

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Agnes & St. Anthony
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
JULY 11, 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.

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.

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Parish website: twinparishes.caedm.ca

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St. Agnes and St. Anthony would prefer if you use:

[Pre-Authorized Giving Agreement Form](#)

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St. Anthony,
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My Offering

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Every gift is truly appreciated.

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Twin Parishes Financial Pulse

		Full Year		
July 03/04		<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Sunday, Holy Day</u>	\$	13,660	\$159,614	\$375,000
<u>Building Maint. Fund</u>	\$	635	\$10,260	\$ 30,000
<u>Together We Serve</u>	\$	1,040	\$12,960	\$ 51,600

“God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work”. 2 Corinthians 9:10

May God bless you in your response to His love?

Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, July 13 Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, July 14 Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm
Thursday, July 15 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Friday, July 16 Mass St. Agnes	9:00 am
Saturday, July 17 Mass St. Agnes Mass St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, July 18 Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon

Contact the parish office at 780-432-0611 for registration of First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist, Confirmation and RCIA.

All the class sessions will start on October 2021.

Importance of Registering with the Church Office

There are a number of parishioners who come to church regularly but are not officially registered. We need at least six months prior to requests for baptisms, marriages, other sacraments and services. It assists us in determining how to deal with the request. If you have Sunday Collection Envelopes you are registered. Please call the office at 780-432-0611 or complete the forms at the parish website twinparishes.caedm.ca

**July 11, 2021- Scott Hahn Reflects on the
15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**
First Reading – Amos 7:12-15
Psalm 85:9-14
Second Reading – Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel – Mark 6:7-13

In commissioning the Apostles in today's Gospel, Jesus gives them, and us, a preview of His Church's mission after the Resurrection.

His instructions to the Twelve echo those of God to the twelve tribes of Israel on the eve of their exodus from Egypt. The Israelites likewise were sent out with no bread and only one set of clothes, wearing sandals and carrying a staff (see Exodus 12:11; Deuteronomy 8:2-4). Like the Israelites, the Apostles are to rely solely on the providence of God and His grace.

Perhaps, also, Mark wants us to see the Apostles' mission, the mission of the Church, as that of leading a new exodus—delivering people from their exile from God and bringing them to the promised land, the kingdom of heaven.

Like Amos in today's First Reading, the Apostles are not “professionals” who earn their bread by prophesying. Like Amos, they are simply men (see Acts 14:15) summoned from their ordinary jobs and sent by God to be shepherds of their brothers and sisters.

Again this week, we hear the theme of rejection: Amos experiences it, and Jesus warns the Apostles that some will not welcome or listen to them. The Church is called not necessarily to be successful but only to be faithful to God's command.

With authority and power given to her by Jesus, the Church proclaims God's peace and salvation to those who believe in Him, as we sing in today's Psalm.

This word of truth, this Gospel of salvation, is addressed to each of us, personally, as Paul proclaims in today's Epistle. In the mystery of God's will, we have been chosen from before the foundation of the world—to be His sons and daughters, to live for the praise of His glory.

Let us, then, give thanks for the Church today, and for the spiritual blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us resolve to further the Church's mission—to help others hear the call to repentance and welcome Christ into their lives.

Pope Francis Corner



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

Less Greed and More Generosity

It is our profound conviction that the future of the human family depends also on how we safeguard – both prudently and compassionately, with justice and fairness – the gift of creation that our Creator has entrusted to us. Therefore, we acknowledge in repentance the wrongful mistreatment of our planet, which is tantamount to sin before the eyes of God. We reaffirm our responsibility and obligation to foster a sense of humility and moderation so that all may feel the need to respect creation and to safeguard it with care. Together, we pledge our commitment to raising awareness about the stewardship of creation; we appeal to all people of goodwill to consider ways of living less wastefully and more frugally, manifesting less greed and more generosity for the protection of god's world and the benefit of his people.

- Meeting with the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, May 25, 2014

Reflection: *How does your family cultivate the gift of creation? In what specific ways are you teaching your children that our world is a gift from God to be protected for others? Do they understand that by being less wasteful they are helping to safeguard our planet, and by being less greedy they are making it possible for those less fortunate to share in more resources?*

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.

Pray for the Deceased:

1. Lamberto de Ramos
2. Jane Watson
3. Rita Pinder
4. Constancio Melendrez Sr.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

Introduction: Today's readings remind us of our Divine adoption as God's children and of our call to preach the Good News of Jesus by bearing witness to God's love, mercy, and salvation, as revealed through Jesus: "*God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.*" (Ephesians 1:4).

Scripture lessons:

The first reading (Am 7:12-15), warns us that our witnessing mission will be rejected, as happened to the Old Testament prophets like Amos. He was ordered by Amaziah, the angry chief priest serving in the Northern Kingdom of Israel at Bethel, to take his prophesying back to his own country, the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Amos defended his prophetic role with courage, clarifying that it was not his, but God's choice to elevate him from a shepherd and tree-dresser to a prophet. Like Amos, we are chosen by God, through the mystery of Divine adoption in Jesus, to become missionaries and to preach the "Good News," mainly by Christian witnessing.

In the second reading (Eph 1:3-14), St. Paul explains the blessings that we have received through our Baptism and the responsibility we have to become missionaries. Then Paul reveals the Divine secret that it is God's eternal plan to extend salvation, through Jesus, to all mankind — first to the Jews and then to the Gentiles. Hence, the Jewish and the Gentile Christians need to love, help, and respect one another, and thus, to proclaim Jesus, giving true witness by their lives.

In today's Gospel (Mk 6:1-13), the evangelist tells the story of Jesus' commissioning of the twelve apostles to preach the "Good News" of repentance, forgiveness of sins, liberation, and salvation through Jesus. Just as God sent the prophet Amos to preach repentance to ancient Israel and St. Paul to preach the Good News of salvation to the Gentiles, so Jesus sends forth the Twelve to proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom and to bring healing to those who need it most. Today's Gospel reports the instruction Jesus gave the apostles for their first mission. They are to be walking illustrations of God's love and providence in action. They are to preach repentance — a change of heart and a change of action taking people from a self-centered life to a God-centered life.

Jesus gave clear instructions to his disciples for their first mission. They should be walking illustrations of God's love and providence in action. They were instructed by Jesus not to take any supplies for the road, but must trust God for everything.

It was a Rabbinic law that when a man entered the Temple courts he must put off his staff and shoes and money girdle. In short all ordinary things were to be set aside on entering the sacred place. He wanted his disciples to consider the simple homes they enter as sacred as the Temple courts.

Hospitality was a sacred duty in the East. When a stranger entered a village, it was not his duty to search for hospitality; but it was the duty of the village to offer it. Jesus told his disciples if hospitality was denied they must shake off the dust of that place from their feet when they left. The mark of Christian disciple is not be utter simplicity, complete trust, and the generosity which is always to give and never to demand. Accepting the mission the disciples travelled all over.

To the people they brought the king's message. The king's message was "Repent". To repent means to change one's mind and then to fit one's actions to this change. There is a beautiful scene in the novel Quo Vadis. Vincius the young Roman fell in love with a girl who was a Christian. Because he was not a Christian she would have nothing to do with him. He followed her to the secret night gathering of the little group of Christians, and there unknown to a one he listens to the service. He heard Peter preach. As he listened something happened to him. He felt that if he wished to follow that teaching, he would have to place on a burning pile all this thoughts, habits and character; burn them into ashes and then fill himself with a life altogether different and an entirely new soul. That is repentance. The change is not necessarily from robbery, theft, murder, adultery and such glaring sins. Such changes are comparatively easy. But the change most often required is from a life that is completely selfish, instinctively demanding, totally inconsiderate, and egocentric. A change from self-centred life to God centred life.

Repentance always involves some change in values, and a willingness to leave behind values and attitudes that may be inconsistent with living in a relationship with God. There are also times when restitution may be necessary.

Repentance implies a change from the undesirable habits. Abstinence alone isn't enough to hold us when it comes to dropping an old habit. We need to find a new focus that's more enticing, more compelling than the old habit, to shift interest and energy to a new way of living.

Secondly, the Apostles brought to the People the king's mercy. Not only did they bring their shattering demand upon men; they brought help and healing. Jesus tried to lift his people not only from moral wreckage, but also from physical pain and

suffering. This remains the task of the church today.

Finally, the passages tell us that preachers of the Gospel must be listened to because they are God's messengers. It is immaterial where God's messenger comes from: what matters is that it is God who sends them. So, no other consideration should prevent us from accepting their message.

Remember the words of Jesus to his disciples: "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me: And those who welcome me Welcome the one who sent me (Mt 10:40).

Life Messages: #

1) We, too, have a witnessing mission: We are called to be witnessing disciples and evangelizing apostles. As witnessing disciples, we need to follow, imitate, reflect, and radiate only Jesus. As apostles, we need to evangelize the world by sharing with others our experience of God and His Son, Jesus, proclaiming Jesus' Gospel and promised salvation through our transparent Christian lives and words, radiating the love, mercy, forgiveness, spirit of humble service and concern of Jesus to the people around us.

2) We also have the liberating mission of helping to free people from the demons of nicotine, alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, promiscuous sex, hatred, jealousy, racial prejudice, and consumerism. We need the help of Jesus to liberate both ourselves and others from these things. (Reflections of Fr. Antony Kadavil & Fr. Lawrence)

"Religion is not something that you or I can touch. Religion is the worship of God – therefore a matter of conscience. I alone must decide for myself and you for yourself, what we choose. For me the religion I live and use to worship God is the Catholic religion. For me this is my very life, my joy and the greatest gift of God in His love for me. He could have given me no greater gift." Blessed Mother Teresa