

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Agnes & St. Anthony
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
JANUARY 31, 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
Deacon	Guy Germain
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Deacon	Ramon Morales
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Twin Parishes Financial Pulse

		Full Year		
January 16 & 17		Actual	YTD	Budget
<u>Sunday, Holy Day</u>	\$	2,395	\$18,848	\$400,000
<u>Building Maint. Fund</u>	\$	120	\$ 1,005	\$ 30,000
<u>Together We Serve</u>	\$	160	\$ 1,485	\$ 51,600

*"Remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth."
Proverbs 3:9-10*

God bless you in your response to His love.

Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, February 02 Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, February 03 Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm
Thursday, February 04 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Friday, February 05 Mass @ St. Agnes / First Friday	7:00 pm
Saturday, February 06 Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, February 07 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.

THE KING'S AUTHORITY

**JANUARY 31, 2021- Scott Hahn Reflects on the
4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

**First Reading – Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9
Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel – Mark 1:21-28**

Last week, Jesus announced the kingdom of God is at hand. This week, in mighty words and deeds, He exercises His dominion – asserting royal authority over the ruler of this world, Satan (see John 12:31).

Notice that today's events take place on the Sabbath. The Sabbath was to be an everlasting sign – both of God's covenant love for His creation (see Exodus 20:8-11; 31:12-17), and His deliverance of His covenant people, Israel, from slavery (see Deuteronomy 6:12-15). On this Sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation- that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver the world from evil.

“With an unclean spirit” is biblical language for a man possessed by a demon, Satan being the prince of demons (see Mark 3:22).

The demons' question: “What have you to do with us?” Is often used in Old Testament scenes of combat and judgement (see Judges 11:12; 1 Kings 17:18).

And as God by His Word ‘rebuked” the forces of chaos in creating the world (see Psalms 104:7; Job 26:10-12), and again rebuked the Red Sea so the Israelites could make their exodus (see Psalm 106:9), Mark uses the same word to describe Jesus rebuking the demons (see Mark 4:39; Zechariah 3:2).

Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's First Reading (see Acts 3:22). Though He has authority over heaven and earth (see Daniel 7:14, 27; Revelation 12:10), He becomes one of our own kinsmen.

He comes to rebuke the forces of evil and chaos – not only in the world, but in our lives. He wants to make us holy in body and spirit, as Paul says in today's Epistle (see Exodus 31:12).

In this liturgy, we hear His voice and “see” His works, as we sing in today's Psalm. And as Moses tells us today, we should listen to Him.

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**

Is That Wisdom?

Think of a mother at her home with the children; when one does something, the other thinks of something else, and the poor mother goes to and fro with the problems of her children. And when mothers get tired and scold the children, is that wisdom? Scolding children-I ask you-is this wisdom? What do you say: Is it wisdom or not? No!

Instead, when the mother takes her child aside and gently reproves him, saying, “Don't do this, because ...” and explains with great patience, is this the wisdom of God? Yes! It is what the Holy Spirit gives us in life!

- General audience, April 9, 2014

Reflection: *We become better parents when we allow the fatherhood of God to make an imprint on our lives. We learn to give his love when we experience it ourselves. Do you take time to pray each day? In that time of prayer, do you ask God to help you to become a better parent? Try it this week.*

“It is easy to smile at people outside your own home. It is so easy to take care of the people that you don't know well. It is difficult to be thoughtful and kind and to smile and be loving to your own in the house day after day, especially when we are tired and in a bad temper or bad mood. We have these moments and that is the time that Christ comes to us in a distressing disguise.” Blessed Mother Teresa



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Ordinary Time: Fourth Sunday. Year [B]

Dt 18:15-20; I Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

By: Fr. Varghese Mundavelil

The theme of today's readings is Divine authority as exercised by the prophets of the Old Testament, by the apostles in the New Testament, and by Jesus in his teaching and healing ministry.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20: Moses was about to die. The Chosen People were terrified because they were about to lose the person who had been successfully leading them through the wilderness toward the Promised Land. They were also going to lose a prophet who had been keeping them informed of Yahweh's will. When he died, how would they find out what God wanted of them? God answers the question by promising Moses that He will heed the people's request and "*raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and ... put My words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him.*" That Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's First Reading is made clear in Acts 3:22; 7:37). After the return from the Babylonian exile, the Jewish priests began to interpret this text of Deuteronomy as referring to the Messiah who was to come. The New Testament saw these words of dying Moses verified in Christ (Acts 3:22; 7:37).

Today's Gospel passage begins and ends with comments about Jesus' authority as a teacher. He spoke like Moses, telling people directly what God had to say. In between is an exorcism, pointing out a connection between Jesus' teachings and his supernatural authority. The dramatic healing of the demoniac by an authoritative word is a demonstration of God's reign and Power in their midst. And the people recognized it.

The synagogue was a place of instruction and Sabbath prayers. The synagogue service consisted of three parts – prayer, the reading of God's word, and the exposition of it made by anyone who wished to do so. In this chapter Mark tells us that in the local synagogue Jesus **taught with authority**. This means that Jesus explained the Scriptures with complete confidence, and when questioned by people he answered with authority. Mark also records the **impact Jesus had** on those who heard him. We are told how amazed people were at the authority with which he preached. Jesus also showed his power and authority by curing the sick and granting

forgiveness to people for their sins. The Catholic and Apostolic Church derives her teaching authority from her founder Jesus, the Christ.

In the synagogue, there was a man who was troubled by an unclean spirit. Everyone in the ancient Biblical world feared evil spirits and believed in demonic possession. Even in the twenty-first century, we still believe in the existence of unclean spirits. We often wonder where the "unclean thoughts" come from and why we can't rid ourselves of them. Victory over the unclean spirit is a clear sign that God's salvation has come: by overcoming the Evil One, Jesus shows that He is the Savior, more powerful than the demons. The demoniac cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? "The answer we find in the Gospel is that: Jesus came to dispossess the unclean spirits living inside of us. That is one of the reasons why Jesus came to earth in the first place and one of the reasons why he continues his presence in our lives. Jesus came to drive out those unclean spirits within us to cleanse our lives of them. We need to put ourselves under his authority and he will liberate us. The evil spirit in today's Gospel recognized Jesus as the Messiah and acknowledged him as such. Jesus commanded the evil spirit: "Be quiet! Come out of him!" Instantly, the demon obeyed. Today, we are challenged to believe that Jesus continues to exercise the power to rout evil in all of its ugly disguises and manifestations: in poverty, sickness, greed, hatred, indifference, over-indulgence, etc., using us and our ministry as His instruments.

Jesus did not use his authority and Divine power to rule and control people. He came to set people free. Hence, let us approach Jesus with trusting Faith so that he may free us from the evil spirits that keep us from praying and prevent us from loving and sharing our blessings with others, as well as from all the "evil spirits" of fear, compulsions, selfishness, anger, resentment and hostility. ("I have come that they may have life, life in abundance" (Jn 10:10). So Jesus should be the source of liberation for us.. Through the Word of God & Sacrament, Jesus brings that power to us and says the same words to the demons in our life: "Be gone!" Christ has power over any demon, so whether those demons be addictions, heartaches, secret sins — whatever our chains may be — Christ can set us free and longs to do so.

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. Registration will be online starting on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021.