

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Agnes & St. Anthony
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
JULY 04, 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.

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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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 Munduvelil CFIC
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Twin Parishes Financial Pulse

		Full Year		
June 26/27		<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Sunday, Holy Day</u>	\$	3,276	\$145,824	\$375,000
<u>Building Maint. Fund</u>	\$	185	\$9,625	\$ 30,000
<u>Together We Serve</u>	\$	155	\$11,920	\$ 51,600

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

May God bless you in your response to His love.

Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, July 6 Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, July 7 Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm
Thursday, July 8 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Friday, July 9 Mass St. Agnes	9:00 am
Saturday, July 10 Mass St. Agnes Mass St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, July 11 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 04, 2021- Scott Hahn Reflects on the
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First Reading – Ezekiel 2:2-5

Psalm 123:1-4

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel – Mark 6:1-6

As we've walked with the Apostles in the Gospels in recent weeks, we've witnessed Jesus command the wind and sea, and order a little girl to arise from the dead.

But He seems to meet His match in His hometown of Nazareth. Today's Gospel is blunt: "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there."

Why not? Because of the people's lack of faith. They acknowledged the wisdom of His words, the power of His works. But they refused to recognize Him as a prophet come among them, a messenger sent by God.

All they could see was how much "this man" was like them—a carpenter, the son of their neighbor, Mary, with brothers and sisters.

Of course, Mary was ever-virgin and had no other children. The Gospel refers to Jesus' brothers as Paul refers to all Israelites as his brothers, the children of Abraham (see [Romans 9:3, 7](#)).

That's the point in today's Gospel, too. Like the prophet Ezekiel in today's First Reading, Jesus was sent by God to the rebellious house of Israel, where He found His own brothers and sisters obstinate of heart and in revolt against God.

The servant is not above the Master (see [Matthew 10:24](#)). As His disciples, we too face the mockery and contempt we hear of in today's Psalm. And isn't it often hardest to live our faith among those in our own families, those who think they really know us, who define us by the people we used to be—before we chose to walk with Jesus?

As Paul confides in today's Epistle, insults and hardships are God's way of teaching us to rely solely on His grace.

Jesus will work no mighty deeds in our lives unless we abandon ourselves to Him in faith. Blessed then are those who take no offense in Him (see [Luke 7:23](#)). Instead, we must look upon Him with the eyes of servants—knowing that the son of Mary is also the Lord enthroned in the heavens.

Pope Francis Corner



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

The True Meaning of Freedom

But what does freedom mean? It is certainly not doing whatever you want, allowing yourself to be dominated by the passions, to pass from one experience to another without discernment, to follow the fashions of the day; freedom does not mean, so to speak, throwing everything that you don't like out the window. No, that is not freedom! Freedom is given to us so that we know how to make good decisions in life!

- Address, May 4, 2013

Reflection: *Freedom isn't freedom from something, but freedom for something. Are you free to choose what is good for your life? Are you free to live a life for the Lord instead of yourself? What limits your freedom?*

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.

"Give love in action. Our works of love are nothing but works of peace. Let us do them with greater love and efficiency: each in his or her own work, in daily life, at home and with one's neighbour.

Be happy and at peace. Accept whatever He gives and give whatever He takes with a big smile."

Blessed Mother Teresa

Pray for the Deceased:

1. Rita Pinder
2. Florence Dobberthien
3. Constancio Melendrez Sr.

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Ez 2:2-5; II Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

Reflection:

The annals of human history are replete with case after case of good people being rejected by those who knew them best. **Beethoven**, for example, had a rather awkward playing style and preferred to work at his own compositions rather than play the compositions of the classical artists of his day.

Today's readings introduce Jesus as a prophet and explain how prophets and other messengers from God inevitably suffer rejection. The readings challenge us to face rejection and hardship with prophetic courage.

The first reading, taken from the book of the prophet Ezekiel, tells us about his call from God to be a prophet. Yahweh warns Ezekiel that he is being sent to rebellious Israelites in exile in Babylon. Hence, as God's prophet, he will have to face rejection and persecution for giving God's message. This reading warns us that, as Christians who accept the Way of Jesus and seek to follow it, we also may face indifference, hostility, contempt, hardship, persecution, insults, and rejection.

In the second reading, St. Paul gives us the same warning from his own experience, that not only prophets, but apostles and missionaries will encounter hardships and rejection in their preaching mission. Paul confesses that God has given him a share in Christ's suffering – a chronic illness which causes physical suffering — a *“thorn in the flesh,”* — so that he might rely solely on God's grace in all his work and might glory in the power of the strengthening God Who alone sustains him. The apostle invites us to rise above our own weaknesses and disabilities, cooperating with the grace of God and proclaiming His message by word and example as Paul did.

On the Sabbath day, Jesus went to the local synagogue. In the synagogue there was no definite person to give the address. Any distinguished stranger present who had a message to give might be asked by the ruler of the synagogue to speak. Since Jesus' fame as a preacher and miracle worker in other places of Galilee had reached Nazareth, Jesus was invited to read from the Prophets and explain the text.

Today's Gospel passage, Mark 6:1-6, tells us that his first reaction of the people in the synagogue to Jesus' words was one of astonishment. Luke says they were *“amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips.”* But in spite of their amazement, many people of Jesus' hometown of Nazareth did not accept him as a prophet because they “knew” Jesus and the family. They also “knew” that this “son of the carpenter” could not be the promised Messiah who would come from Bethlehem as a descendant of David's royal family. They knew him only as a carpenter from a poor family, with no formal training in Mosaic Law. Jesus' neighbors did not expect this “carpenter's son,” to be skilled in interpreting the Scriptures. They also could not understand how a mere carpenter could be their political Messiah who would liberate them from Roman rule and re-establish the Davidic kingdom of power and glory. Besides, they were angry when Jesus not only did not work any miracles in Nazareth but blamed them with prophetic courage for their lack of Faith, then left them, to proclaim God's message, by preaching & healing ministry to those who would receive it and believe. Certainly, they thought Jesus had gone far beyond the place of a humble carpenter. The apostle John wrote of Christ in John 1:10–11, *“He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.”*

Life message: Today's Scriptures challenge us to face rejection with prophetic courage and optimism. Very often our friends, families, or childhood companions fail to listen to us and refuse to accept the words of grace, love, and encouragement that we offer to them because they are so familiar with us that they are unable to see us as God's appointed instruments, as the agents of God's healing and saving grace. But we have to face such rejection with prophetic courage because by our Baptism we are called to be prophets like Jesus, sharing Jesus' prophetic mission. As prophets, our task is to “speak the truth in love,” and to oppose the evils in our society without ignoring or encouraging sinful behavior even in our dear ones. Let us also acknowledge, appreciate, and encourage the prophets of our time who stand for Truth and Justice in our society with the wisdom of God in their heads, the power and love of the Holy Spirit in their words, and the courage of God in their actions.