

# 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  
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Rite Christian Initiation Adults — R.C.I.A. call office 768-1878

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - B**

**December 3, 2023**

*Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.*

The Church, today, dedicates this time, Advent, so that we can all prepare our cave, to receive God who comes to us in the humility of the manger and the simplicity of our everyday living. Advent: a time 'to prepare the way for the Lord'. We, too, want to be ready to live worthily in this special time of 'waiting for God.' What can we do? Advent is a time to test ourselves, to see if there is a sincere desire in us to welcome the coming Lord. He is the Emmanuel, the God with us who calls us to share the joy of being in the Family of God.

## **I DOMENICA DI AVVENTO**

La Chiesa, oggi, dedica questo tempo, l'Avvento, perché tutti possiamo preparare la nostra grotta, per ricevere Dio che viene a noi nell'umiltà del presepio e nella semplicità del nostro vivere di ogni giorno. Avvento: un tempo 'per preparare la via al Signore'. Anche noi vogliamo essere pronti a vivere degnamente questo tempo particolare di 'attesa di Dio'. Che cosa possiamo fare? L'Avvento è il tempo di metterci alla prova, per vedere se davvero in noi c'è il sincero desiderio di accogliere il Signore che viene. Lui è l'Emmanuel, il Dio con noi che ci chiama a condividere la gioia di essere nella Famiglia di Dio.



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



## **ADVENT TIME OF WAITING.**

Advent should be a time of waiting in joy. St. Paul interprets our waiting period as a time in which we must witness to Christ: "No gift of grace you lack any longer, while you wait for the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:7).



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**LADIES OF ITALIAN SOCIETY:** Tickets for the annual Christmas Party must be purchased before Dec. 5th. Cost \$35.00 each. Get your tickets by calling Michele Love at 807-344-6893

**ITALIAN SOCIETY OF P.A. (Men):** General meeting on Mon., Dec. 4 at 7:00pm at the Italian Cultural Centre.

**ADVENT RETREAT:** hosted by St. Andrew's Parish, with Fr. Gerald McDougall on Mon., Dec. 4 & Tues., Dec. 5 from 7pm-8pm in Baxter Hall. Registration is required as seating is limited. To register, please call the Parish Office at 807-345-5202

**BRUNCH WITH ST. NICK:** St. Andrew's Parish is hosting this brunch on Sunday, December 10th from 10:30am—1:00pm in Saunders Hall. Cost is \$20 and children under 10 years of age eat for free. For more info call 807-345-5202 or check out the Events Page on the website: [www.standrewrc.ca](http://www.standrewrc.ca) Proceeds from this event will go towards the parish's Boiler Replacement Project. All are welcome!

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** Corpus Christi Church will be hosting an Advent Penitential Service (Confession) Tuesday, December 12, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

**ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON:** Sunday, January 14, 2024 at the Italian Cultural Centre (Galileo Room). Your favourite baking will be welcomed for sharing. Tickets \$25

**R.C.I.A: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Are you exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic or who have not received Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation? Are you baptized Christian in another faith wishing to become Catholic? For more info please see Deacon Pasquale or call the Church office (807) 768-1878.

## **BISHOP'S DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN:**

our goal is \$26,000.00 To date we have raised \$20,010.79. **We are at 77%.** Please remember to mail or bring in donations by December 15th.

**C.W.L. NEWS:** We are collecting **NEW warm articles for ladies, men & children.** A collection box is located in our church lobby for hats, mitts, neck warmers, scarves and socks. New, small, medium & large sized articles appreciated.

**GIVING TREE:** The Best Youth On Hills are pleased to offer the Giving Tree to gift students in need at St. Vincent's School. Parishioners are invited to take ornaments to purchase gifts for the students specified on the ornaments. **Please return gifts to the Giving Tree by December 17, 2023 with the ornaments attached.** Let us spread God's love to children in our community. ***\* It is kindly requested that monetary gifts not be given.***



**MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS:** The Best Youth On Hills will be taking orders for Memorial Poinsettias **the weekends of Dec. 2 & 3 and Dec. 9 & 10 before and after masses.** The poinsettias will be set up in the church during the Christmas season. Parishioners are invited to purchase the poinsettias for \$20 each, in memory of their loved ones.



**BEST YOUTH ON HILLS:** next youth meeting will be on **Sun., Dec. 10, 7pm-8:30pm** in church meeting room. All youth gr. 7 and up are welcome.



**YOUTH CHOIR:** Looking for participants to join **Youth Choir, ages 10-24.** Call Cassandra Colistro 807-632-4499 or email [crosecolistro@icloud.com](mailto:crosecolistro@icloud.com) or Shea Niemi [scniemi@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:scniemi@lakeheadu.ca) Thank you.

**MARRIAGE PREP. WEEKEND:** Feb. 9th & 10th, 2024. Engaged couples who have booked their wedding date with Fr. Luigi & Deacon Pasquale will be contacted by email to register for the program.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** \$2,465.00  
Nov. Electr. \$ 419.53

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

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**MASS INTENTIONS December 4, 2023**

**Monday, December 4**  
All Parishioners  
Domenico, Franca & Marcello Donato & Deceased Family  
Emilio Caputo  
Bruno Bitonte  
Nicolina & Giuseppe Federico

**9:00am English**  
Pastor  
Maria & Family  
M. Bitonte  
G. & R. Rizzo

**Tuesday, December 5**  
Fr. Bortignon  
Franca Costantino  
Maria & Angelo Barfi & Carlo Iorio

**7:00pm Italian**  
C.W.L.  
Family  
S. & F. Roccatani

**Wednesday, December 6**  
Mike Ferrari  
Antonio Calleri  
Margaret Cattani  
Frank Marino

**7:00pm English**  
Children  
Family  
P. Magisano  
Marino & Quaresima Families

**Thursday, December 7**  
Tiziana DiAntonio  
Evaristo Cabral  
All Souls

**7:00pm Italian**  
M. Bava & Family  
F. Lagadour  
Cabral Family

**Friday, December 8**  
Maria & Salvatore & Ben Pisani  
Tutti Defunti Famiglia Berardi & Pucci  
Immacolata Belluso

**7:00pm English**  
Family  
M. & A. Berardi  
Pina, Caterina, Alba, Tonia

**Saturday, December 9**  
**5:00pm**  
Giuseppina & Pasquale DiMarco  
Franca Donato  
Defunti Fabiano & Bruno  
Francisco Ferreira  
Joaquim Dias  
Sam & Mary Logozzo

Argentina  
L. Nucci & Family  
G. Fabiano  
daughters  
wife  
Family

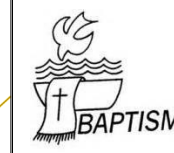
**Sunday, December 10 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**9:00am Mass**  
Carmine & Antonietta DeGrazia  
Gina Malench  
Vilma Marchese  
Arcangelo Santin  
Mary Miller  
Saveria & Vincenzo Rizzo & Deceased Rizzo Family

P. & F. Bloskie & Mario D.  
G. Marchese  
G. Marchese  
Santin Family  
S. Sacchetti  
R. & G. Rizzo

**11:00am Mass**  
Brunina, Giuseppe & Salvatore Larizza  
Donna Valente  
Nicola Squartecchia  
Filippo Arella  
Paolo Galle  
Mario Amendola  
Ernesto Pucci  
Bruce Bajada  
Rosina & Raffaele Bava

M. & S. Federico  
Family  
Wife & Family  
Family  
Family  
J. & L. Tassone  
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P. & C. Galle  
figlia Rosetta & Famiglia

Our 11:00am Mass can be viewed  
by live stream with the link being found  
on the church website:  
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Briella Maria Larizza was baptized in the Lord.  
Congratulations & blessings to the families.

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