

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Agnes & St. Anthony
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
APRIL 25, 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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Deacon Ramon Morales
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Twin Parishes Financial Pulse

		Full Year		
April 17 / 18		Actual	YTD	Budget
<u>Sunday, Holy Day</u>	\$	4,930	\$95,813	\$375,000
<u>Building Maint. Fund</u>	\$	255	\$ 5,915	\$ 30,000
<u>Together We Serve</u>	\$	130	\$ 8,695	\$ 51,600

“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.” Isaiah 32:8

God bless you in your response to His love.

Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, April 27 Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, April 28 Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 PM
Thursday, April 29 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Friday, April 30 St. Agnes	9:00 am
Saturday, May 01 Mass St. Agnes Mass St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, May 02 Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon

DONATE BUTTON

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 25, 2021- Scott Hahn Reflects on the
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading – Acts 4:8-12

Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 29

Second Reading – 1John 3:1-2

Gospel – John 10:11-18

Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel.

He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood (see [Ezekiel 34:10–13, 23–31](#)).

His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel (see [Isaiah 56:8](#); [John 11:52](#)). And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In today's First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church (see [John 21:15–17](#)).

Peter tells Israel's leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the "builders" of Israel's temple that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church (see [Mark 12:10–13](#); [1 Peter 2:4–7](#)).

Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks (see [Luke 10:16](#)), and forgives sins (see [John 20:23](#)), and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread (see [Luke 24:35](#)). It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today's Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them (see [Exodus 4:22–23](#); [Revelation 21:7](#)).

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.

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

Do Not Be Trapped

Dear brothers and sisters, never stop hoping for a better future. Fight for it; fight. Do not be trapped in the vortex of pessimism, please! If each one does his or her part, if everyone always places the human person – not money – with his dignity at the center, if an attitude of solidarity and fraternal sharing inspired by the Gospel is strengthened, you will be able to leave behind the morass of a hard and difficult economic season of work.

With this hope, I invoke the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary upon you ... especially upon the world of work, and on families who are struggling.

- Address, March 20, 2014

Reflection: *Have you ever felt hopeless about a family situation, as if there was nothing you could do to make it better? In these moments, where is God in your life? Do you turn to him or move further away? Whatever you might be dealing with, turn to God for your hope and don't stop fighting for a better future.*

Anyone who wants to become Catholics and Catholics who are 15 years old & above that have not yet received First Communion and Confirmation, and interested in learning more about RCIA please contact the parish office 780-432-0611.

✠Remember to Pray:

For the Deceased: Marie Guthrie Sheppard

CONGRATULATIONS
RECEIVED FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
(April 11, 2021 St. Agnes Church)

1. Drapete, Venard Evan Malanguis
2. Marchand, Brendan Daniel
3. Vives Giordani, Samuel

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is called **Good Shepherd Sunday**. This is also the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Today, we celebrate the risen Lord as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. The earliest Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of a Good Shepherd. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God's flock.

In today's first reading, Peter asserts unequivocally before the Jewish assembly that there is no salvation except through Christ, the Good Shepherd — the one whom the Jewish leaders have rejected and crucified and in whose name the apostles preach and heal.

In today's Gospel Jesus introduces himself as the "*Good Shepherd*." Jesus claims that as Good Shepherd he knows his sheep and loves them so much he is ready to die for them. The Gospel text offers us both comfort — Good Shepherd, knows us, provides for us and loves us — and a double challenge: to become *good shepherds* to those entrusted to our care and *good sheep* in our parish, the sheepfold of Jesus the Good Shepherd. In today's gospel Jesus the good shepherd says that he knows his sheep by name.

In the Old Testament, the image of the Shepherd is often applied to God as well as to the leaders of the people. The book of Exodus several times calls Yahweh a shepherd. Likewise, the prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel compare Yahweh's care and protection of His people to that of a shepherd. Ezekiel represents God as a loving shepherd who searches diligently for the lost sheep.

In the New Testament Jesus introduces himself as the good shepherd of his flock. Just as the Palestinian shepherds knew each sheep of their flock by name, and the sheep knew their shepherd and his voice, even so Jesus knows each one of us, our needs, our merits and our faults. He loves us as we are, with all our limitations. The greatest expression of his love was his death on the cross. He expects us to return his love in the little ways we can.

In a Middle school in the Ukrainian village of Ivanichi a young teacher died sometime back. He absorbed the blast of a hand grenade to protect his pupils. Many years ago a woman carrying a baby through the hills of South Wales, England, was overtaken by a blizzard. Searchers found her later

frozen to death in the snow. Amazed that she had on no outer garments, they searched further and found her baby. She had wrapped them around the child, who was still alive and well. He grew up to be David Lloyd George, the Prime Minister of Great Britain.

When the good shepherd is even ready to give up his life, as good sheep we should stay close to the shepherd so as to be defended by him.

Let us become good shepherds: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, bosses, and politicians are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, health and wealth for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds, becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives.

Let us be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, our Good Shepherd: **a)** by hearing and following the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling and advice; **b)** by taking the spiritual food given by our pastors through regular and active participation in the Holy Mass and by frequenting the sacraments, prayer services, renewal programs, and missions; **c)** by cooperating with our pastors, giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, encouraging them in their ministry by prayer and presence, by offering them praise and thanks for all they are doing for us, and occasionally by making constructive suggestions for changes; **d)** by cooperating as good stewards in the activities of various councils, ministries and parish associations.

Let us pray for vocations to the Priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life so that we may have more Holy and Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed, and protect the Catholic community. Christ Jesus is *the Priest* in the full sense because He is the *one* mediator between God and humanity who offered Himself, a unique sacrifice, on the cross. The universal priesthood of *all* believers, the sharing of all the baptized in the priesthood of Christ, has received special emphasis since Vatican II. Those who are called to make a lifelong commitment to serve as ordained ministers share the ministerial priesthood of Jesus. On this *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* we are asked to encourage and pray for our young men to respond to God's call to serve His Church in the ministerial priesthood.