# The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of St. Agnes & St. Anthony

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - AUGUST 27, 2023



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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. Va	rghese Munduvelil CFIC		
Deacon	Guy Ger	main		
Deacon	Michael	Pucylo		
Deacon	Ramon	Morales		
Business Manage	er	Don Wong		
Administrative A	ssistant	Florentina Suce		
Custodian		Bruce Huynh		
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### **Twin Parishes Financial Pulse**

			Full Year
August 19 & 20	<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<b>Budget</b>
<u>Sunday, Holy Day</u>	\$4,465	\$258,795	\$395,000
Building Maint. Fu	<u>nd</u> \$280	\$13,178	\$30,000
<b>Together We Serve</b>	\$130	\$15,012	\$30,000

May God bless you in your response to His love.

#### **CALLED TO PROTECT TRAINING**

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on Friday September 08, 2023, 1 pm to 3:30 pm. The two and half session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. This will be a zoom session. Please register.

Registration - https://forms.gle/3vBBUivnUJDc7eFz5

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."



# **Twin Parishes Masses for the Week**

Tuesday, August 29		
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm	
Wednesday, August 30		
Adoration @ St. Anthony	5-6 pm	
Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm	
Thursday, August 31		
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am	
First Friday, September 01		
Adoration @ St. Agnes	6-7 pm	
Mass @ St. Agnes	7:00 pm	
Saturday, September 02		
Mass @ St. Agnes	5:00 pm	
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:30 pm	
Sunday, September 03		
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.

## SACRAMENTS FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST

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 Monday @ 7:00 PM St. Agnes Church.

**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.

**<u>FUNERAL</u>**: 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 to your relatives, friends and 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!

#### Parish office is closed Monday, September 4, 2023 for Labor Day!

#### <u>'Oh, the Depths!' Scott Hahn Reflects on the</u> <u>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>

"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!" Paul exclaims in today's Epistle. Today's Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter.

With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed Son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God's temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom (see 2 Samuel 7).

What Jesus calls "my Church" is the kingdom promised to David's son (see <u>Isaiah 9:1–7</u>). As we hear in today's First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David's kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God's people.

Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom's keys (see <u>Revelation 1:18; 3:7; 22:16</u>). In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter—and all who succeed him—as Holy Father of His Church.

His Church, too, is the new house of God, the spiritual temple founded on the "rock" of Peter and built up out of the living stones of individual believers (see <u>1 Peter</u> <u>2:5</u>).

Abraham was called "the rock" from which the children of Israel were hewn (see <u>Isaiah 51:1–2</u>). And Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God (see <u>Matthew 3:9</u>).

The word Jesus uses—"church" (*ekklesia* in Greek) was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the "assembly" of God's children after the Exodus (see <u>Deuteronomy 18:16; 31:30</u>).

His Church is the "assembly of the firstborn" (see <u>Hebrews 12:23</u>; <u>Exodus 4:23–24</u>), established by Jesus' exodus (see <u>Luke 9:31</u>). Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food (see <u>1 Corinthians 10:1–5</u>).

Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name.

# THANK YOU!

Thank you to Archbishop Richard Smith for celebrating mass for the  $70^{\text{th}}$  Anniversary of St. Agnes church. Our sincere gratitude to all the PPC members for organizing the event. Thank you to all the members of the choir. Thank you to all the different groups, and parish members who donated food. Thank you to all who helped set up and to all who helped cleanup. Thank you all for your presence and participation in celebrating the  $70^{\text{th}}$  anniversary.