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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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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - C**

**December 5, 2021**

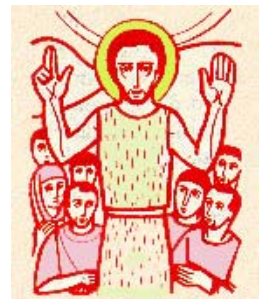
*Let's prepare the way of the Lord.*



In today's Gospel, we note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce the arrival of the Lord by our lives, as John did.

## **SECONDA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO**

La seconda domenica di Avvento presenta la figura di Giovanni Battista come segno della venuta della salvezza di Dio. La storia vive qui il suo culmine: il momento più atteso e più desiderato, il momento dell'annuncio del regno di Dio che comincia: il Messia sta per arrivare. Del deserto Giovanni denuncia e ricorda l'identità religiosa più particolare del suo popolo: il Dio d'Israele è fedele al suo legame e mantiene le sue promesse di salvezza. Convoca i suoi seguaci nel deserto, per annunciare loro l'arrivo del Messia. Ma Dio si aspetta sempre dall'uomo un minimo di collaborazione e di conversione, la purificazione dei suoi peccati, e lo sforzo di superare gli ostacoli che gli impediscono di vedere l'alba della salvezza.



**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 Road Home

Today's Psalm paints a dreamlike scene—a road filled with liberated captives heading home to Zion (Jerusalem), mouths filled with laughter, tongues rejoicing. It's a glorious picture from Israel's past,

a "new exodus," the deliverance from exile in Babylon. It's being recalled in a moment of obvious uncertainty and anxiety. Remembering "the Lord has done great things" in the past, he is making an act of faith and hope—that God will come to Israel in its present need, that He'll do even greater things in the future. Our remembrance is meant to stir our faith. Each of us, the Liturgy teaches, is like Israel in her exile—led into captivity by our sinfulness, in need of restoration and conversion by the Word of the Holy One. The lessons of salvation history should teach us that, as God, again and again, delivered Israel in His mercy, He will free us from our attachments to sin if we turn to Him in repentance. That's the message of John. But John is greater than the prophets. He's preparing the way not only for a new redemption of Israel but for the salvation of "all flesh." - Scott Hahn

**CATHOLIC ACTION CENTRE** is in need of used good condition men's winter jackets and boots and shoes. When decluttering your closets please think of the less fortunate in our community. Any donated items are offered to our clients on a "Take what you need, pay what you can" basis. Donations accepted during open hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays from 9:30am to 3:00pm. 129 East Miles Street. Call 622-6139. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Deacon Frank Beck

**C.W.L. NEWS:** The Catholic Women's League is in need of a volunteer to look after sending out sympathy/get well cards to members. If anyone is interested, please call Renata at 767-6533.

## Bishop's Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign

Our needs grow more and more each year and your response in past years has been most appreciated & 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.

**Our Goal this year is \$29,000.00**  
**To date we have raised 21,487.38**  
**We are at 74%**



**GIVING TREE:** This year, due to the many Covid restrictions, we have decided to put CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN envelopes on our tree. We encourage all to take an envelope, include a donation and place in the collection box at the entrance of the church. If you require a receipt, please include your envelope number and name and address on the outside of the envelope. If you are enclosing a cheque, please make payable to St. Anthony's Church. Any donation is appreciated and will go to the Mission Society. Thank you for your support and participation.

### FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

**Confirmation date:** May 28 & 29, 2022

**First Communion date:** June 19, 2022

**ITALIAN SOCIETY OF P.A.:** monthly meeting Monday, December 6 at 7:00pm at the Italian Hall. All members welcomed.

**BEST YOUTH ON HILLS:** next youth meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 12 from 7:00-8:30pm. We will be making Christmas cards for the residents of Bethammi Long-Term Care and recording a few carols to share with the residents (in place of caroling in person). Youth gr. 7 and older are invited to attend. Social distancing guidelines will be followed for the meeting and those attending are required to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

**2022 SUNDAY ENVELOPES:** are available in the lobby. Please discard any unused envelopes of the previous years.

These new envelopes are to be used starting January 1, 2022. Thank you!

Electronic donations can be made online. One-time or automatic monthly donations by credit card [www.stanthonysparish.ca](http://www.stanthonysparish.ca)

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** \$2,520.00

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



**Ashton Jayce Seagris** was baptized in the Lord. Congratulations & blessings to the family.



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**Monday, December 6**

All Parishioners  
 Mike Ferrari  
 Salvatore Tassone

**9:00am English**

Pastor  
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**Tuesday, December 7**

Fr. Bortignon  
 Antonio Calleri  
 Domenico, Francesco, Saverio Marasco- Senior & Junior T. & R. Colosimo  
 Elvira Saccomano  
 Michael Vita

**7:00pm Italian**

C.W.L.  
 Teresa & Family  
 F. Niccoli  
 Family

**Wednesday, December 8**

Concetta Biancospino  
 Concetta Augruso  
 Immacolata Belluso

**7:00pm English**

L. & T. Cappello  
 S. & J. Tolone  
 figlia Caterina

**Thursday, December 9**

Nicolina Galle  
 Francesco Galle  
 Angelina Bertucci

**7:00pm Italian**

Family  
 Family  
 Family

**Friday, December 10**

Donna Valente  
 Carlo Pingiero  
 Defunti Palermo  
 Defunti Agostino

**7:00pm English**

Bruno & Children  
 M. Agostino & Fam.  
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**Saturday, December 11**

Tony DiMarcantonio  
 Vittorio Augruso  
 Pasquale Bruno-Bossio  
 Bruno Marino, Concetta & Pasquale Tassone  
 Liisa Zanandrea  
 Anna, Frank & John Ruberto  
 Giulia & Giuseppe Roccatani & Chris Hacio

**5:00pm**

B. & E. Melchiorre  
 Romeo Family  
 R. & V. Larizza  
 Caterina & Renato  
 Family  
 Mauro sisters  
 S. & F. Roccatani & Fam.

**Sunday, December 12 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**9:00am**

Carmine & Antonetta DeGrazia  
 Salvatore Tassone  
 Consolata Maria Rosa Tino  
 Deceased of Biancospino & DeProfetis  
 Adelina & Pietro Mauro

Family  
 Raffaella & Family  
 Tino Family  
 G. & F. Biancospino  
 M. & T. DiSimone

**11:00am**

Jose Cabral  
 Caterina & Isabella Facciolo  
 Nicola Squartecchia  
 Maria Pacheco  
 Maria do Carmo & Manuel Pimentel  
 Estelle Oulette  
 Deceased Tartaglia  
 Maria DiCasmirro

M. Cabral  
 P. Magisano  
 Wife & Family  
 Ilda  
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 S. & B. Forbes  
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