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St. Anthony's Parish is a Catholic Faith community rich in cultural diversity with a strong flavor of identity.

Church

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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# **CHRIST THE KING - B**

November 24, 2024

The Lord will reign forever and will give his people the gift of peace.

Truth and light have been important themes in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and come to light. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness. Yet Jesus' kingship

was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, can see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed the king and Savior of all.

## XXXIV DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO - CRISTO RE

La verità e la luce sono temi importanti nel Vangelo di Giovanni. Lo vediamo sottolineato nella conclusione del dialogo tra Gesù e Pilato. Coloro che conoscono la verità riconosceranno Gesù come re e verranno alla luce. Nel linguaggio di Giovanni, il mondo preferisce le tenebre, eppure la luce non sarà vinta dalle tenebre. Eppure la regalità di Gesù era nascosta a molti dei suoi contemporanei. Solo gli eletti, coloro che hanno gli occhi della fede, possono



vedere. Come moderni discepoli di Gesù, anche noi a volte fatichiamo a riconoscere Gesù come re. Il Vangelo di oggi ci invita a vedere con occhi di fede per poter riconoscere che Gesù, attraverso la sua crocifissione e morte, è davvero il re e il Salvatore di tutti.

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.
<u>Marriage:</u>	Parish Membership & Preparation required. Call Office 6 months in advance.
<b>Reconciliation - Confession:</b>	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: (807) 768-9368



## Christ is King

Christ is King and His kingdom, while not of this world, exists in this world in the Church. In the vision of Daniel, we hear in today's First Reading, that He comes on "the clouds of heaven"—another sign of His divinity—to be given "glory and kingship" forever



over all nations and peoples. We are a royal people. We know we have been loved by Him and freed by His blood and transformed into "a kingdom, priests for his God and Father". As a priestly people, we share in His sacrifice and His witness to God's everlasting covenant. We belong to His truth and listen to His voice, waiting for Him to come again amid the clouds.

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### PARISH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

<u>LIVE STREAMING MINISTRY</u>: Are you interested in helping to create the live stream of our weekly Mass to those who cannot attend in person? We are preparing a training session and schedule for the upcoming Christmas season and new year. If you are interested in this ministry, please provide your name, and contact information to Deacon Pasquale following any of this weekend's Masses. Training will be scheduled during the first week of December.

<u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS</u>: Are you a friendly and welcoming individual? Are you willing to assist with the needs of those attending our Masses? If you are interested in supporting this ministry, please leave your name and contact information with Deacon Pasquale following any of this weekend's Masses.

**Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Mandatory Training Session**: A mandatory training session for all new AND existing ministers has been scheduled for Monday, December 2nd at 7pm.

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** Corpus Christi Church will be hosting a General Penitential Service Monday, December 16, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

**PARISH FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND**: Join Fr. Luigi and his team for Coffee Socials following mass on Sat. Nov. 30 at 6pm and Sun. Dec. 8 at 10 am and 12 noon. Come enjoy the fellowship of our Parish Family. **ADVENT RETREAT with Msgr. Stilla:** St. Andrew's Parish on Monday, December 2nd and Tues., Dec. 3, 7pm - 8pm in Saunders Hall. The theme for the retreat, is "Preparing in Advent for Christmas; The Gospel Message in Popular Lyrics". All welcome.

**MEN'S SPIRITUAL FITNESS BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** All men are welcome to join us for Bible Study, prayer, & faith sharing every Saturday morning from 9:00am-10:30am in our meeting room. We find that even if you can't come every week that all participants are "getting stronger" which means they are feeling closer to Jesus and increasing their understanding of the Bible and their faith. Hosted by Deacon Pasquale & Deacon Dennis McDermott.

BISHOP'S DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN Our goal \$27,000.00. Donations may be brought to Rectory office or mailed to the Pastoral Office. To date we have reached \$13,985.62 We are at 52%.

**CWL NEWS:** The 2025 Membership Luncheon Sun. Jan. 19 for CWL members & friends. Cost \$25. Tickets available at monthly CWL meeting, at the rectory during office hours or from CWL members after weekend masses in the church entrance. **CWL Dioc. Exec.** is pleased to present an Advent Service on Sat. Dec. 14 at St. Dominic's Church from 10am to 12am. Fr. Sawchuk will be the facilitator with the theme being: "Mother of the Americas, Mother of New Hope: Exploring the message of Our Lady of Guadeloupe".

**ST. ANDREW'S PARISH TURKEY DINNER** <u>FUNDRAISER</u> On Sun., Nov. 24 at 5:30pm in Saunders Hall. Tickets are \$30 for Adults & \$15.00 for Children under 10 years of age. Tickets available at parish office. For more info see EVENTS PAGE on their parish website: standrewrc.ca. Proceeds from event go towards the church's Boiler Replacement Project.

**<u>KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS:</u>** Leo Council #1130 will be holding a membership drive at all masses at St. Anthony's Church on the weekend of Nov. 23 & 24.

**PARISH COUNSEL MEETING:** Thursday, December 5, at 7.35 pm in the church meeting room. **\*Remember to mark your calendars.** 

### **SUNDAY COLLECTION:**

\$ 2,840.00

Thank you Parishioners & visiting friends for your continued generosity & support. God Bless! Donations can also be made online. One-time or automatic monthly donations by credit

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