

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Agnes & St. Anthony**
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B
December 06, 2020



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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.

SACRAMENTS

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. St. Agnes & St. Anthony parishes offer a Marriage Preparation Course please contact the parish office.

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

NO Adoration at St. Anthony until further notice.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2021 Church donation envelopes are available at the parish office to pick up.
- For Advent Reconciliation call the parish office to book an appointment.
- Christmas masses schedules will be posted to the parish website next week. Those who wish to attend please register online and no walk-ins for the Christmas masses.

St. Agnes & St. Anthony Parish Staff:

Pastor	Rev. Varghese Munduvellil
Deacon	Guy Germain
Deacon	Michael Pucylo
Deacon	Ramon Morales
Business Manager	Don Wong
Administrative Assistant	Florentina Suce
Custodian (St. Anthony)	Ray Wagner
Custodian (St. Agnes)	Bruce Huynh

Twin Parishes Financial Pulse

		Actual	YTD	Full Year Budget
<u>Nov 28 & 29</u>	<u>Sunday, Holy Day</u>	\$ 3,915	\$300,783	\$460,000
<u>Building Maint. Fund</u>		\$ 50	\$ 25,100	\$ 30,000
<u>Together We Serve</u>		\$ 50	\$ 25,041	\$ 51,600

"Lord our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you." 1Chronicles 29:17

God bless you in your response to His love.

Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, December 08 Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 09 Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm
Thursday, December 10 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Friday, December 11 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Saturday, December 12 Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, December 13 Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon

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. There is a cut-off of online registration at the website every Saturday at 12 Noon. Click under Mass Registration

The parish is not selling the St. Joseph Sunday Missal this year. Please call the Universal Church Supplies to order.

Straighten the Path

December 06, 2020- Scott Hahn Reflects on the
Second Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading – Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm 85:9-14

Second Reading – 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel – Mark 1:1-8

Our God is coming. The time of exile – the long separation of humankind from God due to sin-is about to end. This is the good news proclaimed in today's liturgy.

Isaiah in today's First Reading promises Israel's future release and return from captivity and exile. But as today's Gospel shows, Israel's historic deliverance was meant to herald an even greater saving act by God - the coming of Jesus to set Israel and all nations free from bondage to sin, to gather them up and carry them back to God.

God sent an angel before Israel to lead them in their exodus towards the promised land (see Exodus 23:20). And He promised to send a messenger of the covenant, Elijah, to purify the people and turn their hearts to the Father before the day of the Lord (see Malachi 3:1, 23-24).

John the Baptist quotes these, as well as Isaiah's prophecy, to show that all of Israel's history looks forward to the revelation of Jesus. In Jesus, God has filled in the valley that divided sinful humanity from Himself. He has reached down from heaven and made His glory to dwell on earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has done all this not for humanity in the abstract but for each of us. The long history of salvation has led us this Eucharist, in which our God again comes and our salvation is near. And each of us must hear in today's readings a personal call. Here is your God, Isaiah says. He has been patient with you, Peter says in today's Epistle.

Like Jerusalem's inhabitants in the Gospel, we have to go out to Him, repenting our sins, all the laziness and self-indulgence that make our lives a spiritual wasteland. We have to straighten out our lives so that everything we do leads us to Him.

Today, let us hear the beginning of the Gospel and again commit ourselves to lives of holiness and devotion.

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**

Mary Knew How to Listen

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, December 8
Mary knew how to listen to God. Be careful: it was not merely "hearing," a superficial word, but it was "listening," that consists of attention, acceptance, and availability to God. It was not in the distracted way with which we sometimes face the Lord or others: we hear their words, but we do not really listen. Mary is attentive to God. She listens to God.

- Address, May 31, 2013

Reflection: *Mary listened attentively to the angel Gabriel when she was asked to be the mother of God. Attentive to the needs of her cousin Elizabeth, she went to her when Elizabeth needed help. She contemplated the events of the Nativity in her heart. What can you learn from Mary's witness? How does God want you to live this out this season of Advent?*

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,
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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.

Grace with lines inspired by the Readings for December 06, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Leader: *Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You are more powerful than John the Baptist. (Mark 1:7)*

All: *Lord, you are the Saviour of humanity.*

Or

Leader: *Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You baptize with the Holy Spirit. (Mark 1:8)*

All: *Fill us with your presence, Lord.*



Knights of Columbus Corner Holy Trinity Council No. 12353

Practical Catholic men age 18 or older are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. Until December 31st, 2020, joining is free and includes 1 year of free membership. Any existing Knights who have not received their 3rd Degree are also invited to advance to the 3rd Degree at no cost. For more information, please send an e-mail to gk12353@koc.ab.ca.

POPE FRANCIS' REFLECTION ON THE 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Sunday we began Advent with the **call to be vigilant**; today, the Second Sunday of this season of preparation for Christmas, the liturgy indicates to us its **proper content**: it is a **time to recognize the shortcomings in our life, to smooth out the roughness of pride and to make room for Jesus who comes**.

The Prophet Isaiah addresses the people, proclaiming the end of the Exile in Babylon and the return to Jerusalem. He prophesies: "*A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord... Every valley shall be lifted up'*" (40:3-4). The **valleys to be lifted up** represent all the **shortcomings of our behaviour before God, all our sins of omission**. One shortcoming in our life could be the fact that **we do not pray or that we pray little**. Advent is thus a favourable time to pray with greater intensity, to reserve to the spiritual life the important place it deserves. Another shortcoming could be a lack of **charity for our neighbour**, above all toward people most in need of help, not only **material**, but also **spiritual**. We are **called to be more attentive, closer, to the needs of others**. Like John the Baptist, in this way we can open the ways of hope in the **desert of the barren hearts of many people**.

"*Every mountain and hill shall be made low*" (cf. v. 4), Isaiah again exhorts. The **mountains and hills that must be made low** are pride, arrogance, insolence. Where there is pride, where there is insolence, where there is

arrogance, the Lord cannot enter because that heart is full of pride, of insolence, of arrogance. For this reason, we must allay this pride. We must take on attitudes of meekness and humility, without reproach, to listen, to speak with meekness and thus to prepare for the coming of our Saviour, He who is meek and humble of heart (cf. Mt 11:29). Then we are asked to eliminate all obstacles that we set against our union with the Lord: "*the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed*" — says **Isaiah** — "*and all flesh shall see it together*" (40:4-5). These actions, however, must be performed with joy, because **they are designed in preparation for the coming of Jesus**. At home, when we await the visit of a dear person, we **prepare everything with care and gladness**. In the same way, we want to **prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord**: to await him each day attentively, so as to be filled by his grace when he comes.

The Saviour whom we await is **able to transform our life with his grace, with the power of the Holy Spirit, with the power of love**. The Holy Spirit, in fact, infuses our hearts with God's love, the inexhaustible source of purification, of new life and freedom. The Virgin Mary fully lived this reality, allowing herself to be 'baptized' by the Holy Spirit who inundated her with his power. May she, who prepared for the coming of Christ with the totality of her existence, help us to follow her example and may she guide our steps to the coming Lord.

SOURCE: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20171210.html

