

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of  
St. Agnes & St. Anthony  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B  
FEBRUARY 28, 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](http://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.
- 2021 Church donation envelopes are available at the parish office to pick up. Reminder to all church donation envelopes 2021 users, if you are using your old envelope please delete the number but please write your name and address due to the changes of the assigned envelope numbers.
- 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  
**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

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**Twin Parishes Financial Pulse**

		<b>Full Year</b>		
<b>February 20 &amp; 21</b>		<b>Actual</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Sunday, Holy Day</b>	\$	3,890	\$40,908	\$400,000
<b>Building Maint. Fund</b>	\$	250	\$ 2,470	\$ 30,000
<b>Together We Serve</b>	\$	210	\$ 2,900	\$ 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.*

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**Twin Parishes Masses for the Week**

<b>Tuesday, March 02</b> Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, March 03</b> Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 PM
<b>Thursday, March 04</b> Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
<b>First Friday, March 05</b> Mass @ St. Agnes	7:00 pm
<b>Saturday, March 06</b> Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, March 07</b> 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](http://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,  
AB T6E 2A6

**My Offering**

Donate online:

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

## Bonds Loosed

**FEBRUARY 28, 2021- Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday of Lent Year B**

**First Reading – Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18**

**Psalms 116:10, 15-19**

**Second Reading – Romans 8:31-34**

**Gospel – Mark 9:2-10**

The Lenten season continues with another story of testing. Last Sunday, we heard the trial of Jesus in the desert. In this week's First Reading, we hear of how Abraham was put to the test.

The Church has always read this story as a sign of God's love for the world in giving His only-begotten son.

In today's Epistle, Paul uses exact words drawn from this story to describe how God, like Abraham, did not withhold His only Son, but handed Him over for us on the Cross (see Romans 8:32; Genesis 22:12, 16).

In the Gospel today, too, we hear another echo. Jesus is called God's "beloved Son"- as Isaac is described as Abraham's beloved son.

These readings are given to us in Lent to reveal Christ's identity and to strengthen us in the face of our afflictions.

Jesus is shown to be the true son that Abraham rejoiced to see (see Matthew 1:1; John 8:56). In His transfiguration, He is revealed to be the "prophet like Moses" foretold by God-raised from among their own kinsmen, speaking with God's own authority (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 19).

Like Moses, He climbs the mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud (see Exodus 24:1, 9, 415). He is the one prophesied to come after Elijah's return (see Sirach 48:9-10; Malachi 3:1, 23-24). And, as He discloses to the apostles, He is the Son of Man sent to suffer and die for our sins (see Isaiah 53:3). As we sing in today's Psalm, Jesus believed in the face of His afflictions, and God loosed Him from the bonds of death (see Psalm 116:3).

His rising should give us the courage to face our trials, to offer ourselves totally to the Father – as He did, as Abraham and Isaac did.

Freed from death by his death, we come to this Mass to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and to renew our vows-as His servants and faithful ones.

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### Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup); click the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

### We Are Tempted to Give Up

Sometimes, when we see the troubles, difficulties, and wrongs all around us, we are tempted to give up. It seems that the promises of the Gospel do not apply; they are unreal. But the Bible tells us that the great threat to God's plan for us is, and always has been, the lie. The devil is the father of lies. Often he hides his snares behind the appearance of sophistication, the allure of being "modern," "like everyone else." He distracts us with the view of ephemeral pleasures, superficial pastimes. And so we squander our God-given gifts by tinkering with gadgets; we squander our money on gambling and drink; we turn in on ourselves. We forgot to remain focused on the things that really matter. We forget to remain, at heart, children of God. That is sin: (to) forget, at heart, that we are children of God. For children, as the Lord tells us, have their own wisdom, which is not the wisdom of the world.

- Homily, January 18, 2015

**Reflection:** *What lies do you tell yourself? How do these lies manifest themselves in your life? Do you fall into any of the areas of distraction that Pope Francis listed – ephemeral pleasures, superficial pastimes, tinkering with gadgets, gambling, or drinking? How can you replace the lies in your life with truths? How can you remind yourself of these truths each day?*

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40 days for Life started Feb 17 and runs until Mar 28, 2021. You are invited to join other Christians for prayer and fasting to end abortion. You are also invited to stand and pray peacefully, within covid guidelines, in the public right of way outside the abortion clinic named "Women's Health Options" at 12409 109 A Ave in Edmonton. For more information see website: [40daysforlife.com/Edmonton](http://40daysforlife.com/Edmonton) or contact Edmonton Pro Life at 780 425 1637. You may also call Barbara, of St Agnes parish, at 780 462 8285. Thank you for considering this effort to help end abortion.