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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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT B

December 17, 2023

The Spirit of the Lord now upon me has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Isaiah's prophecy about the coming of the Messiah, which we heard in the first reading, contains the words that Jesus himself quoted, referring to himself, in response to the disciples of the Baptist, who were sent to question him if he was the Messiah. We are a week away from Christmas, and if we think about it, the pains of passion have accompanied the Lord's journey from the very beginning. "There was no room for them in the inn." The truth is very interesting; I will express it to you in John's words, "He came among his own people, but his own did not receive him." I dare not think if and how we would welcome him if he were born in our day ...

III DOMENICA DI AVVENTO - GAUDETE

La profezia di Isaia sull'avvento del Messia, che abbiamo ascoltato nella prima lettura, contiene le parole che lo stesso Gesù citò, riferite a sé, in risposta ai discepoli del Battista, inviati ad interrogarlo se fosse lui il Messia. Siamo a una settimana da Natale e se ci pensiamo, i dolori della passione hanno accompagnato il cammino del Signore, fin dall'inizio. "Non c'era posto per loro nell'albergo." La verità è molto interessante: ve la esprimo con le parole di Giovanni: "Venne fra la sua gente, ma i suoi non l'hanno accolto." Non oso pensare se e come lo accoglieremmo, se nascesse ai nostri giorni...



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



TO BE THE VOICE OF GOD

The answer John the Baptist had with priests and Levites who came from Jerusalem to question him says, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." St. Augustine comments, "John the Baptist was a voice,



but in the beginning the Lord was the Word. John was a voice for a time, but Christ, who in the beginning was the Word, is the Voice for eternity." Says the evangelist John - "There came into the world the true light, the one who enlightens every man." We, too, must be his witnesses in the holiness of our lives because we are clothed "with the garments of salvation, and wrapped in the mantle of righteousness" (Isa. 61:10).

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.

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

C.W.L. NEWS:

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

<u>C.W.L. REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR COL-LECTION</u>: 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.

STAMPS: Thank you for supporting Development and Peace with your used stamps. This year, 2.19kg (4.9 lbs.) were forwarded from St. Anthony's Church. Development and Peace initiatives are supported through the sales of the stamps to collectors.

2024 DONATION ENVELOPES: are available in the church lobby. **Do not use until January 1st.** Please discard any old envelopes. Thank you!

BISHOP'S DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN: our goal is \$26,000.00 We have almost reached our goal. Donations must be in before December 20th. Thank you to all for your donations & supporting this great campaign!

RCIA: Are you exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic or 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: A heartfelt thanks to all those who have purchased gifts. A friendly reminder to return the gifts to the church by December 17th, as the gifts will be distributed. Please ensure that the ornaments are attached to your gifts. It is kindly requested that monetary gifts not be given.



BEST YOUTH ON HILLS: would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The next youth meeting will be on **Sunday**, **January 14**, **from 7:00pm—8:30pm**. We hope to see everyone in the New Year! All youth gr. 7 and up are welcome.

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND: February 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:

\$3,590.00

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

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MASS INTENTIONS December 18-24, 2023

Monday, December 18

All Parishioners Jim Herman

Tuesday, December 19

Santo & Bruno Bitonte John Mauracher Angelo Nardi Riccardo Colosimo Giuseppe DeLuca Giuseppe & Adelina DeLuca

Giovanni & Antonio Scalzo Pietro Marasco & Riccardo Colosimo

Wednesday, December 20

Giulio Scocchia Antonio Figueira Margaret Cattani

Thursday, December 21

Giovanna Augruso Evaristo Cabral Mariano Medeiros Annina DeProphetis

Friday, December 22

Mario Filice & Lauretta Pascuzzo Consolata, Raffaela & Giuseppe Marino Ottorino & Ida Farno & Mario & Ida Miceli Maria Pia Maccadanza

Joao Neves

9:00am English

Pastor

R. Furioso 7:00pm Italian

M. Bitonte

cognati Cosmo & Raffaela

modlie Teresa Mom, Dad & Family

A. & F. DeLuca & Family F. & A. DeLuca & Family

A. & F. DeLuca

7:00pm English

Family Family

Deacon Pasquale & Sandra Coccimiglio

7:00pm Italian

Family F. Lagadour Cabral Family

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Luigi Fragale

Maria & Attilio DiCasmirro

R. & G. DiGiuseppe

7:00pm English

C. & M. Turco

Family Figli Family Remo

M. Nevel & Family

Dina

Family

Saturday, December 23

5:00pm

Marcello, Domenico & Franca Donato & Deceased Family Family N. & M. Larizza

Bobby Carvalho. Ron Percy & Francisco Raposo Natalina Quinn & Deceased of Sacchetti & D'Angelo Family

Giovanna Augruso M. Desando Mario & Mike Terlicher A. Terlicher & Family

Caterina & Francesco Caglioti Vincenzo Romeo & Deceased Bruzzese & Romeo

Fay & Ron Allen Marisa Mancuso

Guerino & Gilda D'Angelo Riccardo Colosimo

Family Family D. & L. Pavone

E. Bonazza

E. & B. D'Angelo wife Teresa

Sunday, December 24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am Mass All Parishioners

11:00am Mass

All Parishioners

5:00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

11:00PM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS



Monday, December 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD **CHRISTMAS DAY**

9:00am MASS 11:00am MASS

> 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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