00am from Monday to Friday. Regular times will commence again in September.

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!

Congratulations to Marc Trevisanutto and Caroline Bisignano on their marriage. May God continue to bless them in their journey of family life.



Bishop's Annual Diocesan Ministry 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

Our Goal this year is \$29,000.00

To date we have raised \$11,155.00

We are at 38%

MASS INTENTIONS August 23—August 29 , 2021

Monday, August 23

All Parishioners
Marcello Donato
Antonietta Frattaroli
Silvio Bruno Bossio

9:00am English

Pastor
Family
Famiglia
Vincence Family

Tuesday, August 24

Marcello Donato
Vincenzo Romeo & Deceased Romeo & Bruzese
Domenico Pirritano
Deceased of Slobbe & Stranges Family

9:00am Italian

Family
Family
E. Melchiorre
A. & R. Slobbe

Wednesday, August 25

Sam Larizza
Natalina Quinn
Bobby Carvalho & Manuel & Jorge Rodriguez

9:00am English

Rocco, Pina, Bruna
Family
Dina & Family

Thursday, August 26

Rosa Mihaljevic
Pasquale Bruno-Bossio

9:00am Italian

Salatino Family
M. & A. Berardi

Friday, August 27

Bruno Larizza
Special Intention

9:00am English

wife & Family
Elge Kowalski

Saturday, August 28

Francesco Colistro
Peter Grassi
Mario & Angela Sacchetti

5:00pm

D. Nelli & Family
daughter Joan
Family

Sunday, August 29

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Angelo Nardari
Carmine & Antonetta DeGrazia
Antonio Tassone, Fiorinda & Maria DeProphetis
Vincenzo & Assunta Vetere
Dino, Pasquale & Sister

9:00am

wife & Family
Family
M. Agostino
S. & I. Vetere
S. Sacchetti

11:00am

Rosa Coltellaro
Concetta Augruso
Anna Stilla
Maria Pacheco
Ana Bene
Ettore Izzo
Fiore Coccimiglio
Maria Sacchetti

Amerigo
A. & R. Clara
M. Sacchetti & Fam.
Ilda
R. Skribka
Teresa & Family
L. Coccimiglio
M. Sacchetti & Fam.

Our 11:00am Mass can also be viewed by livestream with the link being found on the church website: www.stanthonysparish.ca

Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
And defend us from every evil.

Amen



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