

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Agnes & St. Anthony
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
FEBRUARY 14, 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

- The Parish office is closed on Monday, Feb. 15th for Family Day.
- Ash Wednesday mass is Feb. 17th, it will be online registration. Mass schedules are 10 AM & 5:30 PM at St. Anthony and 7:00 PM at St. Agnes. If that mass schedule is full no walk-ins.
- 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.
- 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

St. Agnes & St. Anthony Parish Staff:

Pastor Rev. Varghese Munduvelil CFIC
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Twin Parishes Financial Pulse

		Full Year		
February 6 & 7		Actual	YTD	Budget
Sunday, Holy Day	\$	11,910	\$33,603	\$400,000
Building Maint. Fund	\$	810	\$ 1,900	\$ 30,000
Together We Serve	\$	875	\$ 2,440	\$ 51,600

“Families gave freewill offerings toward the rebuilding of the house of God. According to their ability they gave to the treasury for this work.” Luke 6:38

God bless you in your response to His love.

Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, February 16 Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Ash Wednesday, February 17 Mass @ St. Anthony Mass @ St. Anthony Mass @ St. Agnes	10:00 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday, February 18 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Friday, February 19 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Saturday, February 20 Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, February 21 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.

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FEBRUARY 14, 2021- Scott Hahn Reflects on the 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

First Reading – Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel – Mark 1:40-45

In the Old Testament, leprosy is depicted as punishment for disobedience of God’s commands (see Numbers 12:12-15; 2 Kings 5:27; 15:5).

Considered “unclean” – unfit to worship or live with the Israelites, lepers are considered stillborn,” the living dead (see Numbers 12:12). Indeed, the requirements imposed on lepers in today’s First Reading – rent garments, shaven head, covered beard – are signs of death, penance, and mourning (see Leviticus 10:6; Ezekiel 24:17). So there’s more to the story in today’s Gospel than a miraculous healing.

Ehen Elisha, invoking God’s name, healed the leper, Naaman, it proved there was a prophet in Israel (see 2 Kings 5:8). Today’s healing reveals Jesus as far more than a great prophet - He is God visiting His people (see Luke 7:16).

Only God can cure leprosy and cleanse from sin (see 2 Kings 5:7), and only God has the power to bring about what He wills (see Isaiah 55:11; Wisdom 12:18). The Gospel scene has an almost sacramental quality about it. Jesus stretches out His hand – as God, by His outstretched arm, performed mighty deeds to save the Israelites (see Exodus 14:6; Acts 4:30). His ritual sign is accompanied by a divine word (“Be made clean”). And, like God’s word in creation (“Let there be”), Jesus’ word “does” what he commands (see Psalm 33:9).

The same thing happens when we show ourselves to the priest in the sacrament of penance. On our knees like the leper, we confess our sins to the Lord, as we sing in today’s Psalm. And through the outstretched arm and divine word spoken by His priest, the Lord takes away the guilt of our sin.

Like the leper we should rejoice in the Lord and spread the good news of His mercy. We should testify to our healing by living changed lives. As Paul says in today’s Epistle, we should do even the littlest things for the glory of God and that others may be saved.

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

Love Makes You Open to Surprises

VALENTINES’S DAY

True love is both loving and letting oneself be loved. It is harder to let ourselves be loved than it is to love. That is why it is so hard to achieve the perfect love of God, because we can love him, but the important thing is to let ourselves be loved by him. True love is being open to that love which was there first and catches us by surprise.

If all you have is information, you are closed to surprises. Love makes you open to surprises. Love is always a surprise, because it starts with a dialogue between two persons: the one who loves and the one who is loved. We say that God is the God of surprises, because he always loves us first, and he waits to take us by surprise. God surprises us. Let’s allow ourselves to be surprised by God.

-Address, Meeting with Young People, January 18, 2015

Reflection: *Are you open to God’s surprises? Take some time to ask him what he wants to surprise you with right now. Are you open to surprising others with love? What can you do to surprise them this week?*

A virtual book study on the history and life of CFIC, (Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception) and its Founder, Blessed Luigi Maria Monti: The sessions begin in the graceful season of Lent and continue until Pentecost. Start time is 6:00pm MST on Thursday evenings from February 18 through May 20, 2021, totaling 13 weekly sessions (excluding Holy Thursday). As people are getting used to the virtual session, we hope to open it for all the parishioners of the Parishes, where the CFIC Fathers are working, including Holy Name Parish. Rev Dr. James Chitteth CFIC will lead the sessions in English.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend it by signing up online. See our Website, Facebook page or <https://cficnorthamericandelegation.com/virtual-book-club/>

Cycle (B) 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

All three readings of today contain the Christian teaching on the need for social acceptance even when people are different from us.

The first reading shows the ancient Jewish attitude toward leprosy and the rules for quarantining lepers. This provides a background for Jesus' healing of a leper.

According to the Mosaic Law lepers had to dress in torn clothes, keep their hair unkempt, and their life became a life long period of mourning and estrangement.

Mark simply states "A leper came to him and pleaded on his knees."

He saw that Jesus was his only hope, so he dared to break the rule forbidding to go close to people.

"Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him."

The leper had broken a rule; Jesus broke another. No Jew would have ever touched a leper. The mere touch rendered him legally impure. Jesus ignored the law. Then Jesus asked him to go to the priests to be instated into the society.

Man is not meant to be alone; he needs a family, he needs friends, he needs to belong to a community to be really happy. But when sin and selfishness enter man's life, they estrange man from God, they estrange man from his society and they estrange man from himself.

First of all, sin separates us from God. When Adam ate the forbidden fruit and disobeyed the command of God, he was overtaken by fear; and he fled from the presence of God. He hid himself from the presence of God. When God called him, he said that he was hiding from him. When Cain killed his brother Abel, God called him. Cain answered that he was hiding from God.

"In 1992, a Los Angeles County parking control officer came upon a brown El Dorado Cadillac illegally parked next to the curb on street-sweeping day.

The officer dutifully wrote out a ticket. Ignoring the man seated at the driver's wheel, the officer reached inside the open car window and placed the \$30 citation on the dashboard.

The driver of the car made no excuses. No argument ensued-and with good reason. The driver of the car had been shot in the head ten to twelve hours before but was sitting up, stiff as a board, slumped slightly forward, with blood on his face. He was dead.

The officer, preoccupied with ticket-writing, was unaware of anything out of the ordinary. He got back in his car and drove away.

There was a prince who was a leper, but his leprosy was known to very few. When he appeared in public, he always wore a large jewel on his forehead, which sparkled and glittered in the light of the many lamps in his court. Only when he was alone did he remove the jewel, and then his mirror revealed to him the leprous spot where the jewel had been. Knowing of his leprous

condition, he had devised this means of hiding it from the public and covering it up.

Many people around us are 'dead in transgressions and sins.' What should catch our attention most is their need, not their offenses. They don't need a citation; they need a Saviour."

To show them the saviour, bring them back from their estrangement is the role of every Christian today.

Secondly, sin separates us from our brothers. In the year 1602 there appeared in Europe at Leyden a pamphlet telling of a Jew who had taunted and struck Jesus as he passed on his way to the cross, shouting at him, "Go quicker!" Jesus paused and answered "I go. But thou shalt wait till I return."

This story of the eternal, or the wandering Jew, met quick and popular acceptance everywhere, and in scores of works of fiction and poetry, and in paintings, the story has been told of the Jew who struck Jesus and was condemned to wander homeless, a fugitive on the face of the earth, until Christ shall come again.

This legend, which took so powerful a hold upon the thought and fancy of mankind, sets forth the solemn truth of the loneliness of sin. We read that when Cain slew his brother Abel, he "went on from the presence of the Lord" (Gen. 4:16). Sin always drives a man out.....out from his friends.

"Now," said the clergyman to the Sunday-school class, "can any of you tell me what are sins of omission?"

"Yes, sir," said the small boy. "They are the sins we ought to have done and haven't."

We should not let go any opportunity which will help to patch the strained relations with our brothers. It may demand humility from our part, just like the leper who declared, "If you want to you can cure me"; it may be a blow for our ego; it may be shedding the false accolades that we have been claiming.

Thirdly sin estranges us from ourselves.

'He that covers his sin shall not prosper.' (Ps. 32:1; Prov. 28:13)

The particular lesson that we should not miss from today's Gospel is that sin brings loneliness to man, and with loneliness, utter misery.

We need to tear down the walls that separate us from others and build bridges of loving relationships. Jesus calls every one of us to demolish the walls that separate us from each other and to welcome the outcasts and the untouchables of society, so that we will be welcomed by God into his presence.

(Reflections of Lawrence George)

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