

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of  
St. Agnes & St. Anthony  
14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
July 05, 2020**



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**St. Agnes & St. Anthony Joint Mission Statement**

As sharers in the mission of Jesus Christ, we are committed to spreading the Gospel and building up the kingdom of God in our homes, in our parishes, and in the communities in which we live.

**DONATE BUTTON**

Parish website: [twinparishes.caedm.ca](http://twinparishes.caedm.ca)

Here are three ways to give:

St. Agnes and St. Anthony would prefer if you use:

[Pre-Authorized Giving Agreement Form](#)

Envelopes can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office at:

St. Anthony,  
10661-82 Avenue NW Edmonton,  
AB T6E 2A6

**My Offering**

Donate online:

Thank you for being a good steward of St. Agnes/St. Anthony Parish.

Every gift is truly appreciated.

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**NO Adoration at St. Anthony until further notice.**

**NO Meeting, and other activities in the church & meeting rooms until further notice.**

**For Funerals contact the parish office @ 780-432-0611**

**St. Agnes & St. Anthony Parish Staff:**

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Rev. Varghese Munduvelil</b>
Deacon	Guy Germain
Deacon	Michael Pucylo
Deacon	Ramon Morales
Pastoral Assistant	S. Ma. Olive Kingsbury, RVM
Business Manager	Don Wong
Administrative Assistant	Florentina Suce
Custodian (St. Anthony)	Ray Wagner
Custodian (St. Agnes)	Bruce Huynh

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**Twin Parishes Financial Pulse**

		<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Full Year Budget</u>
<b>June 27 &amp; 28 Sunday, Holy Day</b>	\$	5,243	\$177,021	\$460,000
<b>Building Maint. Fund</b>	\$	72	\$ 11,773	\$ 30,000
<b>Together We Serve</b>	\$	255	\$ 12,739	\$ 51,600

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*“On every Lord’s Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn.”*

*1Timothy 6:6-8*

*God bless you in your response to His love.*

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**Twin Parishes Masses for the Week**

<b>Tuesday, July 7</b> Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, July 8</b> Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm
<b>Thursday, July 9</b> Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
<b>Friday, July 10</b> Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
<b>Saturday, July 11</b> Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, July 12</b> Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony	9:00 am 10:30 am

**Reconciliation is by appointment following the standards suggested by the Archdiocese. Call the parish office for your schedule.**

**Attendees for weekend masses must register online:**

**[twinparishes.caedm.ca](http://twinparishes.caedm.ca)**

**Click under Calendar/Mass Registration**

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## **A Yoke for the Child**

July 4, 2020- Scott Hahn Reflects on the  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading – Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

Second Reading – Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel – Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus is portrayed in today's Gospel as a new and greater Moses.

Moses, the meekest man on earth (see Numbers 12:3), was God's friend (see Exodus 34:12, 17). Only he knew God "face to face" (see Deuteronomy 34:10). And Moses gave Israel the yoke of the Law, through which God first revealed Himself and how we are to live (see Jeremiah 2:20; 5:5). Jesus too is meek and humble. But He is more than God's friend. He is the Son who alone knows the Father. He is more also than a law-giver, presenting Himself today as the yoke of a new Law, and as the revealed Wisdom of God.

As Wisdom, Jesus was present before creation as the firstborn of God, the Father and Lord of heaven and earth (see Proverbs 8:22; Wisdom 9:9). And He gives knowledge of the holy things of the kingdom of God (see Wisdom 10:10).

In the gracious will of the Father, Jesus reveals these things only to the "childlike" – those who humble themselves before Him as little children (see Sirach 2:17). These alone can recognize and receive Jesus as the just savior and meek king promised to daughter Zion, Israel, in today's First Reading.

We too are called to childlike faith in the Father's goodness, as sons and daughters of the new kingdom, the Church.

We are to live by the Spirit we received in Baptism (see Galatians 5:16), putting to death our old ways of thinking and acting, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle. Our "yoke" is to be His new law of love (see John 13:34), by which we enter in to the "rest" of His kingdom. As we sing in today's Psalm, we joyously await the day when we will praise His name forever in the kingdom that lasts for all ages. This is the Sabbath rest promised by Jesus – first anticipated by Moses (see Exodus 20:8-11), but which still awaits the people of God (see Hebrews 4:9)

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### **Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:**

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup); click the 3<sup>rd</sup> button: I belong to a parish organization.
2. Select your parish: Enter Postal Code T6E 2A6 and select St. Anthony from the dropdown menu.
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

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Pope Francis Corner  
And the Joy of  
Family Life Daily  
Reflections

### **The Sacrament of Salvation**

God, by his sheer grace, draws us to himself and makes us one with him. He sends his Spirit into our hearts to make us his children, transforming us and enabling us to respond to his love by our lives. The Church is sent by Jesus Christ as the sacrament of the salvation offered by God. Through her evangelizing activity, she cooperates as an instrument of that divine grace which works unceasingly and inscrutably.

- *Evangelii Gaudium*

**Reflection:** Romans 8:14-15 states: "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship." How is your relationship with God the Father? Is it based on fear? On fulfilling duties? Or is it based on your status as child? Call on the Holy Spirit to deepen that relationship as a son or daughter of God. It is through his Fatherhood that we learn to serve and love our family members.

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## **SACRAMENTS**

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION /COMMUNION**

Please call the parish office 780-432-0611 for more information and registration. Session will start on October 2020 it will be every other Saturday from 1:00-3:00 PM at St. Anthony parish.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS** –If your children are between the ages of 11 to 14, please call the parish office for more information and registration. Session will start on October 2020 it will be every other Saturday from 1:00-3:00 PM at St. Anthony parish.

**RCIA (Adapted for Children age 7 – 14)**

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – age 15 and above)** Anyone who wants to become Catholic and Catholics who have not yet received First Communion and Confirmation, and anyone interested in learning more about RCIA please call parish office at 780-432-0611 to register. Session will start on October 2020 every Wednesday @ 7:00 PM.

**MARRIAGE** – Because the church is deeply concerned about each marriage, couples are asked to give a minimum of **six months notice prior to the intended date of their wedding.** Normally the parish boundaries determine in which parish marriage planning should take place. St. Agnes & St. Anthony parishes offer a Marriage Preparation Course please contact the parish office.

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## **SUNDAY HOMILY, JULY 05, 2020**

**Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9.11-13;  
Matthew 11:25-30**

*On the base of the Statue of Liberty of USA a part of Emma Lazarus' poem is inscribed, that states: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.... Send these, the homeless tempest-tossed to me." Today's readings, especially, the Gospel, give the same message in a more powerful way: "Take my yoke . . . and you will find rest."*

*In the first part of the Gospel, Jesus is condemning intellectual pride. He knows that ordinary people with open & sensitive hearts can accept the "Good News" he preaches, while proud intellectuals cannot. Jesus says that such ordinary people will inherit Heaven, rather than the learned and the "wise" who pride themselves on their intellectual achievements.*

*In The Gospel Jesus claims to be God's perfect reflection: "No one really knows the Father except the Son, and him to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him" (Matthew 11:27). This claim forms the center of the Christian Faith. What Jesus says is this: "If you want to see what God is like, if you want to see the mind of God, the heart of God, the nature of God, if you want to see God's whole attitude to men -- look at Me!"*

*Near the final section of today's Gospel, Jesus promises a worldwide dominion of peace. Here, Jesus addresses people who are desperately trying to find God, who are exhausted by the search for truth, who are desperately trying to be good, and who find the task impossible. God gave His People basic guidelines for a holy life, but the Pharisees ended up making God's Law inaccessible and impossible to follow. For the orthodox Jew, religion was a matter of burdens: 613 Mosaic laws and thousands of oral interpretations, which dictated every aspect of life. Jesus invites burdened Israel to take his yoke upon their shoulders.*

*In Palestine, ox-yokes were made of wood and were made to fit the ox comfortably. For a contemporary analogy, consider the advantages of new, high-tech, custom-made athletic equipment. The yoke of Christ can be seen as the sum of our Christian responsibilities and duties. To take the*

*yoke of Christ is to enter into a relationship with Christ as his loving servants and subjects and to conduct ourselves accordingly. The yoke of Christ is not just a yoke from Christ but also a yoke with him. A yoke is fashioned for a pair -- for a team working together. So we are not yoked alone to pull the plow by our own unaided power; we are yoked together with Christ to work with Him using His strength. By saying that his "yoke is easy" (11:30), Jesus means that whatever God sends us is made to fit our needs and our abilities exactly.*

*The second part of Jesus' claim is: "My burden is light" (11:30). Jesus does not mean that the burden is easy to carry, but that it is laid on us in love. This burden is meant to be carried in love, and love makes even the heaviest burden light. When we remember the love of God, when we know that our burden is to love, then the burden becomes easy.*

*Although we are not overburdened by the Jewish laws, we are burdened by many other things: business, concerns about jobs, marriage, money, health, children, security, old age and a thousand other things. Jesus' concern for our burdens is as real as his concern for the law-burdened Jews of his day. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest" (11:28). Jesus still gives us rest! Jesus is asking us to cast away our burdens and take on his yoke. This is because, unlike the burdens we bear, his yoke is easy and his burden light. The yoke of Jesus is the love of God. By telling us: "Take my yoke . . . and you will find rest" (11:29), Christ is asking us to do things the Christian way. When we center in God, when we follow God's commandments, we have no heavy burdens.*

*Jesus promises us rest from the burdens that we carry -- rest from the burdens of sins, legalism, and judgment, from the weight of anxiety and worry, from the yoke of unrewarding labor, and from the endless labor for that which cannot satisfy. The absolution and forgiveness, which, as repentant sinners, we receive in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, take away our spiritual burden and enable us to share the joy of the Holy Spirit.*

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*"I remember my mother, my father and the rest of us praying together each evening. It is God's greatest gift to the family. It maintains family unity. So go back to family prayer and teach your children to pray and pray with them. Through prayer you will find out what God wants you to do." Blessed Mother Teresa*