

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Agnes & St. Anthony
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 2020**



St. Anthony
10661-82 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T6E 2A6
Ph: 780- 432-0611
Fax: 780-434-4969

St. Agnes
10826-62 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T6H 1N1
Ph: 780- 432-0611

**Office Hours: Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 12 Noon and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**
E-Mail: stanthony.edm@caedm.ca
Parish website: twinparishes.caedm.ca

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.



NO Adoration at St. Anthony until further notice.

Twin Parish Lenten Mission Cancelled

Stations of the Cross every Friday are cancelled

All weekend and weekday masses are cancelled until further notice.

NO Meeting, and other activities in the church & meeting rooms.

We encourage everyone to participate “remotely” in the celebration of the Eucharist by tuning in to a daily mass on Salt+Light TV or Vision TV, or online at dailytvmass.com/daily-tv-mass. The Archdiocese will livestream Sunday mass at 10:30 a.m. from St. Joseph’s Basilica. This can be accessed on our Archdiocesan website at caedm.ca

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

St. Agnes & St. Anthony Parish Staff:

Pastor	Rev. Varghese Munduvellil
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

**Dear Parishioners of the Twin Parishes of
St. Agnes & St. Anthony,**

In an effort to slow and mitigate the COVID 19 pandemic Archbishop Smith communicated to us on March 16 that all parishes will be closed to public masses until further notice. As much as possible parish offices will continue to be open to serve the needs of parishioners. As your pastor, I wish to accompany you through this difficult time as much as I can while being conscious of the guidelines provided by Alberta’s Chief Medical Officer. I pray that the Lord protects us and particularly those who are vulnerable or care for the sick.

Each week you are invited to contribute in the Sunday Collection and offer the fruits of your labor to our Lord in thanksgiving. In the absence of Sunday mass, our parish will suffer financially. As good stewards, it is important to realize that many of the everyday expenses to run our parish will continue.

I know that these are financially challenging times. You may have lost your job, or your business viability may be threatened. Your savings may have been diminished by market conditions. And I understand that your primary financial responsibility is to your own home and family. I write today to ask that you also remember your spiritual home, our parish. In prayer, I invite you to consider how can continue to support our parish operations, to the extent possible during this extraordinary time. A suggested guideline to follow when considering what to give to support the parish is to consider giving back your first hour of your weekly wage – the first fruits. In the current circumstances it maybe less than just a few weeks ago.

In the midst of these unprecedented times, we are blessed to have various ways to continue to support our parish in the absence of the Sunday Offertory. I invite you to review the following methods available to our parish and to pray how you might be able to help.

- 1. Consider setting up Pre-Authorized Giving. Contributions will be withdrawn from your bank account monthly. Call the parish office for the application form and email or mail it into the parish office.*
- 2. Please visit the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton website and click on the donation button to find “Donate to your Parish.”*
- 3. Mail your donation envelope in weekly to the parish office.*
- 4. Drop your donation envelopes off in the mail slot at the parish office.*

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the parish office @ 780-432-0611.

Please be assured that you are always in my prayers. If there is any way I can be of service, please do not hesitate to call me at the parish office.

In Gratitude,
Fr. Varghese Munduvelil
Pastor

Reconciliation is by appointment following the standards suggested by the Archdiocese

Our Fourth Annual Good Friday Outdoor Stations of the Cross procession from St. Anthony to St. Agnes is on Friday, April 10, 2020 CANCELLED

Pre-authorized debit donation, please call the parish office for more information.

<p><i>He is waiting for you.</i> WILL YOU RESPOND TO HIS CALL?</p>	<p>LENTEN REFLECTIONS JOIN US</p>
---	--

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

- 1. Go to formed.org/signup; click the 3rd 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**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

“But the Lord SAID TO Samuel: “Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.” 1SAMUEL 16:7

So often we misjudge others. You are quite familiar of the list we use to make judgements about others. One thing is for certain: only God knows the inside of a person. Unfortunately, we think we know, and we base our actions on these faulty assumptions. Most importantly, God knows our heart. Never mind what other people may think, ask yourself, how do you stand before God? The Lord is the one who truly knows.

Father, you are the divine MRI. You see what no one else can see. You know me better than I know myself. Let me live only to please you. Father, help me not to judge others; I will leave that only to you. I pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen

At Lazarus’ Tomb

March 29, 2020- Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading – Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalms 130:1-8

Second Reading – Romans 8:8-11

Gospel – John 11:1-45

As we draw near to the end of Lent, today’s Gospel clearly has Jesus’ passion and death in view.

That’s why John gives us the detail about Lazarus’ sister, Mary—that she is the one who anointed the Lord for burial (see **John 12:3, 7**). His disciples warn against returning to Judea; Thomas even predicts they will “die with Him” if they go back.

When Lazarus is raised, John notices the tombstone being taken away, as well as Lazarus’ burial cloths and head covering—all details he later notices with Jesus’ empty tomb (see **John 20:1, 6, 7**).

Like the blind man in last week’s readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for “dead man”—for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bands of sin and death.

John even recalls the blind man in his account today (see **John 11:37**). Like the man’s birth in blindness, Lazarus’ death is used by Jesus to reveal “the glory of God” (see **John 9:3**). And again like last week, Jesus’ words and deeds give sight to those who believe (see **John 11:40**).

If we believe, we will see—that Jesus loves each of us as He loved Lazarus, that He calls us out of death and into new life.

By His Resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel’s promise in today’s First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in today’s Epistle. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to we who were once dead in sin.

Faith is the key. If we believe as Martha does in today’s Gospel—that Jesus is the resurrection and the life—even if we die, we will live.

“I have promised and I will do it,” the Father assures us in the First Reading. We must trust in His word, as we sing in today’s Psalm—that with Him is forgiveness and salvation.

March – Support Our Parish through a Bequest
Please remember our parish in your Will. Leave a legacy of faith for future generations. For information about creating a Will, finding a Catholic lawyer or making a bequest to our parish, please call the parish office at 780-432-0611.