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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

Deacons: Rev. Dave Cattani & Rev. Pasquale Coccimiglio

Office Admin.: Mary Stefanile

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—C

December 15, 2024

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

The joy that stems from our faith means that Christ shines forth from us, whether playing or praying, laughing or weeping, walking or dancing. If the gospel is Good News, could this conclusion be reached from the expression on our faces? We should be joyful people constantly experiencing happiness because things of great value have been promised. The test of Christianity in troubled waters is not to be over-alarmed at what is happening but to face the world with hope and confidence. The purpose of our whole being is happiness.

III DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

La gioia che deriva dalla nostra fede significa che Cristo risplende da noi, sia che giochiamo o preghiamo, che ridiamo o piangiamo, che camminiamo o balliamo. Se il Vangelo è una Buona Novella, è possibile giungere a questa conclusione dall'espressione dei nostri volti? Dovremmo essere persone gioiose che sperimentano costantemente la felicità perché sono state promesse cose di grande valore. La prova del cristianesimo in acque agitate non è quella di essere eccessivamente allarmati per ciò che sta accadendo, ma di affrontare il mondo con speranza e fiducia. Lo scopo di tutto il nostro essere è la felicità.



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.

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What are we to do?

John the Baptist's prophetic announcement finds an echo in those who hear him. They come to him to ask, "What are we to do?" John does not demand the harshness of the life he leads; he does not even disapprove of the activities proper to the laity who go to him. However, he knows how to point out to each person what he should convert in himself, and how to carry out his duties toward his neighbour. When asked if he is the Messiah, John the Baptist answers no. With humility he proclaims that the Messiah is on earth and that he alone possesses true baptism. This will not be done with water, but with the Holy Spirit and fire, for all who want to experience complete conversion. Only the Messiah will be able to gather the wheat and burn the straw, to dictate the judgment of mercy.



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Corpus Christi Church is hosting a General Penitential Service on Monday, December 16, at 7:00pm. All welcome.

COLUMBUS CENTRE DECEMBER EVENTS:

Fri., Dec. 20—**Columbus Centre Annual Christmas Lunch Buffet** (11:30am-1:00pm) Reservations recommended for parties of 8)

Mon., Dec. 23—**Lasagna Take Out** \$42.00

***MUST PREORDER**, Preorders pick up from 3:00pm-5:30pm. Call office for info, 807-623-3252. Leave a message and they will return your call.

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.

RIGHT TO LIFE NEWSLETTER: donation forms are available in the lobby. The Right to Life Association's mission is to promote a greater respect for the dignity and worth of all human life, from conception to natural death. You can also view the newsletter or become a member through their website www.thunderbay.life

CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT: Thursday, Dec. 19, 6:00pm. Come out for popcorn, great Christmas movie & lots of fun. Everyone welcome!

R.C.I.A.: We are pleased to welcome the RCIA catechumens and candidates at the 5:00pm Mass in the Rites of Acceptance and Welcoming. Let us keep them in our prayers as they journey toward being initiated in our faith community.

GIVING TREE: this year, our Giving Tree will be supporting **CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN**. Monetary donations only. Total to date: \$875.00. If writing a cheque, please make it out to St. Anthony's Church. **Remember to also include your name & address on the outside of the designated envelope for a tax receipt.** For more information visit:

<https://www.missionsocieties.ca/holy-childhood-association-hca/>

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 \$25,728.24 We are at 95%.**

CWL COLLECTING: 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 meetings, rectory office or from CWL members after weekend masses.

2025 CWL MEMBERSHIP: \$35.00 may be paid for at the office, meetings, at weekend masses. Remember to mark your envelope as CWL Membership & include name, phone # & address & email

BULLETIN ADVERTIZERS: This is a reminder to those who have not made payment yet for your advertising year of October 2024 to September 2025. Payments are past due. All invoices have been faxed, mailed or emailed out. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays. Thank you.

*****MISSING DONATION BOXES FOR 2025:**

Please remember to look for your name on the donation box as your number may change from year to year. Missing boxes are #231 & #485. If you have taken these boxes by mistake, please return to the church lobby or the office. **ALSO, DO NOT USE OLD ENVELOPES. NEW ENVELOPES MAY BE USED AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025.** If you do not have envelopes & would like to have them, please contact the office. Thank you.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

\$ 2,567.79

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

December 16—22, 2024

Monday, December 16

All Parishioners
Lucia Bucciarelli

9:00am

Pastor
Loana

Tuesday, December 17

Giuseppe DeLuca
Giovanni & Antonio Scalzo
Peppina Volpe & Pietro Marasco
Giuseppe & Adelina DeLuca
Riccardo Colosimo & John Mauracher
Mario Marasco

7:00pm

mom, dad & family
F. & A. DeLuca & Family
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Wednesday, December 18

All Souls

7:00pm

Parishioner

Thursday, December 19

Angelo Nardi

7:00pm

cognato & cognata

Friday, December 20

Antonio Figueira
Giuseppe & Raffaella Marino & Consolata Tino R. Forte
Orlando Coccimiglio Nella, children & grandchildren

7:00pm

Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 21

5:00pm

Nicola Tucci
Giovanna, Sebastiano & Paul Augruso
Giulio Scocchia
Francisco Ferreira
Sandra Buffone
Deceased of Zanandrea Family
Raffaella Tassone

wife
Family
Family
daughters
M. Chies
Family
F. & G. Ceci

Sunday, December 22

9:00am

Eva Sacchetti
Carmine & Antonietta DeGrazia
Annina DeProphetis
Orlando Coccimiglio
Stefano Frattaroli
Mario & Lisa Sacchetti
Benito Sacchetti
Albert & Leda Villela

Ermando & Family
P. & F. Bloskie & M. DeGrazia
T. & R. Savioli
Nella, children & grandchildren
M. & R. Stefanile
Family
I. D'Angelo
Family

11:00am

Natalina Quinn, Deceased of Sacchetti & D'Angelo Family
Raffaele Bonazza & Francesco & Caterina Cagliotti E. Bonazza
Mario & Lauretta Filice Family
Erik Sereda Mom, dad, Nicole & Benny
Paolo & Antonietta Coccimiglio, Rosario & Emilia Fadelbene
F. & L. Coccimiglio
Vittorio Cacciatore A. & U. Agostino
Norberto & Carlos Medeiros M. Cabral
Maria Rizzo I. & R. D'Angelo

† Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Carmela Ovidio who recently passed away.

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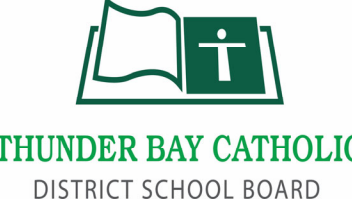
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