

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Agnes & St. Anthony
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 18, 2021**



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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Attendees for weekend masses are by registration online at the parish website twinparishes.caedm.ca including all volunteers. Only at this time of the Covid-19 pandemic. Parishioners that have no access to the website call the parish office to register during office hours Monday to Friday 9 am-12 noon 1 pm-4pm. The cut-off of online registration at the website is every Friday at 3:00 PM. Click under Mass Registration.
- 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

Contact the parish office at 780-432-0611 for registration of First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist, Confirmation and RCIA. All the class sessions will start on October 2021.

St. Agnes & St. Anthony Parish Staff:

Pastor Rev. Varghese Munduvelil CFIC
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Twin Parishes Financial Pulse

		Full Year		
April 10 / 11		<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Sunday, Holy Day</u>	\$	5,309	\$90,858	\$375,000
<u>Building Maint. Fund</u>	\$	515	\$ 5,660	\$ 30,000
<u>Together We Serve</u>	\$	1,950	\$ 8,565	\$ 51,600

“You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” 2Corinthians 9:12

God bless you in your response to His love.

Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, April 20 Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, April 21 Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 PM
Thursday, April 22 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Friday, April 23 St. Agnes	9:00 am
Saturday, April 24 Mass St. Agnes Mass St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, April 25 Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon

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Parish website: 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,
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My Offering

Donate online:

Thank you for being a good steward of St. Agnes/St. Anthony Parish. Every gift is truly appreciated.

April 18, 2021- Scott Hahn Reflects on the
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First Reading – Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-9

Second Reading – 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel – Luke 24:35-48

Jesus in today's Gospel teaches His apostles how to interpret the Scriptures.

He tells them that all the Scriptures of what we now call the Old Testament refer to Him. He says that all the promises found in the Old Testament have been fulfilled in His Passion, death, and Resurrection. And He tells them that these Scriptures foretell the mission of the Church—to preach forgiveness of sins to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

In today's First Reading and Epistle, we see the beginnings of that mission. And we see the apostles interpreting the Scriptures as Jesus taught them to.

God has brought to fulfillment what He announced beforehand in all the prophets, Peter preaches. His sermon is shot through with Old Testament images. He evokes Moses and the Exodus, in which God revealed himself as the ancestral God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (see Exodus 3:6, 15). He identifies Jesus as Isaiah's suffering servant who has been glorified (see Isaiah 52:13).

John, too, describes Jesus in Old Testament terms. Alluding to how Israel's priests offered blood sacrifices to atone for the people's sins (see Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9–10), he says that Jesus intercedes for us before God (see Romans 8:34), and that His blood is a sacrificial expiation for the sins of the world (see 1 John 1:7).

Notice that in all three readings, the Scriptures are interpreted to serve and advance the Church's mission—to reveal the truth about Jesus, to bring people to repentance, the wiping away of sins, and the perfection of their love for God.

This is how we, too, should hear the Scriptures. Not to know more "about" Jesus, but to truly know Him personally, and to know His plan for our lives.

In the Scriptures, the light of His face shines upon us, as we sing in today's Psalm. We know the wonders He has done throughout history. And we have the confidence to call to Him, and to know that He hears and answers.

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.

Pope Francis Corner



And the Joy of
Family Life Daily
Reflections

Know the Most Important Thing of All

To hear and accept God's call, to make a home for Jesus, you must be able to rest in the Lord. You must make time each day to rest in the Lord, to pray. To pray is to rest in the Lord. But you may say to me: Holy Father, I know that; I want to pray, but there I so much work to do! I must care for my children; I have chores in the home; I am too tired even to sleep well.

I know. This may be true, but if we do not pray, we will not know the most important thing of all: God's will for us. And for all our activity, our busyness, without prayer we will accomplish very little.

- Address, Meeting with Families, January 16, 2015

Reflection: *What happens to your prayer life when you become busy? Mother Teresa of Calcutta's nuns once asked her to shorten their holy hour each day because there was so much work to do. Instead, Mother Teresa doubles it. The lesson was that because we are so busy, we need more prayer. How can you make pray an unmovable priority in your life? What needs to change? Your schedule? Your expectations? Your emphasis on getting things done?*

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Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

The Gospel passage stresses the reality of the resurrection. The risen Lord was neither a phantom nor hallucination, but he became a reality experienced by his disciples. The experience the Apostles had in the upper transformed the Apostles. They were no longer weak and timid men; but they became men of courage who declared the reality of the resurrection of Jesus through their preaching and healing ministry. Our daily lives should be the means of experiencing and sharing the risen Lord with others. Just as the disciples experienced the risen Lord in their community we should be able to feel the presence of Jesus in our own home, our parish and our community.

The first reading is Peter's second sermon addressing the Jewish, Peter shows how the messianic prophecies have been fulfilled in the crucified and risen Jesus and challenges the Jews to repent and turn toward God so that their sins may be wiped away.

In the second reading, John answers doubts raised by the heretics of his time, asserting the fundamental Christian doctrine that Jesus' death was a sacrifice offered as expiation for our sins.

Today's Gospel describes Jesus' appearance on the evening of His Resurrection to his apostles who were in the locked Upper Room, the Cenacle. We see Jesus remove the doubts of his apostles about his Resurrection by inviting them to touch him and by eating a piece of cooked fish. Jesus explains how the prophecies have been fulfilled in him. Then he commissions them to bear witness to him and preach "*repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name*" after receiving the Holy Spirit.

1) We need to share the apostles' "Upper Room Experience" in the Holy Mass: The same Jesus who, in the Upper Room, the Cenacle, prepared the disciples for their preaching and witnessing mission, is present with us in the Eucharistic celebration. In the "Liturgy of the Word" of God, Jesus speaks to us. In the "Liturgy of the Eucharist," Jesus becomes our spiritual food and drink. Thus, today's Gospel scene is repeated every Sunday on our parish altars. Like the early disciples, we come together to repent of our sins, express our gratitude for blessings received, listen to God's word, and offer our lives to God along with our petitions and His gifts of consecrated Bread and Wine. We also consume the spiritual food Jesus supplies, thus gaining the strength necessary for sharing Christ's message with the entire world.

2) Jesus needs us as witnesses to continue his mission. Jesus needs Spirit-filled

followers to be his eyes, ears, hands, and feet, to bear witness to his love, mercy and forgiveness by our interactions with our brother and sisters.

3) Our daily lives are meant to serve as a means to experience and share the risen Lord with others. Just as the disciples experienced the risen Lord in their community, let us learn to recognize the presence of Jesus in our own homes, social service centers, nursing facilities, hospitals, workplaces, and schools. Jesus wants us to be a community which shares and cares, a community which knows how to recognize Jesus in the poor, the marginalized, and the sick.

The readings emphasize the fact that the way to know God is to keep his commandments. Hence, Jesus wanted his disciples to go out into the world with the offer of forgiveness. Accepting the command of Jesus they reached the ends of the world.

The church badly needs dedicated witnesses. The essence of bearing witness is to testify by our lives that the power of the risen Jesus has touched and transformed us. Jesus is to speak to other people through us.

In Calcutta, a dying old woman with her head in the lap of Mother Teresa, looked at her, and, in a feeble voice, asked: "Are you the God Jesus who loves the poor and the sick"?

This is the message the church places before us today. Let us be the ambassadors of God's Mercy and forgiveness. Amen.

"In the Scriptures, it is written, 'I looked for one to comfort me and I found none.' Jesus is your child, your spouse, your neighbour, looking for someone to comfort Him. Are you there? Let make a resolution: I will be there for my child, my spouse, my neighbour – not just in words, but by my sharing and sacrificing. Maybe just a beautiful smile instead of that ugly look, maybe a beautiful word instead of that angry word. Let us take the trouble to be that one to comfort him."

Blessed Mother Teresa