

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Agnes & St. Anthony
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C
January 23, 2022**



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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.

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:

[Pre-Authorized Giving Agreement Form](#)

Envelopes can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office at:

St. Anthony,
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Donate online:

My Offering

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

St. Agnes & St. Anthony Parish Staff:

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

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Full Year Budget</u>
Jan 15 & 16 Sunday, Holy Day	\$ 3,495	\$16,224	\$350,000
Building Maint. Fund	\$ 230	\$ 975	\$ 30,000
Together We Serve	\$ 225	\$ 830	\$35,000

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2Corinthians 9:7

May God bless you in your response to His love?

Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, January 25 Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 26 Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm
Thursday, January 27 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Friday, January 28 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Saturday, January 29 Mass @ St. Agnes Mass St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, January 30 Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am 10:30 am 12 Noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marriage Jubilarians Celebration

1. Marriage Jubilarian celebration multiple's of 5 years ad yearly after 50 years for the Twin parishes of St. Agnes & St. Anthony parishioners. If your anniversaries fall from January 2020 to February 28, 2022. Please email or call the parish office to register for this occasion. Mass celebration will be Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 12 Noon.
2. Thank you to all Parish Council Members for your support for the well functioning of the Twin Parishes. We really appreciate your great contribution and generosity.

**New Day Dawns: Scott Hahn Reflects on the
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
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First Reading – Nehemiah 8:2-6, 10

Psalms 19:8-10, 15

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel – Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

The meaning of today's liturgy is subtle and many-layered.

We need background to understand what's happening in today's First Reading.

Babylon having been defeated, King Cyrus of Persia decreed that the exiled Jews could return home to Jerusalem. They rebuilt their ruined temple (see [Ezra 6:15–17](#)) and under Nehemiah finished rebuilding the city walls (see [Nehemiah 6:15](#)).

The stage was set for the renewal of the covenant and the re-establishment of the Law of Moses as the people's rule of life. That's what's going on in today's First Reading, as Ezra reads and interprets (see [Nehemiah 8:8](#)) the Law and the people respond with a great "Amen!"

Israel, as we sing in today's Psalm, is rededicating itself to God and His Law. The scene seems like the Isaiah prophecy that Jesus reads from in today's Gospel.

Read all of Isaiah 61. The "glad tidings" Isaiah brings include these promises: the liberation of prisoners (61:1); the rebuilding of Jerusalem, or Zion (61:3–4; see also [Isaiah 60:10](#)); the restoration of Israel as a kingdom of priests (61:6; [Exodus 19:6](#)); and the forging of an everlasting covenant (61:8; [Isaiah 55:3](#)). It sounds a lot like the First Reading.

Jesus, in turn, declares that Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Him. The Gospel scene, too, recalls the First Reading. Like Ezra, Jesus stands before the people, is handed a scroll, unrolls it, then reads and interprets it (compare [Luke 4:16–17, 21](#) and [Nehemiah 8:2–6, 8–10](#)).

We witness in today's Liturgy the creation of a new people of God. Ezra started reading at dawn of the first day of the Jewish new year (see [Leviticus 23:24](#)). Jesus also proclaims a "sabbath," a great year of Jubilee, a deliverance from slavery to sin, a release from the debts we owe to God (see [Leviticus 25:10](#)).

The people greeted Ezra "as one man." And, as today's Epistle teaches, in the Spirit the new people of God—the Church—is made "one body" with Him.

Pope Francis Corner



**And the Joy of
Family Life Daily
Reflections**

Bear Witness to the Gospel

I remember once, a long time ago, I had a conference with medical doctors. After the conference I greeted the doctors ... speaking to them, and one called me aside. He was holding a parcel and said to me: "Father, I want to leave this with you. These are the instruments that I used to perform abortions. I have met the lord, I have repented, and now I fight for life." He handed me all these instruments....

Anyone who is Christian has a duty to bear witness to the Gospel: to protect life courageously and lovingly in all its phases. I encourage you to do this always with closeness, proximity: so that every woman may feel respected as a person, heard, accepted, and supported.

- *Address, April 11, 2014*

Reflection: *Do not underestimate your witness to life. In our families, parishes, and neighborhoods, it can be easy to hide opinions. For some, it is also easy to give our opinions, but without love. Don't be afraid to speak up for life courageously and charitably.*

Surrender Your Suffering to God

Reasons for Hope Pope John Paul II

We are called to entrust our lives completely to our providential God. As the psalmist tell us: "I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child. Like a weaned child on its mother's lap, (so is my soul within me)" (ps 131:2). Yet we are afraid to abandon ourselves to God as our Lord and Savior at times. Our mind may be darkened by problems. We forget about our Creator. Or we are really suffering and we doubt God's love for us as our Father.

Yet God's heart of providence is very close to us when we suffer. There are many examples in Scripture. For instance, Job does not hesitate to cry out God, even in the midst of his suffering. Job show amazing confidence in God. This confidence is not unfounded. The word of God does indicate that the providence of God, his saving power, is poured out on his people in their hour of greatest need, for they are his children. Job, sick in his body and in his heart, exclaims: "Oh, that today I might find him, that I might come to his judgement seat! I would set out my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments" (Jb 23:3-4). Let us come today before our Father with our needs!