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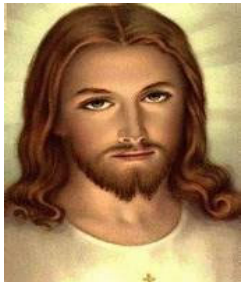
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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 29, 2021



O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love for all who call to you.

If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today's reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our hearts to God and God's ways.

XXII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

"Anche l'occhio vuole la sua parte". E' una frase che si dice per dare la dovuta importanza all'esteriorità, sempre che questa non pretenda di avere il predominio su ciò che essenziale. Lodare Dio con le labbra non serve e non dà meriti se si omette di riverire la sua grandezza nel nostro cuore, entusiasti noi stessi dei benefici che lui ci ha dato e anche le più esaltanti organizzazioni di preghiera e di liturgia rischiano di trasformarsi in presuntuosa vanagloria quando vi è la superba lontananza del cuore dal vero culto a Dio ed è proprio vero quanto Gesù ammonisce: "Non ciò che entra nell'uomo lo contamina, ma ciò che vi esce." Per il semplice fatto che quanto esce dall'uomo ha una scaturigine interiore e tutto dipende se essa sia buona o maliziosa. Trasparenza e sincerità sono il vero motto di chi ha il passaporto per amare.



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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Pure Religion



Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today's Gospel is ironic. In observing the law, the Pharisees honor God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. However, they've turned the law inside out in this, making it a matter of simply performing certain external ac-

tions. The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us—the kingdom of God, eternal life. Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Epistle, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us. This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honor. "Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law. Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip service? - 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 \$3,775.00. Thank you to those who donated. God bless.



MASS CARDS: please remember to book Mass Cards that you may have received in memory of your deceased loved ones. If you do not schedule the dates, we will be happy to do it for you. Please call the office for more information.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: beginning Wednesday, September 7th, regular weekday mass times will resume. On Monday's masses will be held at 9am and Tuesday-Friday mass will be held at 7pm.

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!



Quincy Fabiano and Luca Pereira were baptized in the Lord. Congratulations and blessings to their families.

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 30—September 5, 2021

Monday, August 30

All Parishioners
 Consolata Marie Rose Tino
 Rosa Coltellaro
 Nilda Stilla

9:00am English

Pastor
 Tino Family
 A. Coltellaro
 A. Coltellaro

Tuesday, August 31

Giuseppina Conforti
 Giovanni Nerino

9:00am Italian

late Esterina
 Nerino Family

Wednesday, September 1

Franca Daniele
 Pasquale Bruno-Bossio

7:00pm English

Family
 O. & N. Coccimiglio

Thursday, September 2

Esterina Romito
 Emma Rucchetto
 Rosina Rosso

7:00pm Italian

late Esterina
 G. & M. Scocchia
 A. Tucci

Friday, September 3

Paolo & Vicenta
 Kody Furioso
 Giuseppe Arella and Family

7:00pm English

Ilda & Family
 Rosemary
 M. Arella

Saturday, September 4

Domenico Donato
 Lucia Bucciarelli
 Giovanni Eleuterio Chiarelli
 Vittorio Augruso
 Silvio Tesolin
 Corado Sacchetti
 Amber Michelle Smolcec

5:00pm

Family
 E. DeAmicis
 M. & R. Stefanile
 L. Nucci
 Vic & Laura & Fam.
 Cesare
 Mother

Sunday, September 5 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am
 Carmine & Antonetta DeGrazia
 Carmine DeVuono
 Amedeo Frattarola
 Raymond Colosimo
 Defunti Tutti Sacchetti
 Frank Sacco

9:00am
 Family
 wife & children
 N. & B. LaSelva
 S. & I. Vetere
 S. Sacchetti
 S. Sgromo

11:00am

Antonio Arruda
 Maria DiCasmirro
 Irene Botelho Paolo Raposo
 Frank Pedulla
 Franca Costantino
 Tom Johnson
 Maria Pacheco
 La Madonna Della Consolazione

friends
 T. & d. DiBiagio
 A. & I. Freitas
 Family
 J. & A. Potestio
 S. & B. Forbes
 M. Brophy & C. Darocha
 N. & S. Marino

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