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# Church

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St. Anthony's Parish is a Catholic Faith Community rich in Cultural Diversity. Our Mission is to foster spiritual growth in our community by actively living our Faith throughout our daily lives. We do this through celebrating the Liturgy and following the example of Christ by serving others using our God—given gifts.

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## March 30, 2025

#### I will get up, go to my Father, and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

The Father in the story is someone whose love never changes and is always present as much when the son goes off as when he returns. That's where the gospel story tells us something about the gracious goodness of God. His love for us remains; he is always willing to forgive. Lent is a time for growing in an appreciation of the beautiful and

comforting truth that every person has a place in the heart of God. The gospel tells us what coming home to God is really like. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called "Laetare Sunday." Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Great joy is present in the heart of the Father and us when we return to Him.

#### **IV DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA**

Ancora una volta, Gesù insiste sulla pratica del perdono che deve caratterizzare i suoi discepoli. Molto spesso, riusciamo a mala pena a perdonare nostro fratello o nostra sorella. Ci risulta molto difficile perdonare sempre di nuovo, come se fosse la prima volta; ci risulta molto difficile avere abbastanza pazienza e abbastanza amore per guardare sempre con la stessa fidu-

cia quella persona a cui bisogna perdonare due volte, dieci volte, mille volte una stessa cosa. L'amore del Padre ci invita a perdonare sempre e noi sappiamo che ha diecimila occasioni di farlo! Le offese che dobbiamo perdonare saranno sempre di poco conto di fronte a quelle che Dio ci perdona ogni momento. Chi piu' ama piu' perdona.

Parish Office H	lours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-12 noon 1:00pm- 4:30pm
SATURDAY: 5:00 PM	For Daily & Weekend Mass Intentions see inside
Registration:	Parish Census Forms at Church entrance or call the Office.
Baptism:	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



#### **Easter with the Father**

The father does not prevent his second son from departing from him. He respects his freedom. But he never tires of waiting, until the time when he can embrace him again, back home. In the face of the father's love, the son's sin is



evident. The suffering and hardships endured by the younger son are the consequence of his desire for independence and autonomy, and abandonment of his father. The longing for lost communion awakens in him another desire: to resume the path of the family hearth. This desire of the heart, aroused by grace, is the beginning of the conversion that we continually ask God for. We are always sure of the Father's acceptance. The figure of the elder brother reminds us that we do not truly behave as sons and daughters if we do not have the same feelings as the father. Forgiveness comes through the recognition of the need to be constantly welcomed by the Father. Only in this way does Easter become for the Christian a feast of forgiveness received and of true brotherhood.

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COLUMBUS CENTRE SPAGHETTI TAKE OUT:

April 3 & 17, May 1 & 15, June 5 & 19 Take Out pick up from 2:00-5:30pm

**ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL:** presents <u>School of</u> <u>Rock</u>, based on hit 2003 movie. May 5-10 with nightly shows at 7pm. Tickets \$25/ea. can be purchased at school main office between 8:30am-3:30pm. Proceeds in support of Underground Gym & Youth Centre.

#### LADIES OF ITALIAN SOCIETY OF P.A.:

**MEETING:** Monday, April 14 at 7:30pm. **EXECUTIVE MEETING:** at 6:30pm

**72nd ANNUAL C.W.L. DIOCESAN CONVENTION** will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral April 25 & 26. Registration info is available from C.W.L. executive members.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** Many countries in the Global South incur financial debts that further impoverish them. They are owed a mounting ecological debt by the Global North that is never repaid. Read more at <u>devp.org/lent</u>

**LIFE TEEN:** a program designed to lead teens and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer, worship & fellowship. <u>Next meeting is Friday, April 11 in our church meeting room</u>.

# FIRST COMMUNION RECONCILIATION CLAS-

**SES:** will be held during the 11:00am Masses on Sunday, April 6th & 13th. Families enter with their children into the church, begin Mass together and wait to be called for their classes in the hall. Parents/Guardians will remain in the Mass until it has ended, at which time they can pick up their children from the hall.

**<u>CONFIRMATION</u>**: date for this year's Confirmation with Bishop Alan Campeau has been set for <u>Sat.</u>, <u>May 31st at 2:00pm</u>. If you do not receive email confirmation, please contact our office to register your child.

**<u>COMMUNION AT HOME</u>**: an invitation to those that are unable to attend Mass requesting to receive Holy Communion at home. Please contact the rectory to make this request.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY:** Saturday, March 29 after 5:00pm Mass & Sunday, March 30 after 9:00am & 5:00pm Masses. Please join us in for fellowship in the church hall to meet our parish community.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WITH GEN-ERAL ABSOLUTION:** Monday, March 31 at 7:00pm at St. Anthony's Church.

**<u>2025 CWL MEMBERSHIP</u>**:\$35.00 may be paid for at the office, meetings or weekend masses.

<u>**CWL MEETING:</u>** Wednesday, April 2 at 7:30pm. Theme is *REJOICE IN THE LORD*. April & July birthday girls will be acknowledged, desserts are always welcomed.</u>

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**: Thursday, April 3 at 7:35pm in church meeting room.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** is an opportunity to spend time in prayer and meditation with the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist outside of Mass. Eucharistic Adoration is held the 1st Friday of the Month. All are invited on Friday, April 4 at 6:00pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING:** Sunday, April 6th in the church hall after the 9:00am Mass. All new members are urged to attend.

2024 TAX RECEIPTS: have been mailed out.

## **SUNDAY COLLECTION:** \$ 2,695.00

Thank you Parishioners & visiting friends for your continued generosity & support. Donations can also be made online. One-time or auto-

matic monthly donations by credit card: www.stanthonysparish.ca





# **MASS INTENTIONS** March 31—April 5, 2025

Monday, March 31 All Parishioners

Tuesday, April 1 Riccardo Longo Francesco DiBiagio

Wednesday, April 2 Msgr. Tomaselli

Thursday, April 3 Gilda DeVuono

Friday, April 4 7:00pm Giuseppe & Maria Bradizza M. Bradizza Emilia, Filippo, Giovanni Arella, Carmela & Giovanni Guericio Fam.

# **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

# Saturday, April 5

5:00pm Silvio Carina P. Magisano & Family Irma Buffone Vincenzo Romeo Family Rosaria Maria Vallelonga & Giuseppe Bonazza Edo & Oliva Domenis Grace & son Vincenza DiGiacinto Family Pasquale Mauro Family Egidia Tesolin V. Bossio Franca Costantino

# Sunday, April 6

9:00am Stefano Frattaroli Giuseppe Arella Saveria & Vince Rizzo Carmine & Antonietta DeGrazia Lisetta Nucci Pasquale D'Angelo Antonio Borba & Rosa Amaral Bob Zanni

#### 11:00am

Mike Ferrari Children Orlando Coccimiglio E. & B. Probizanski Aquila Slobbe M. Frattaroli Giuseppina Scarcello Ladies of Italian Society of P.A. Giuseppe, Rocco, Pietro & Luigina Scicchitano Family Salvatore & Lucy Migliazza Family

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

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of **Carmelina** Berardi, Teresa Romeo, Emilia Veneziale & Robert Zanni, who have recently passed away.



Francesca Maria Campos Fragale was baptized in the Lord. Congratulations & blessings to the family.

9:00am Pastor

7:00pm moglie Raffaela **Charlton & DiBiagio Families** 

> 7:00pm C.W.L.

7:00pm A. & R. Clara

Filomena & Family Bonazza Family Tony & Family

M. & J. Coccimiglio Maria Ada P. & F. Bloskie & M. DeGrazia M. & R. Stefanile C. Sacchetti M. DeSousa Holy Name Society

