The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of St. Agnes & St. Anthony TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

St. Agnes & St. Anthony Parish Staff:

Pastor	Rev. Varghese Munduvelil CFIC		
Deacon	Guy Ger	main	
Deacon	Michael	Pucylo	
Deacon	Ramon I	Morales	
Business Manage	er	Don Wong	
Administrative Assistant		Florentina Suce	
Custodian		Bruce Huynh	
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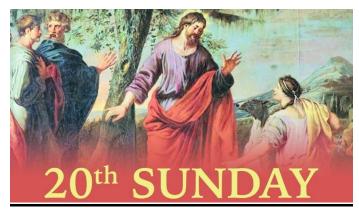
Twin Parishes Financial Pulse

			Full Year
August 12 & 13	<u>Actual</u>	YTD	Budget
Sunday, Holy Day	\$4,045	\$254,330	\$395,000
Building Maint. Fu	<u>nd</u> \$215	\$12,898	\$30,000
Together We Serve	\$ 25	\$14,932	\$30,000

May God bless you in your response to His love.

70th Anniversary of St. Agnes Church

In celebration of the 70th Anniversary of St. Agnes Church mass will be Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 12:00 Noon by Archbishop Richard Smith. Followed by a Potluck Lunch in Merchant Hall. Everyone is welcome! Please bring sandwiches, veggies, fruit trays and finger food desserts to share.



Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, August 22	
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, August 23	
Adoration @ St. Anthony	5-6 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm
Thursday, August 24	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Friday, August 25	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Saturday, August 26	
Mass @ St. Agnes	5:00 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:30 pm
Sunday, August 27	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Mass @ St. Anthony	10:30 am
Mass @ St. Agnes	12 Noon

To all the parishioners who are interested in having their church donations by automatic withdrawal from their banks please email or call the parish office @ 780-432-0611 to register.

DONATE BUTTON

Parish website: twinparishes.caedm.ca Here are three ways to give:

St. Agnes and St. Anthony would prefer if you use: <u>Pre-Authorized Giving Agreement Form</u>

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

St. Anthony,

Donate online:

10661-82 Avenue NW Edmonton, AB T6E 2A6



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

CHURCH DONATION E-TRANSFER

You can **E-Transfer** your church donation to <u>StAnthonyEdm.etransfer@caedm.ca</u> will be automatically deposited to the account of The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of St. Agnes & St. Anthony at RBC Royal Bank. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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HOLY COMMUNION Please call the parish office 780-432-0611 for more information and registration. Sessions will be every other Saturday from 10:00 am 12:000 PM at St. Agnes church hall. Deadline of registration is August 30, 2023.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

-If your children are between the ages of 11 to 14, please call the parish office for more information and registration. Sessions will be every other Saturday at 1:00-3:00 PM at St. Agnes church hall. Deadline of registration is August 30, 2023

<u>RCIA</u> (Adapted for Children age 7 – 14) <u>**RCIA**</u> (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 is every Wednesday @ 7:00 PM St. Anthony Padua Room.

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.

FUNERAL: Family or designated person by the family should contact the Parish Office for funeral arrangements with the parish priest.

Twin Parishes of St. Agnes & St. Anthony 50/50 Fundraising of selling Raffle Tickets is now in full swing at both churches after all the weekend masses. Everyone can make a big difference by taking home a booklet and sell them your relatives. friends and to acquaintances. Please see Cathy Ehm @ St. Agnes or Lito Reyes @ St Anthony to get your booklets. Plenty of time to sell them, the draw date is on December 15th @ St. Agnes 1:00 PM. Cost \$10/3 tickets \$5/1 ticket. Thank you very much for your full participation. God bless!

<u>A Foreigner's Faith: Scott Hahn Reflects on the</u> <u>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>

Most of us are the foreigners, the non-Israelites, about whom today's First Reading prophesies.

Coming to worship the God of Israel, we stand in the line of faith epitomized by the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel. Calling to Jesus as Lord and Son of David, this foreigner shows her great faith in God's covenant with Israel.

Jesus tests her faith three times. He refuses to answer her cry. Then, He tells her His mission is only to Israelites. Finally, He uses "dog," an epithet used to disparage non-Israelites (see <u>Matthew 7:6</u>). Yet she persists, believing that He alone offers salvation.

In this family drama, we see fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy and the promise we sing of in today's Psalm. In Jesus, God makes known among all the nations His way and His salvation (see John 14:6).

At the start of salvation history, God called Abraham (see <u>Genesis 12:2</u>). He chose his offspring, Israel, from all the nations on the face of the earth to build His covenant kingdom (see <u>Deuteronomy 7:6–8; Isaiah 41:8</u>).

In God's plan, Abraham was to be the father of many nations (see <u>Romans 4:16–17</u>). Israel was to be the firstborn of a worldwide family of God, made up of all who believe what the Canaanite professes; that Jesus is Lord (see <u>Exodus 4:22–23</u>; <u>Romans 5:13–24</u>).

Jesus came first to restore the kingdom to Israel (see <u>Acts 1:6; 13:46</u>). But His ultimate mission was the reconciliation of the world, as Paul declares in today's Epistle.

In the Mass we join all peoples in doing Him homage. As Isaiah foretold, we come to His holy mountain, the heavenly Jerusalem, to offer sacrifice at His altar (see <u>Hebrews 12:22–24, 28</u>). With the Canaanite, we take our place at the Master's table to be fed as His children.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the PPC members for organizing the Twin Parishes Community Picnic. Thank you to all the different groups, families, and parish members who donated food. Thank you to all who helped set up and buy the groceries for the barbecue and to all who helped cleanup. Thank you all for coming together as one big family of God. The fellowship and getting to know each other was a gift!