## St. Anthony Church

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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.

Pastor: Rev. Luigi Filippini

Deacons: Rev. Dave Cattani & Rev. Pasquale Coccimiglio

Office Admin.: Mary Stefanile

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#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**January 30, 2022** 



The Lord sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.

It is helpful to consider the historical context of Luke's Gospel. Luke has witnessed the acceptance of the gospel message among many Gentiles. He endeavours to explain why the Good News of Jesus has not been as well-received by his contemporaries. Luke's report interprets the cause of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth in the context of this later Christian history. Just as the people at Nazareth did not welcome the Good News that Jesus announced, so too many will not accept the preaching of the gospel today. Jesus also challenges us to respond to his message, a prophet's message, in a new way. He calls us for a new response and a new way to follow Him today.

#### IV DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

Nel racconto del vangelo di oggi Gesù sceglie di abbracciare la sua missione. Una missione che non prevede la straordinarietà del successo umano, ma che richiede la capacità di dono e di verità. È molto interessante la sottolineatura che "passando in mezzo a loro, si mise in cammino". Gesù non scappa o sfugge ai suoi attentatori, ma si "mette in cammino". È l'atteggiamento di chi non si ferma, di chi vuole incontrare nuove realtà. Gesù non sta fermo, ma si muove per adempiere la sua missione. Come agli abitanti di Nazareth cosi' anche per noi è stata rivolta la parola di salvezza. Gesù offre una nuova opportunità di mettersi in cammino con Lui per realizzare la sua missione di essere una "buona notizia" nel mondo di oggi.



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



### Prophet to the Nations

In today's First Reading, God's words point us beyond Jeremiah to Jesus. Like Jeremiah, Jesus was consecrated in the womb and sent as a "prophet to the nations." But, like the prophets before Him, Jesus, too, faces hostility. In today's Gospel, the crowd in His hometown syn-



agogue quickly turns on Him, apparently demanding a sign, some proof of divine origins—that He's more than just "the son of Joseph." The sign He gives them is that of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. His point isn't lost on His audience. They know He's likening them to the "many . . . in Israel" in the days of the prophets. That's why they try to shove Him off the cliff. And as Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is sent to proclaim God's gift of salvation—not exclusively to one nation or people, but to all who realize in faith that from the womb God alone is their hope, their rescuer, their "rock of refuge," as we sing in today's Psalm. Prophecies, Paul tells us in today's Epistle, are partial and pass away "when the perfect comes." In Jesus, the word of the prophets has been brought to perfection, fulfilled in those who have ears to hear, as He declares in today's Gospel.

Greater than the gifts of faith and hope, Jesus shows us how to love as He loved—to love God as our Father, as the one who formed us in the womb and destined us to hear His saving Word. The salvation, the "mighty works of the Lord," we are thankful to proclaim daily in the Eucharist. -Scott Hahn.

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<u>C.W.L. NEWS:</u> The Catholic Women's League needs of a volunteer to look after sending out sympathy/get well cards to members. Anyone interested, please call Renata at 767-6533.

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

**SYNOD QUESTIONNAIRES**: Deacon Pasquale will need your completed questionnaire by January 31st. Completed questionnaires can be given in person to Deacon Pasquale during any Sunday Mass. Those that have completed their responses es electronically can email their responses to cocci5@tbaytel.net Anyone still wishing to participate can ask for a paper or digital copy of the questionnaire from Deacon Pasquale. An in person session will be scheduled in early February to capture responses from those that prefer to give it in person.

Message from Bishop Colli: As we continue to maintain our vigilance for safety with Covid-19 & the Omicron variant, I ask that you continue to reach out to those who feel alone, especially elderly parishioners. A phone call, letter or card, even Face Time visits would be appreciated. Please continue to pray for those who are ill in hospitals & in special care facilities. Take measures to keep all children safe, now that they are back to school, & if you feel comfortable, please pray with your parish community at Mass in church. All necessary protocols are in place in our churches for everyone's safety. Thank you for your continued support of our parish communities during this uncertain time & for your generous outreach to the poor & the May the Lord bring us safely through this phase of this pandemic. Sincerely, Bishop F. Colli

#### CONFIRMATION date: May 28 & 29, 2022

First meeting for Candidates, Sponsors & 1 parent has been postponed due to the significant spike in COVID-19 cases. The meeting will be rescheduled to early February provided that it will be safe to do so.

FIRST COMMUNION date: June 18 &19, 2022 First meeting for Parents & Communion children has been postponed due to the significant spike in COVID-19 cases. The meeting will be rescheduled to early February provided that it will be safe to do so.

C.W.L. MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2022: Renewal of membership fees can be brought to the office. Fee is \$25.00

#### **COLUMBUS CENTRE:**

**SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS takeout**: February 10 & 24.

**SHRIMP FEAST takeout** Friday, February 18, Pick up from 4-6pm. \$25 includes 1 pound of fried shrimp, fries & coleslaw. Pre order by Thursday, February 17 by calling 623-3252.

#### **SUNDAY COLLECTION:** \$1,195.00

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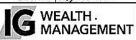
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#### MASS INTENTIONS Jan. 31—Feb. 6, 2022

Monday, January 31 9:00am English

All Parishioners Pastor

Tuesday, February 1 7:00pm Italian

Fr. Rosario Venti C.W.L.

Wednesday, February 27:00pm EnglishEmma RucchettoM. SzekelyMaria StrangesFamiglia

Thursday, February 37:00pm ItalianFiore CoccimiglioLuigina & Fam.Carmelina CasoriaR. Vita & Fam.

Friday, February 4 7:00pm English

Family

Domenico, Marcello & Giuseppe Donato

Saturday, February 55:00pmUmberto Chies & All SaintsMarillaDeceased of Zanandrea FamilyFamilyMichael VitaFamilyRocco & Rosa ZingaroRomeo Family

Sunday, February 6 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>9:00am</u>

Salvatore Tassone R. & V. Larizza
Carmine & Antonetta DeGrazia Family
Giuseppe Arella Maria

Immacolata Belluso daughters & fam.

11:00am

Irene Botelho Paulo RaposoI. & A. FreitasJose CabralMaria & FamilyMike FerrariWife & ChildrenIda FarnoS. & I. Miceli

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



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