

# St. Anthony Church

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Deacons: Rev. Dave Cattani & Rev. Pasquale Coccimiglio

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT B**

**December 10, 2023**

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.*

John the Baptist was a prophet – a chosen messenger whose role in life was to prepare the way for God's entry among his people. The voice of John the Baptist speaks to us across the ages and urges us to prepare a place for the Lord in our hearts. Like John the Baptist, we have the important task of announcing Christ to others. Our everyday life is a message telling everyone through acts of kindness, honesty and faithfulness that Christ is right here with us. We may be the only book about Christ that many people will ever read. Let's prepare for the coming of the One who is The Lord.



## **II DOMENICA DI AVVENTO**

Giovanni Battista era un profeta, un messaggero scelto il cui ruolo nella vita era quello di preparare la strada per l'ingresso di Dio nel suo popolo. La voce di Giovanni Battista ci parla attraverso i secoli e ci esorta a preparare un posto per il Signore nei nostri cuori. Come Giovanni Battista, abbiamo l'importante compito di annunciare Cristo agli altri. La nostra vita quotidiana è un messaggio che dice a tutti, attraverso atti di gentilezza, onestà e fedeltà, che Cristo è qui con noi. Potremmo essere l'unico libro su Cristo che molte persone leggeranno mai. Prepariamoci alla venuta di Colui che è il Signore.

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



## PREPARING THE WAY

John the Baptist makes his spectacular entrance into the world, clad in camel hair. His words burn the air, his actions whip the wind. He preaches "a baptism of conversion for the forgiveness of sins" and immerses his disciples in the waters of the Jordan. His message, while tied to a moment in history, is eternal. It is also addressed to us. "Voice of one crying out in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, straighten his paths."



**TREVISANI NEL MONDO:** anyone interested in joining this group please call Dino Zanandrea at 807-474-6888. This a cultural group from the region of Treviso. Spend time together, share ideas and have a great time.

**BRUNCH WITH ST. NICK:** Sun., Dec. 10th from 10:30am—1:00pm in Saunders Hall (St. Andrew's Parish). Cost \$20 & children under 10 years of age eat for free. For more info call 807-345-5202

**COLUMBUS CENTRE: Preorder Lasagna** for Dec. 21 take out—deadline Wed. Dec. 20th.

**Spaghetti Takeout:** Thurs. Dec. 21, pickup 2-5:30pm  
**Christmas Buffet:** Fri. Dec. 22 11:30am-1:00pm \$22. For more info call 807-623-3252

**GRIEF SUPPORT CANDLE CEREMONY:** at St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Tues., Dec. 12, 7:00pm** (please use the Donald St. door/elevator). Everyone welcome. Light refreshments and a time for support & fellowship will follow the Ceremony.

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

## **C.W.L. NEWS:**

**CWL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEETING:** Sunday, January 14, 2024 at the Italian Cultural Centre (Galileo Room). Your favourite baking is welcomed for sharing. Tickets \$25.

**C.W.L. REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR COLLECTION:** collecting until January 14 box in church lobby.

**WARM ARTICLES:** CWL collecting **NEW** warm articles for ladies, men & children (hats, mitts, neck warmers, scarves & socks. All sizes appreciated. A collection box is located in our church lobby.

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

our goal is \$26,000.00 To date we have raised \$22,821.58. **We are at 88%.** Please remember to mail or bring in donations by December 15th.

**RCIA:** 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

**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. 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, 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:** \$3,233.00

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

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**Monday, December 11**  
All Parishioners  
Jim Herman  
Bruno Marino & Concetta & Pasquale Tassone Family

**9:00am English**  
Pastor  
D. & A. Andrews

**Tuesday, December 12**  
Consolata Maria Rosa Tino  
Evaristo Cabral  
Lourdes Guiele Cabral  
Carlos Roberto Tavares  
Giulia & Giuseppe Roccatani

**7:00pm Italian**  
Family  
F. Lagadour  
Cabral Family  
Cabral Family  
F. & S. Roccatani

**Wednesday, December 13**  
Giuseppe Marino  
Vito Bertucci  
Vincenza DiGiacinto  
Vincenzo Ruberto & Natacha & Defunti Ruberto Family  
Defunti Ruberto & Pucci & Marie  
Margaret Cattani  
Deceased of Castellani & DiGiacinto

**7:00pm English**  
Figli  
M. & S. Frattaroli  
Family  
S. & C. Pucci  
R. Furioso  
D. & A. Castellani & Fam.

**Thursday, December 14**  
Raffaella Marino  
Carmelina Casoria

**7:00pm Italian**  
Figli  
C.W.L.

**Friday, December 15**  
Vince Rizzo

**7:00pm English**  
grandchildren

**Saturday, December 16**  
**5:00pm**  
Rocco, Leta & Elena D'Angelo  
Eugenio Caruso  
Deceased of Zanandrea Family  
Lanfranco Bresolin & Bruno Iannantuono Family  
All Deceased of Ianni & Mollame Families  
Riccardo Colosimo  
Lucia Bucciarelli  
Francesco & Maria Rosa Tassone  
Bruna & Frank Rizzo  
Deceased of Grillo Family

Argentina  
R. & M. Cappelli  
Dino & Family  
Family  
C. & J. Ianni  
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Family  
L. & J. Tassone  
Rocco & Family  
Giocondo, Emilia & Family

**Sunday, December 17 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**9:00am Mass**  
Rosa & Giuseppe Donato & Deceased Family Family  
Eva Sacchetti  
Vincenzo, Angelina & Ciccio Rosso  
Carmine & Antonietta DeGrazia  
Vincenzo Rizzo  
Rosa Mihaljevic  
Milvia Santin  
Marino & Doralice Sacchetti


Family  
Ermando & Family  
daughter & sister  
P. & F. Bloskie & Mario D.  
F. Arella  
Marino & Family  
Santin Family  
S. Sacchetti

**11:00am Mass**  
Giuseppe Magisano  
All Souls  
Nazzareno & Marietta Larizza  
Vincenzo DeStefano  
Vincenzo Rizzo  
Harvey Fedell  
Paolo & Antonietta Coccimiglio & Emilia & Rosario Fadelbene

Pina  
R. Galle  
Family  
S. Pilat  
P. & C. Galle  
M. & R. Sacco  
F. & L. Coccimiglio

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

**BAPTISM**  
Nico Patrick Rizzo was baptized in the Lord.  
Congratulations & blessings to the families.



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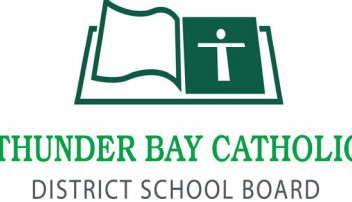
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