

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Agnes & St. Anthony
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
YEAR B - JUNE 06, 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

- 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. The cut-off of online registration at the website is every Friday at 3:00 PM. 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

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.

St. Agnes & St. Anthony Parish Staff:

Pastor Rev. Varghese Munduvelil CFIC
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Twin Parishes Financial Pulse

		Full Year		
May 29/30		Actual	YTD	Budget
<u>Sunday, Holy Day</u>	\$	3,770	\$122,633	\$375,000
<u>Building Maint. Fund</u>	\$	365	\$7,965	\$30,000
<u>Together We Serve</u>	\$	235	\$10,690	\$51,600

“You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” 2Corinthiansd 9:12

Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, June 08 Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, June 09 Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm
Thursday, June 10 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Friday, June 11 Mass St. Agnes	9:00 am
Saturday, June 12 Mass St. Agnes Mass St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, June 13 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.

**June 06, 2021- Scott Hahn Reflects on the
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

First Reading – Exodus 24:3-8

Psalms 116:12-13, 15-18

Second Reading – Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel – Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

All of today's readings are set in the context of the Passover. The First Reading recalls the old covenant celebrated at Sinai following the first Passover and the Exodus.

In sprinkling the blood of the covenant on the Israelites, Moses was symbolizing God's desire in this covenant to make them His family, His "blood" relations.

Quoting Moses' words in today's Gospel, Jesus elevates and transforms this covenant symbol to an extraordinary reality. In the new covenant made in the blood of Christ, we truly become one with His body and blood.

The first covenant made with Moses and Israel at Sinai was but a shadow of this new and greater covenant made by Christ with all humankind in that upper room (see Hebrews 10:1).

The Passover that Jesus celebrates with His Twelve Apostles "actualizes," makes real what could only be symbolized by Moses' sacrifice at the altar with twelve pillars. What Jesus does today is establish His Church as the new Israel and His Eucharist as the new worship of the living God.

In offering Himself to God through the Spirit, Jesus delivered Israel from the transgressions of the first covenant. And, as we hear in today's Epistle, by His blood He purified us and made us capable of true worship.

God does not want dead works or animal sacrifices. He wants our own flesh and blood, our own lives, consecrated to Him, offered as a living sacrifice. This is the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving that we sing of in today's Psalm. This is the Eucharist.

What we do in memory of Him is to pledge our lives to Him, to renew our promise to live by the words of His covenant and to be His servants.

There is no other return we can offer to Him for the eternal inheritance He has won for us. So let us approach the altar, calling upon His name in thanksgiving, taking up the cup of salvation.

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**

We Wish to See Jesus

"We wish to see Jesus": these words...express something universal; they reveal a desire that passes through the ages and cultures, a desire present in the hearts of so many people who have heard of Christ, but have not yet encountered him> :I wish to see Jesus"; thus he feels the heart of these people...

For this reason, to those who, today too, "wish to see Jesus" ... we can offer three things: the Gospel, the Crucifix and the witness of our faith, poor but sincere. The Gospel: there we can encounter Jesus, listen to him, know him. The crucifix: the sign of the love of Jesus, who gave himself for us. And then a faith that is expressed in simple gestures of fraternal charity. But mainly in the coherence of life, between what we say and what we do. Coherence between our faith and our life, between our words and our actions: Gospel, Crucifix, Witness.

- *Angelus, March 22, 2015*

Reflection: *Compare what you say and do to what the Gospel tells us about how we are to live life. Where do you find areas of coherence? Where do you find areas of incoherence? What changes do you need to make to follow the Gospel more closely?*

Anyone who wants to become Catholics and Catholics who are 15 years old & above that have not yet received First Communion and Confirmation, and interested in learning more about RCIA please contact the parish office 780-432-0611.

"How can we help students to see the richness of community service? Teach them. And ask them to love in their own family. Love begins at home. Lots of love always brings lots of peace. That's why it is important, and they will stay together and love another. Then it will be easier to be a fountain of love for each other." Blessed Mother Teresa

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST [B] REFLECTION

1. The last two precious gifts given to us by Jesus are the Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food on Holy Thursday and Jesus' mother Mary as our spiritual mother on Good Friday 2) *Corpus Christi* is the celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as *Emmanuel* – God with us. 3) The feast also gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the “Real Presence” so that we may appreciate the Sacrament better.

We believe in the “Real Presence” of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, because 1) Jesus promised it after miraculously feeding the 5000. 2) Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during his Last Supper. 3) Jesus commanded his disciples to repeat it in his memory. 4) “Nothing is impossible for God.”

We explain the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist by: “transubstantiation” which means that the *substance* of the consecrated bread and wine is changed to the *substance* of Jesus' glorified Body and Blood by the action of the Holy Spirit, but, its color, shape, taste etc. remain the same.

Scripture lessons: This year's readings for the Feast emphasize the theme of Covenant blood because the ancient peoples sealed Covenants with the blood of ritually sacrificed animals, and Jesus sealed his New Covenant with his own Blood shed on Calvary. Today's first reading describes how Moses, by sprinkling the blood of a sacrificed animal on the altar and on the people, accepted the Covenant Yahweh proposed and made with His People. In the second reading, St. Paul affirms that Jesus sealed the New Covenant with his own Blood, thereby putting an end to animal sacrifices.

Today's Gospel details how Jesus converted this ancient ritual into a Sacrament and sacrifice. Instead of the lamb's blood, Jesus offered his own Divine & human Body and Blood, and instead of sprinkling us with blood, Jesus put it into our hands as food and drink: “*Take ... eat ... this IS my Body which will be given up for you*” (He did not say “This represents my body”), and “*Take ... drink ... This is ... my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal Covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many....*” (nor did He say, “This represents my blood...”).

A Sacrament and a sacrifice:

Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist both as a sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering. As a Sacrament, **a)** the Eucharist is a visible sign that gives us God's grace and God's life and, **b)** as a Meal, The Eucharist nourishes our souls. As a sacrifice **a)** the Eucharistic celebration is a re-presentation or re-enactment of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary, completed in His Resurrection. **b)** We offer Jesus' sacrifice to God the Father for the remission of our sins, using signs and symbols.

St Maximilian Kolbe wrote, “God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.” St. Peter Julian Eymard stated:

“The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After this, there is nothing more but Heaven itself.” Jesus is present among us in Eucharist. When we receive the Holy Communion we become the tabernacle where Jesus is present. So Maximilian Kolbe says, ‘If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion.’ Hence, it is binding on us that we should keep the tabernacle, ourselves, holy.

St Francis de Sales preached to the people, “When you have received Him, stir up your heart to pay Him homage, welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence.”

Blessed Damian dedicated his life for the service of the lepers. It was a hard choice. He said, “Blessed Sacrament is, indeed, the stimulus for me to forsake all worldly ambitions.”

1) We have to appreciate the “Real Presence” of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, by receiving him with true repentance for our sins, due preparation and reverence.

2) By receiving Holy Communion, we become Christ-bearers as Mary was, with the duty of conveying Christ to others at home and in the workplace, through love, mercy, forgiveness and humble and sacrificial service.

3) Let us offer our lives on the altar along with Jesus' sacrifice, asking pardon for our sins, expressing gratitude for the blessings we have received and presenting our needs and petitions on the altar.
