

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Agnes & St. Anthony
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
FEBRUARY 07, 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

- 2021 Church donation envelopes are available at the parish office to pick up.
- All participants for the mass must wear a face covering or mask inside the church.
- 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
- **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.

St. Agnes & St. Anthony Parish Staff:

Pastor Rev. Varghese Munduvelil CFIC
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Deacon Ramon Morales
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Twin Parishes Financial Pulse

		Full Year		
January 30 & 31		Actual	YTD	Budget
<u>Sunday, Holy Day</u>	\$	2,845	\$21,693	\$400,000
<u>Building Maint. Fund</u>	\$	85	\$ 1,090	\$ 30,000
<u>Together We Serve</u>	\$	80	\$ 1,565	\$ 51,600

“Just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”

2 Corinthians 8:9

God bless you in your response to His love.

Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, February 09 Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, February 10 Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm
Thursday, February 11 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Friday, February 12 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Saturday, February 13 Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, February 14 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.

RAISED TO SERVE

FEBRUARY 07, 2021- Scott Hahn Reflects on the 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

First Reading – Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Psalm 147:1-6

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel – Mark 1:29-39

In today’s First Reading, Job describes the futility of life before Christ.

His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death place upon Adam following his original sin (see Genesis 3:17-19). Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes.

But, as we sing in today’s Psalm, He who created the stars promised to heal the broken hearted and gather those lost in exile from Him (see Isaiah 11:12; 61:1). We see this promise fulfilled in today’s Gospel.

Simon’s mother-in-law is like Job’s toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself.

But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand (see Isaiah 42:6), Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated “help” is actually Greek for “raising up.” The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise (see Mark 5:41-42). It’s used again to describe His own resurrection (see Mark 14:28; 16:7). What Jesus had done for Simon’s mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity-raised all of us who lay dead through our sins (see Ephesians 2:5). Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The whole town gathers; all the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the whole Galilee. Everyone is looking for Christ.

We too have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presences (see Hosea 6:1-2). Like Simon’s mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel.

Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today’s Epistle. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come – that others, too, may have a share in this salvation.

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

The Family That Prays Together Stays Together

In this moment of rest in the Lord, as we pause from our many daily obligations and activities, God is also speaking to us....Rest is so necessary for the health of our minds and bodies, and often so difficult to achieve due to the many demands place on us. But rest is also essential for our spiritual health, so that we can hear God’s voice and understand what he asks of us....

Resting in prayer is especially important for families. It is in the family that we first learn how to pray. Don’t forget: the family that prays together stays together! This is important. There we come to know God, to grow into men and women of faith, to see ourselves as members of God’s greater family, the Church.

-Address, Meeting with Families, January 16, 2015

Reflection: *Does your family taker the Lord’s Day seriously each Sunday? Does Sunday look like another day of the week, or is it something different? Outside of attending Mass, do you take additional time to pray? Do you rest, or do you try to get things done? The Lord gave us Sundays to restore our relationships with him and our family. Don’t miss this great gift with your family!*

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.

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://cficnorthamericadelegation.com/virtual-book-club/>

Pastor Reflection

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; I Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

The 14th century witnessed many catastrophes: such as, Hundred Years' War, the Great Famine and the Black Death. All caused millions of deaths. Together they subjected the population of medieval Europe to tremendous strains, leading many people to challenge old institutions and doubt traditional values. These events altered the path of European development for many areas.

The Black Death, the most severe epidemic in human history, ravaged Europe from 1347-1351. It is thought that almost 25 million people were killed during this short period.

Why man has to suffer; get sick and die are the problems that continue to nag people today just as it did humanity from the beginning.

The first reading tells the story of Job. Job was a rich man and at the same time sincere and honest. He had been blessed with sons and daughters. But when Job least expected, misfortune struck: his children died, his possessions were taken away, and a horrible disease affected him. Job never got an answer for his suffering.

But when the sick and suffering met Jesus, they found that their suffering brought them closer to God. Three times we have seen Jesus healing people. First he healed in the synagogue; second, he healed in the house of Peter & he healed in the street. Jesus recognized the claim of everyone. Whenever there was trouble Jesus was close to them. This is the first message that today's readings give us. Whenever we are in trouble God is closer to us. Zac Smith was struck by cancer. But he found this disease as a means for God coming closer to him. In his story, Zac Smith explains how he is praising God for cancer. "Cancer is the best thing that ever happened to me" said Zac Smith. Those words may seem shocking, but that's the message that Zac Smith left behind in his video before passing away on May 16th, 2010. "A sick bed teaches more than any sermon." Says Thomas Watson

Secondly, sickness brings us closer to God. The people flocked to Jesus. The evening found Peter's house besieged with crowds seeking Jesus' healing touch. The people of Capernaum waited until the sun had set to bring their sick to Jesus. There was no way in which Jesus could shut the door. A great doctor has said that the duty of medicine is "sometimes to heal, often to afford relief, and always to bring consolation." That duty

was always upon Jesus. Today the same duty is demanded of us. In the midst of the terrible suffering of a loved one, it is sometimes impossible to find God, because it is here that God enters us in extreme and unfamiliar ways. Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806 - 1861) was one of the most prominent poets of the Victorian era. Her poetry was widely popular in both England and the United States during her lifetime. Her 1844 volume Poems made her one of the most popular writers in the country at the time and inspired Robert Browning to write to her, telling her how much he loved her work. Elizabeth had become an invalid and had suffered for many years, unable even to lift her head from her pillow. But then one day she was visited by Robert Browning. It was love at first sight. In just one visit, he brought her so much joy and happiness that she lifted her head. On his second visit, she sat up in bed. On the third visit, they started dating and soon got married! Love can heal us physically. No wonder, as today's gospel tells us, people were healed by coming into contact with Jesus.

Thirdly, Sickness brings us closer to our brothers. Those who suffer much in life are more compassionate with the weakness of others. An enthusiastic student asks his teacher: "Master, what can I do to help all the suffering beings in this world?"

The teacher answers: "Indeed, what *can* you do?" So, even if I am genuinely concerned about the welfare of others, when I am hopelessly lost in my own problems, trying to deal with the world, how can I help others? I would be jumping into a river where someone is drowning, when I cannot swim myself... Therefore, I should first learn to swim by myself, learn to deal with my problems. The realization comes: "change the world, start with myself".

A sage taught:

"Whatever joy there is in this world All comes from desiring others to be happy. And whatever suffering there is in this world, All comes from desiring myself to be happy." Our care should be expressed in deeds and not just in words by rendering material aid to those in need of it, and by bringing comfort to sick people through visits, and encouragement to the family. We need to live for others as Jesus did: Jesus was a man for others, sharing what he had with others. Let us take up this challenge by sharing love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness with others. Instead of considering life as dull and boring let us live our lives as Jesus did, full of dynamism and zeal for the glory of God.