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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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - C

December 12, 2021



Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

The joy which stems from our faith means that whether playing or praying, laughing or weeping, walking or dancing, Christ shines forth from us. No one who has ever experienced this joy would exchange it for all the pleasures and comforts of this world. If the gospel is Good News, could this conclusion be reached from the expression on our faces? We should be joyful people constantly experiencing an abiding feeling of happiness because things of great value have been promised. The test of Christianity in troubled waters is not to be over-alarmed at what is happening but to face the world with hope and confidence. The purpose of our whole being is happiness.

TERZA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

Siamo alla terza Domenica dell'Avvento, contrassegnata con il colore rosaceo, che indica la gioia speciale dell'attesa e la bellissima prospettiva della prossimità del Signore che viene. Giovanni Battista, ancora oggi protagonista nella pagina evangelica odierna, "Ogni uomo vedrà la salvezza di Dio" con una promessa di futura gioia e di liberazione dai vincoli del male. Accanto alla promessa ci chiede però anche un impegno: "convertitevi; preparate la via del Signore, raddrizzate i vostri sentieri. Se da una parte Dio promette e si adopera per noi, anche noi dobbiamo collaborare. La conversione per la giustizia e per la pace sono prerogative del Regno di Dio.



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



What Do We Do?

The people in today's Gospel are "filled with expectation." They believe John the Baptist might be the messiah they've been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: "What then should we do?" "Repentance" translates a Greek word, metanoia (literally, "change of mind"). This "turning" is more than an attitude adjustment. It means a radical life change. That's why John tells the crowds, soldiers, and tax collectors they must prove their faith through works of charity, honesty, and social justice. In today's Liturgy, each of us is being called to stand in that crowd and hear the "good news" of John's call to repentance. We should examine our lives, asking from our hearts as they did: "What should we do?" This theme resounds through today's readings: "Rejoice! The Lord is near. He is "a mighty Savior." - Scott Hahn



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 23,987.38
We are at 83%

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

BEST YOUTH ON HILLS: youth meeting 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.

***Please read name on box of envelopes. Box #528 has gone missing. If you have taken this box by mistake, please return to the office or church as soon as possible. Thank you.

Electronic donations can be made online. One-time or automatic monthly donations by credit card www.stanthonyparish.ca

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$2,425.00

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



Jack Jonathan Valente was baptized in the Lord. Congratulations & blessings to the family.



Christmas Mass Schedule *Individual Confessions before every daily Mass*

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24th, 2021
 5:00pm Mass (English) - Vigil
 8:00pm Mass (English) - Vigil
 11:00pm Mass (Italian & English) **



Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25th, 2021
 9:00am Mass (Italian & English)
 11:00am Mass (English) **



New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31, 2021
 5:00pm Mass (English)

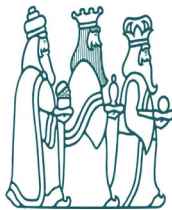
New Year's Day - Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 1, 2022
 9:00am Mass (Italian & English)
 11:00am Mass (English) **



Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 2, 2022
 9:00am Mass (Italian & English)
 11:00am Mass (English) **



***These Masses will be live streamed on our YouTube Channel*

MASS FOR HEALING following the Pandemic with General Absolution: Thursday, December 16th at 7:00pm in our parish.

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.

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 Giuseppe Marino
 Vincenza DiGiacinto
 Deceased of Ruberto & Pucci and Marie
 Frank Ruberto
 Special Intention
 Natacha Martinie Ruberto

Tuesday, December 14
 Raffaella Marino
 Michelina, Angelina & Ida Colosimo
 Deceased of C.W.L.

Wednesday, December 15
 Amedeo Frattarola
 Francisco Ferreira
 Giuseppe DeLuca
 Giovanni Scalzo
 Antonio Scalzo

Thursday, December 16
 Lucia Bucciarelli
 Giuseppe & Emilia Foresta

Friday, December 17
 Rosa & Giuseppe Donato & Defunti Famiglia
 Giuseppe Magisano
 Giuseppe DeDomenicis
 Giovanna Ruberto

Saturday, December 18
 Deceased of Zanandrea Family
 Gianna DiGiacinto
 Milvia Santin
 Faustina Biscardi
 Attilio DiCasmirro
 Ida Farno

Sunday, December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00am
 Eva Sacchetti
 Carmine & Antonetta DeGrazia
 Esterina Romito
 Filip Ivanetic
 Santo & Bruno Bitonte
 Salvatore Tassone
 Concetta, Gaetano, Luigino & Rosario Filice

11:00am
 Giovanni Malench & Peter & Lucia Sandri
 Irene Botelho Paulo Raposo
 Michele Turco
 Marianna & Joao Freitas
 Maria Pacheco
 Rosa Mihaljevic
 Carmine Caruso
 Eric Sereda
 Angelo Nardi

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

† Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Giuseppa Racco who recently passed away.

* Congratulations to Mary Connie & Angelo Marino on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

9:00am English
 Pastor
 Figli
 Family
 S. & C. Pucci
 M. & A. Berardi
 L. Colistro
 Maman

7:00pm Italian
 Figli
 T. & R. Colosimo
 Parishioner

7:00pm English
 E. Sacchetti
 daughters
 mom, dad & Fam.
 Franca, Antonio & Fam.
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7:00pm Italian
 S. Pilat & Family
 Roccatani Family

7:00pm English
 F. Donato
 Wife Pina
 A. & D. DiBiagio & Charlton Fam.
 Family

5:00pm
 Dino & Family
 B. & E. Melchiorre
 Family
 M. Agostino
 Family
 S. & L. Caputo

Ermando & Fam.
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 late Esterina
 Giovina & Family
 M. Bitonte
 M. Agostino
 R. Filice

Gina
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