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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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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—B

February 11, 2024

World Day of the Sick every year on February 11

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a clean person. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

VI DOMENICA IN TEMPO ORDINARIO

Nel Vangelo di oggi, l'uomo con la lebbra ha preso l'iniziativa, avvicinandosi a Gesù e chiedendo la guarigione. Così facendo, il lebbroso ha violato le usanze religiose del tempo avvicinandosi a una persona pulita. La sua richiesta a Gesù può essere interpretata come un atto coraggioso e audace. La fiducia del lebbroso nella capacità di Gesù di guarirlo è evidente nelle parole della sua richiesta. Mentre guarisce l'uomo, Gesù lo tocca, violando anche le norme sociali stabilite. Questo è un segno importante della profondità della compassione di Gesù per l'uomo e una dichiarazione importante sull'interpretazione della Legge di Mosè da parte di Gesù.

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-12 noon 1:00pm- 4:30pm

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



Prayer for the 32nd World Day of the Sick



Father, rich in mercy, look upon our wounds, heal the afflicted hearts, and guide our steps. Grant that in suffering we do not feel alone, that someone takes our hands and gives us that peace which, through Christ, comes from You. Make us breathe already on this earth, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the air of heaven That we shall one day enjoy with You. Amen.

ITALIAN SOCIETY OF P.A. SPAGHETTI TAKE-**OUT:** February 25th, from 12:00noon—5:00pm

LADIES OF ITALIAN SOCIETY OF P.A.: General Meeting Mon., Feb. 12 at 7:30pm, at the Italian Cultural Centre in the Garibaldi Hall. Plans will be discussed for the Spring Tea which is scheduled for April 21. Please attend.

EXECUTIVE MEETING: Mon., Feb. 12 at 6:00pm

COLUMBUS CENTRE UPCOMING EVENTS: SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL TAKE OUTS:

Feb. 22, March 7, 21, April 4, 18, May 2, 16, 30 For more information call the Columbus Centre: 807-623-3252

ASH WEDNESDAY: On February 14 we will celebrate Ash Wednesday, which begins the holy season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is a holy day of fast and abstinence for Catholics in which by receiving ashes, fasting from full meals and eliminating in most cases any meat consumption as abstinence, we show our desire to enter into this holy time to seek forgiveness and mercy from God in order to prepare us for Easter joy. May the Holy Spirit guide us during this special time of prayer.

FUNDRAISER FOR CHILDREN HELPING CHIL-**DREN**: this weekend our Youth Group will be selling chocolates before & after all Masses. All proceeds will go to Children Helping Children.

FIRST COMMUNION:

Reconciliation Classes (in hall, during 11:00am Mass): Sunday, April 7 & Sunday, April 14 Prayer Service: Sunday, April 21 at 2:00pm First Communion Classes: Sundays, Apr. 28, May 5 & May 26 (in hall, during 11:00am Mass) FIRST COMMUNION DAY: Saturday, June 1st at 2:00pm & 5:00pm.

CONFIRMATION 2024: A special Confirmation ceremony for registered Candidates of Bishop E.Q. Jennings & Bishop Gallagher will be held on Fri., May 3rd at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Meeting on Sunday, February 11 following the 9:00am Mass.

YOUTH CHOIR: Anyone ages 10+ are welcome to join. Next Youth Choir Practices are: Feb. 18th & March 17th after the 11:00am Mass. Please contact Cassandra Colistro (807-632-4499) or Shea Niemi (sciemi@lakeheadu.ca) for further information. Thank you

YOUTH GROUP: The next youth meeting will be February 25th from 7:00pm-8:30pm. We will be enjoying a pancake dinner for a late Shrove Tuesday. Please RSVP to cccolist@lakeheadu.ca . All Youth grade 7 & up are welcome. Bring your friends.

C.W.L. NEWS: 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES: may be paid at the office. (\$35.00)

WARM ARTICLES: CWL collecting NEW warm articles (hats, mitts, neck warmers, scarves & socks. All sized appreciated. Collection box is located in church lobby.

C.W.L.MEETING: There is no meeting in February but the **next General Meeting is March 5, 2024** with a speaker from the Alzheimer Society.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: thank you to our Lead Couples: Tony & Rosa Carina, Frank & Maria Quaresima, Rocky & Jenessa Rizzo & Deacon Pasquale & Sandra Coccimiglio who have prepared our newly engaged for the sacrament of Marriage. We ask our congregation to pray for these couples as they prepare themselves for Marriage.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU: to our Catholic Women's League who have purchased beautiful wooden crosses to be gifted to our couples.

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$7,635.00 Thank you Parishioners & visiting friends for your continued generosity & support. God Bless!

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MASS INTENTIONS February 12-18, 2024

9:00am English

J. & L. Tassone

7:00pm Italian

7:00pm English

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J. & M. Sanzo

M. Scocchia

Maria S.

Pastor

Monday, February 12

All Parishioners Costantino Castellani

Tuesday, February 13

Vito Bertucci C. Squartecchia Ron & Fav Allen Family Giuseppe Marino Figli Raffaela Marino Figli

Wednesday, February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00pm Italian

Thursday, February 15 Vince Rizzo Family Faustina Biscardi Family

Marcel Nigro R & B. Sawicki Karen Biscardi C. & A. Ferguson

Friday, February 16

Franceschina Lecchino & Isabella Facciolo

P. Magisano

Leonetta & Ermando Pavone Figli

Saturday, February 17

5:00pm

Mike Ferrari Children Rocco, Leta & Elena D'Angelo Argentina MaryAnn Morriseau David & Suzanne

Bernice Olinyk David & Suzanne Giulia Daniele P. Magisano Gildo Marinig & Deceased Family Romilda

Raffaele Costanzo Fiorina & Family

Sunday, February 18 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00am Mass

Vincenzo Rizzo Carmine & Antonietta DeGrazia P. & F. Bloskie & M. DeGrazia

Tony & Rosa Borba

Annina DiClaudio DeProphetis

Dino DiGiuseppe

M. & S. Frattaroli Luciano Farno St. Anthony's Italian Choir

11:00am Mass

Jose Cabral Cabral Family John Mauracher wife Maria Irene Raposo Jose & Family Tony Arruda M. Zugic & Family Pina & Family Giuseppe Magisano

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



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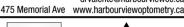
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