The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of St. Agnes & St. Anthony 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 12 Noon and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm E-Mail: <u>stanthony.edm@caedm.ca</u> Parish website: <u>twinparishes.caedm.ca</u>

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.

### St. Agnes & St. Anthony Parish Staff:

| Pastor                   | Rev. Va | rghese Munduvelil CFIC |  |  |
|--------------------------|---------|------------------------|--|--|
| Deacon                   | Guy Ger | main                   |  |  |
| Deacon                   | Michael | Pucylo                 |  |  |
| Deacon                   | Ramon   | Morales                |  |  |
| Business Manage          | er      | Don Wong               |  |  |
| Administrative Assistant |         | Florentina Suce        |  |  |
| Custodian                |         | Bruce Huynh            |  |  |
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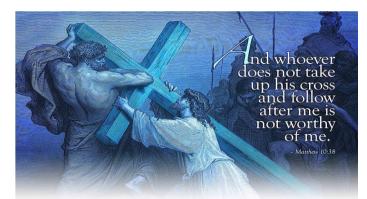
### **Twin Parishes Financial Pulse**

|                            |               |            | Full Year     |
|----------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| June 24 & 25               | <u>Actual</u> | <b>YTD</b> | <b>Budget</b> |
| Sunday, Holy Day           | \$ 4,512      | \$187,291  | \$395,000     |
| Building Maint. Fund \$365 |               | \$7,222    | \$30,000      |
| Together We Serve          | \$ 50         | \$8,887    | \$30,000      |

May God bless you in your response to His love.

"Everyone who was willing and whose heart moved him came and brought an offering to the Lord for the work." Gen 28:20-22

The Parish office is closed Monday, July 3, 2023 in lieu of Canada Day.



## **Twin Parishes Masses for the Week**

| Tuesday, July 04        |          |  |
|-------------------------|----------|--|
| Mass @ St. Anthony      | 7:00 pm  |  |
| Wednesday, July 05      |          |  |
| Adoration @ St. Anthony | 5-6 pm   |  |
| Mass @ St. Anthony      | 6:15 pm  |  |
| Thursday, July 06       |          |  |
| Mass @ St. Agnes        | 9:00 am  |  |
| First Friday, July 07   |          |  |
| Mass @ St. Agnes        | 7:00 pm  |  |
| Saturday, July 08       |          |  |
| Mass @ St. Agnes        | 5:00 pm  |  |
| Mass @ St. Anthony      | 7:30 pm  |  |
| Sunday, July 09         |          |  |
| Mass @ St. Agnes        | 9:00 am  |  |
| Mass @ St. Anthony      | 10:30 am |  |
| Mass @ St. Agnes        | 12 Noon  |  |

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: <u>Pre-Authorized Giving Agreement Form</u>

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

St. Anthony, 10661-82 Avenue NW Edmonton, AB T6E 2A6

Donate online:



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

### **CHURCH DONATION E-TRANSFER**

You can **E-Transfer** your church donation to <u>StAnthonyEdm.etransfer@caedm.ca</u> will be automatically deposited to the account of The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of St. Agnes & St. Anthony at RBC Royal Bank. Thank you for your support and generosity.

# **SACRAMENTS**

### FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please call the parish office 780-432-0611 for more information and registration. Sessions will be every other Saturday from 10:00 am 12:000 PM at St. Agnes church hall. Deadline of registration is August 30, 2023.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS** –If your children are between the ages of 11 to 14, please call the parish office for more information and registration. Sessions will be every other Saturday at 1:00-3:00 PM at St. Agnes church hall. Deadline of registration is August 30, 2023

### **<u>RCIA</u>** (Adapted for Children age 7 – 14)

**<u>RCIA</u>** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – age 15 and above) Anyone who wants to become Catholic and Catholics who have not yet received First Communion and Confirmation, and anyone interested in learning more about RCIA please call parish office at 780-432-0611 to register. Session is every Wednesday @ 7:00 PM St. Anthony Padua Room.

**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.

**<u>FUNERAL</u>**: Family or designated person by the family should contact the Parish Office for funeral arrangements with the parish priest.

## WHY THE CROSS?

Pope Francis Speaks to our Hearts

Why the Cross? Because Jesus takes upon himself the evil, the faith, the sin of the world, including the sin of all of us, and he cleanses it: he cleanses it with his blood, with the mercy and the love of God. Let us look around: how many wounds are inflicted upon humanity by evil! Wars, violence, economic conflicts that hit the weakest, greed for money that you can't take with you and have to leave. When we were small, our grandmother used to say, "A shroud has no pocket." Love of power, corruption, divisions, crimes against human life and against creation! And-as each one of us knows and is aware-our personal sins: our failures in love and respect toward God, toward our neighbor, and toward the whole creation. Jesus on the cross feels the whole weight of the evil, and with the force of God's love he conquers it; he defeats it with his resurrection. This is the good that Jesus does for us on the throne of the cross.

### <u>To Find Our Lives: Scott Hahn Reflects on the</u> <u>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>

The liturgy this week continues to instruct us in the elements of discipleship. We're told that even the most humble among us have a share in the mission Christ gives to His Church.

We're not all called to the ministry of the Apostles or to be prophets like Elisha in today's First Reading. But each of us is called to a holy life (see <u>2 Timothy</u> <u>1:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:3</u>).

At Baptism, our lives were joined forever to the Cross of Christ, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle. Baptized into His death, we're to renounce sin and live for God in Christ Jesus.

We are to follow Him, each of us taking up our personal cross, as Jesus says in today's Gospel. That doesn't mean we will all be asked to suffer a martyr's death. But each of us is called to self-denial, to the offering of our lives in service of God's plan.

Jesus must be elevated to first place in our lives above even our closest bonds of kinship and love. By Baptism, we've been made part of a new family: the kingdom of God, the Church. We are to proclaim that kingdom with our lives, bringing our fathers, our mothers, and all men and women to live as little ones under the fatherhood of God and the kingship of the Holy One.

We do this by opening our hearts and homes to the service of the Lord, following the Shunnamite woman's example in today's First Reading. As Jesus tells us, we're to receive others—not only prophets but also little children, the poor, and the imprisoned—as we receive Christ Himself (see <u>Matthew</u> 18:5; 25:31–46).

As we sing in today's Psalm, we are to testify to His favors and kindness in our lives.

We're to hold fast to the promise—that if we have died with Christ, we shall also live, that if we lose our lives for His sake, we shall find our reward and walk forever in His countenance.

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The Parish office is closed for a week on the summer from Monday, July 31 to Friday, August 4th inclusive. Mail, voice mail and email will be checked regularly. Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> Parish office is closed for Civic Holiday. Parish office will re-open Tuesday, August 8, 2023.