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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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - C

December 19, 2021



Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name will be called Emmanuel.

On this fourth Sunday, the scripture readings are alive with excitement about the Savior coming very soon. It is no surprise that the spotlight is focused on Mary because no one can help us understand Christmas's meaning better than Mary. Like Mary, we are signs of his presence when we give ourselves to others – and what better time than at Christmas. It's a social celebration of family, food and joy. So at Christmas, everybody ought to feel welcome. Let's not forget the humble origins of Jesus, born into our world of pain and sorrow to meet all of us on the way blessed by the love of God.

QUARTA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

Oggi il vangelo ci rivela come si sono realizzati la venuta del Messia e il mistero della redenzione che essa contiene. La persona di Maria, la sua fede, il suo "si", la sua maternità, sono le vie scelte da Dio per fare visita ai suoi e portare la salvezza a tutti gli uomini. Natale e' il tempo della misericordia e la misericordia è un altro nome dell'amore. La festa ormai imminente è una dimostrazione; celebra infatti l'infinita misericordia di Dio, che per amor nostro si è fatto uno di noi. E la festa è anche un invito: a rispondere a tanto amore, nel modo che il Signore ci ha offerto e dimostrato, vale a dire ricambiando la misericordia ricevuta, praticandola verso coloro che Dio ama.



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



A Mother's Greeting

In today's First Reading, God promised that an heir of David would reign on his throne forever. Jesus is that heir, the One the prophets promised would restore the scattered tribes of Israel into a new kingdom. He is "the shepherd of Israel" sung in today's Psalm. From His throne in



heaven, He has "come to save us." Today's Epistle tells us that He is both the Son of David and the only "begotten" Son of God, come "in the flesh." He is also our "high priest," from the mould of the mysterious Melchizedek, "priest of God Most High," who blessed Abraham at the dawn of salvation history. Elizabeth blesses Mary for her faith that God's Word would be fulfilled in her. Mary marks the fulfillment not only of the angel's promise to her but of all God's promises down through history. Mary is the one they await in today's First Reading—"she who is to give birth." She will give birth this week, at Christmas. And the fruit of her womb should bring us joy—she is the mother of our Lord.

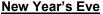
<u>Christmas Mass Schedule</u> <u>Individual Confessions before every daily Mass</u>

Christmas Eve

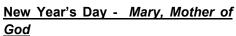
Friday, December 24th, 2021 5:00pm Mass (English) - Vigil 8:00pm Mass (English) - Vigil 11:00pm Mass (Italian & English) **

Christmas Day

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



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

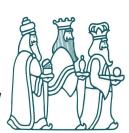


Saturday, January 1, 2022 9:00am Mass (Italian & English) 11:00am Mass (English) **

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



<u>C.W.L. NEWS:</u> 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.

<u>CATHOLIC ACTION CENTRE</u>: <u>is in need of used/good condition men's winter jackets & boots/shoes</u>. Donations accepted Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 9:30am-3:00pm at 123 Miles St. E. Call 622-6139 for more information.

Bishop's Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign

\$24,197 Raised

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 24,197.38 We are at 83%

GIVING TREE: This year, due to the many Covid restrictions, we have decided to put CHILDREN HELP-ING 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 participation.

CONFIRMATION date: May 28 & 29, 2022 First meeting for Candidates, Sponsors & 1 Parent will be Monday, January 17 at 7:00pm in the church.

FIRST COMMUNION date: June 18 &19, 2022 First meeting for Parents & Communion children will be Monday January 10 at 7:00pm in the church.

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.stanthonysparish.ca

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$2,422.00
Thank you to all Parishioners & visiting friends for your continued generosity & support. God Bless!



Brooks Dean Lagadin was baptized in the Lord.

Congratulations & blessings to the family.

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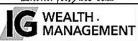
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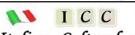
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MASS INTENTIONS December 20-26, 2021

Monday, December 20

All Parishioners Antonio Figueira

Tuesday, December 21

Gabriele & Maria Colosimo All Souls

Giuseppe Floreancig

Wednesday, December 22

Mario Filice & Lauretta Pascuzzo

Fiore Coccimiglio

7:00pm English Alba & Family

9:00am English

7:00pm Italian

Maria & Family

Galle Family

T. & R. Colosimo

Pastor

Family

F. & L. Coccimiglio.

Thursday, December 23 7:00pm Italian

Marcello & Domenica Donato & Defunti Famiglia Sam Larizza

Natalina Quinn

Bobby Carvalho, Jose Luis & Anna Jesus Liisa Zanandrea

Lino & Giovanna Tombolan

Family Rocco, Pina, Bruna

Family

Dina & Family

Family Family

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Sunday, December 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 9:00am

Angelo Nardari Carmine & Antonetta DeGrazia Giuseppina Conforti Bruno Larizza Lucio Sacchetti Frances Bush

Wife & Family Family late Esterina Wife & Family Garieri Family P. & F. Bloskie

11:00am

Vincenzo Romeo & Deceased Romeo & Bruzzese Family Paolo Galle Family Elio Bisignano Olinski Family Tarcisio & Angela Guidolin Family Ettore Izzo T. Izzo & Family

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 Enrico Vitassi, Angela Guidolin & Carmelina Casoria who recently passed awav.



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