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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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT-C

December 1, 2024



Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice, participating in the loving action of God in our world.

PRIMA DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

Oggi incomincia il nuovo anno liturgico con la prima Domenica di Avvento. Siamo invitati pertanto dalla Chiesa a entrare con piena docilità allo Spirito in questo Tempo di preparazione alla venuta del Cristo nel suo Natale. Accendiamo con la Liturgia la prima candela della corona di Avvento: è la candela della SPERANZA. Inoltre l'invito accorato alla *vigilanza* e alla *preghiera*, che ci viene da Gesù in questa prima Domenica di Avvento, deve farci riflettere su quanto siano centrali nella nostra vita cristiana queste parole. L'Avvento è tempo di Preghiera non solo in chiesa ma anche in famiglia. A tutti un buon viaggio di Avvento!



Parish Office H	Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-12 noon 1:00pm- 4:30pm For Daily & Weekend Mass Intentions see inside
SATURDAY: 5:00 PM	•
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.
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: (807) 768-9368

Expectations of each day

A new liturgical year has begun and cannot leave us indifferent. Waiting for the Lord's return in vigilant hope is the proposal of this first Sunday of the Advent season. We are waiting for a return even if unpredictable, sure even if unknown and waiting for God, waiting for the



manifestation of his mercy that is love that envelops us and keeps us—waiting for a Presence that is already part of our lives and that the Advent liturgy invites us to contemplate in our everyday lives.

PARISH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

LIVE STREAMING MINISTRY: 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.

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: 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.

ITALIAN SOCIETY OF P.A.: meeting Monday, December 2 at 7:00pm. Second nominations for Elections.

ADVENT RETREAT: with Msgr. Stilla at St. Andrew's Parish, on Monday, December 2 and Tuesday, December 3 from 7pm– 8:00pm in Saunders Hall. The theme for the retreat is "Preparing in Advent for Christmas; The Gospel Message in Popular Lyrics" All Welcome!

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Corpus Christi Church will be hosting a General Penitential Service Monday, December 16, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome. **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** is an opportunity to spend time in prayer & meditation with the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist outside of Mass. Eucharistic Adoration is held the First Friday of the Month. All are invited on **Friday, December 6** at 6:00pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND: Join Fr. Luigi & team for Coffee Socials following mass on Sat., Nov. 30 at 6pm & Sun., Dec. 8 at 10am & 12 noon.

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.

<u>GIVING TREE:</u> the Best Youth on Hills are pleased to offer the Giving Tree once again this year as we are supporting our **CHILDREN HELPING CHIL-DREN**. Monetary donations only. If writing a cheque, please make it out o St. Anthony's Church.

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 \$14,408.24 We are at 53%.**

CWL NEWS:

MEETING: Wednesday, December 4th at 7:30pm Any baking would be appreciated, thank you.

<u>CWL COLLECTING</u>: hats, mitts, socks & underwear to be donated to the Underwear Program

2025 MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON: Sun., Jan. 19 for CWL members & friends. Cost \$25. Tickets available at CWL meeting, the rectory during office hours or from CWL members after weekend masses in the church entrance.

ADVENT SERVICE: The CWL Diocesan Executive is pleased to present an Advent Service on Saturday, December 14 at St. Dominic's Church from 10am-12noon. 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".

2025 CWL MEMBERSHIP: \$35.00 may be paid for at the office, meetings, at weekend masses or into the donation box. Please remember to mark your envelope as CWL Membership & include your name, phone number & current mailing address (& email if any)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Thurs., Dec. 5, at 7.35 pm in the church meeting room.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

\$ 2,610.00

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 card: www.stanthonysparish.ca





