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

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NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 24, 2023

"O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord."

God's angel appears to shepherds as the glory of God bathes them in light, assuring them that they have nothing to fear. And the angel said: "A Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah and Lord. You will find an infant in a manger wrapped in swaddling clothes" Then a multitude of the heavenly host appears, shouting: "Glory to God. Peace on earth to those whom God favours."



NATALE DEL SIGNORE

"Venite, adoriamo il Cristo, il Signore."

L'angelo di Dio appare ai pastori mentre la gloria di Dio li inonda di luce, assicurando loro che non hanno nulla da temere. E l'angelo disse: "Vi è nato il Salvatore. È il Messia e il Signore. Troverete un bambino in una mangiatoia avvolto in fasce". Poi apparve una moltitudine della schiera celeste che gridava: "Gloria a Dio. Pace in terra a coloro che Dio favorisce".

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.

<u>Baptism:</u> 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



Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year 2024.

Con la nascita di Gesù nella semplicità e povertà di Betlemme Dio Padre ha dato a tutti noi una dignità nuova di figli suoi. Ci ha dato la possibilità di partecipare nella sua vita



divina. Tutta la creazione è stata benedetta dalla grazia e dall'amore di Dio.

A tutti i parrocchiani in famiglia vicini e Iontani i migliori auguri di un Santo Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo di Pace.

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I am pleased to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry and Holy Christmas. God bless you and keep you always in his love. Happy, safe, and blessed New Year 2024.

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.

C.W.L. NEWS:

CWL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEETING: Sunday, January 14, 2024 at the Italian Cultural Centre (Galileo Room). Lunch will be at 1:00pm. 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. If you require envelopes, please call the office. Thank you!

BISHOP'S DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN: our goal is \$26,000.00 We have reached our goal! Thank you to all who have donated and supported this campaign!

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN: Monday, January 15th at 7:00pm in our church hall.

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

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: There will be a Youth Choir prac-



tice Sunday, January 7th and Sunday, January 21st at 12:00noon in the church. We will sing on Sunday, January 28th at 11:00am Mass. Anyone ages 10+ are welcome to join. Contact Cassandra Colistro (807-632-4499) or Shea Niemi

(sciemi@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:

\$3,190.00

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



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MASS INTENTIONS December 25-31, 2023

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

9:00am MASS For All Parishioners 11:00am MASS For All Parishioners

Tuesday, December 26 9:00am Italian All Souls Parishioner

Wednesday, December 27 7:00pm English

Bruno Larizza Family

Thursday, December 28 7:00pm Italian

Giovanni Prete Gina

Friday, December 29 7:00pm English

All Souls Parishioner All Deceased of Marrello & Mauro Family N. & E. Marrello

Saturday, December 30 5:00pm

Angelo & Livia Nardari & Kerry Murphy Family Angelina & Luigi Valente Family

Mary Kruger R. & A. Uvanile Fiore Coccimiglio Luigina & Family

Nicola Pilat Family Diletta Abbantonato Raffaela & Family

Sunday, December 31 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 9:00am Mass

Carmine & Antonietta DeGrazia P. & F. Bloskie & M. DeGrazia Gabriele Menei A. Menei

Santo, Rachele & Michele Costanzo Family

11:00am Mass

Vincenzo Romeo & Deceased Bruzzese & Romeo Family Noemi & Giovanni Marson Family Salvatore & Lucy Migliazza Family

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



Nico Patrick Rizzo & Chester Ian Caco were baptized in the Lord. Congratulations & blessings to the families.



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