

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Agnes & St. Anthony
BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C
January 09, 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:

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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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Twin Parishes Financial Pulse

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Full Year Budget</u>
Dec 25 & 26 Sunday, Holy Day	\$ 22,920	\$343,193	\$375,000
Building Maint. Fund	\$ 2,305	\$35,790	\$ 30,000
Together We Serve	\$ 3,795	\$29,920	\$51,600

“God’s people faithfully brought in the contributions, tithes and dedicated gifts.” 2Chronicles 31:12

May God bless you in your response to His love?

Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, January 11 Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 12 Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm
Thursday, January 13 Mass St. Agnes	9:00 am
Friday, January 14 Mass St. Agnes	5:00 pm
Saturday, January 15 Mass St. Agnes Mass St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, January 16 Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am 10:30 am 12 Noon

Schedule of Novena Masses in Preparation of St. Agnes Feast Day

Date	Time	Venue
Friday Jan14	9:00 AM	St. Agnes
Saturday Jan 15	5:00 PM	St. Agnes
Sunday Jan 16	9:00 AM	St. Agnes
Monday Jan 17	9:00 AM	St. Agnes
Tuesday Jan 18	9:00 AM	St. Agnes
Wednesday Jan 19	9:00 AM	St. Agnes
Thursday Jan 20	9:00 AM	St. Agnes
Friday Jan 21	9:00 AM	St. Agnes
Saturday Jan 22	5:00 PM	St. Agnes
Sunday Jan 23 Feast Day Celebration	12 Noon	St. Agnes

**The Anointing: Scott Hahn Reflects on the
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
January 09, 2022**

First Reading – Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalms 29:1-4, 9-10

Second Reading – Acts 10:34-38

Gospel – Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God’s plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made “coheirs” to the blessings promised to Israel. This week, we’re shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn’t submit to John’s baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan’s waters in order to lead a new “exodus”—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today’s First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him “a covenant of the people,” the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today’s Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, “anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power.”

The word messiah means “one anointed” with God’s Spirit. King David was “the anointed of the God of Jacob” (see 2 Samuel 23:1–17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10, 17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1–2; Daniel 9:25).

That’s why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today’s Gospel. But it isn’t John they’re looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32–33).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as a fiery flame, as we sing in today’s Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

Pope Francis Corner



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

The Lord Can Change You

The Lord is capable of changing us, through love.... I don’t believe any theologian can explain this: it is inexplicable.... We can only reflect on, feel, and cry for joy: the Lord can change us.... Believe. Believe that the Lord can change me, that He can....

Faith is giving space to this love of God; it is making room for the power of God, for the power of One who loves me, who is in love with me, and who wants this joy with me. This is faith. This is believing: it is making room for the Lord to come and change me.

- *Domus Sanctae Marthae, March 16, 2015*

Reflection: *What changes does the Lord want you to make in how you love your family? Do you believe that he can change you? How can you make more room for the power of God in your life?*

**REFLECTION ON THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD**

Today’s celebration of the Baptism of the Lord concludes the Christmas Season and invites us to think about our baptism. Jesus wished to receive the baptism that John the Baptist preached and administered in the Jordan. It was a baptism of repentance: those who approached expressed the wish to be purified of sins and, with the help of God, they committed to begin a new life.

Thus we understand the *great humility of Jesus, the One who had no sin, in joining the queue of the penitents, mingling among them to be baptized in the waters of the river. How humble Jesus is!* And in so doing, he manifested what we celebrated at Christmas: **Jesus’ willingness to immerse himself in the river of humanity, to take upon himself**

the failings and weaknesses of men and women, to share their wish for liberation and the triumph over all that distances one from God and renders one a stranger to brothers and sisters. As in Bethlehem, even along the banks of the Jordan, God keeps his promise to take upon himself the destiny of the human being, and Jesus is the tangible and definitive sign of it. He took all of us upon his shoulders; he carries all of us, in life, in our days.

Today's Gospel passage emphasizes that when Jesus *"came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove"* (Mk 1:10). The *Holy Spirit*, who had worked from the beginning of creation and had led Moses and the people in the desert, now descends in fullness upon Jesus to give him the power to accomplish his mission in the world. **The Spirit is the creator of Jesus' baptism and also of our baptism. He opens the eyes of our hearts to the truth, to the whole truth. He propels our life along the path of charity. He is the gift that the Father has given to each one of us on the day of our baptism. He, the Spirit, transmits the tenderness of divine forgiveness to us. And it is again he, the Holy Spirit, who makes the revelatory Word of the Father resonate: "You are my Son"** (cf. v. 11).

The celebration of Jesus' baptism invites every Christian to *remember his or her own baptism*. I cannot ask you whether you remember the day of your baptism, because most of you were infants, like me; we were baptized as infants. But I ask you another question: **do you know the date of your baptism? Do you know what day you were baptized? Each one think about it. And if you do not know the date or have forgotten it, upon returning home, ask your mom, grandma, uncle, aunt, grandpa, godfather, godmother: what is**

the date? We must always keep that date in our memory, because **it is a date of celebration; it is the date of our initial sanctification; it is the date on which the Father gave us the Holy Spirit who encourages us to walk; it is the date of the great forgiveness.** Do not forget: what is the date of my baptism? Let us invoke the maternal protection of Mary Most Holy, that all Christians can understand ever better the gift of baptism and commit to living it with coherence, witnessing to the love of the Father and of the Son and of the Spirit.

SOURCE:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2018/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20180107.html

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Register online if you are attending the weekend masses including volunteers at the parish website twinparishes.caedm.ca under mass registration. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with regard to this matter. Cut-off of the online registration is 3:00 PM every Friday.
2. Please call or email the parish office if you need 2022 Church donation envelope.
3. 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.
4. There will be Novena masses starting January 14th in preparation of St. Agnes Feast Day. The celebration of the Feast Day will be Sunday, January 23rd at 12 Noon mass.
5. 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.