The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of St. Agnes & St. Anthony THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR B – MARCH 03, 2024



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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.

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 A	ssistant	Florentina Suce
Custodian		Bruce Huynh
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Twin Parishes Financial Pulse

Feb 24 & 25 <u>Sunday, Holy Day</u>	<u>Actual</u> \$5,425	<u>YTD</u> \$58,132	Full Year Budget \$432,000
Building Maint. Fund	\$360	\$287,075	\$303,000
Together We Serve	\$320	\$2,375	\$30,000

CONFESSION SCHEDULES

Every Wednesday @ St. Anthony 5:00 - 5:45 PM Every Saturday @ St. Agnes 4:00 - 4:50 PM First Friday @ St. Agnes 6:00 - 6:50 PM

No confession on Saturday evening @ St. Anthony & Sunday due to the mass scheduled continuously.

Call the parish @ 780-432-0611 for a confession appointment. Approach the priest before and after mass during weekdays.



Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, March 05				
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm			
Wednesday, March 06				
Adoration @ St. Anthony	5 – 6 pm			
Mass @. St. Anthony	6:15 pm			
Thursday, March 07				
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am			
Friday, March 08				
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am			
Station of the Cross @ St. Anthony	6:00 pm			
followed by a Mass				
Saturday, March 09				
Mass @ St. Agnes	5:00 pm			
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:30 pm			
Sunday, March 10				
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am			
Mass @ St. Anthony	10:30 am			
Mass @ St. Agnes	12 Noon			

DONATION OPTIONS:

St. Agnes and St. Anthony would prefer if you used the **Pre-Authorized Giving method** to have their church donations set up for automatic withdrawal from their banks. Please email or call the parish office @ 780-432-0611 or register, if you wish to adopt this method.

Other Options are:

E-Transfer You may E-Transfer your church donation to **St.Anthony.Edm.etransfer@caedm.ca**. Your donation will be automatically deposited to the account of The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of St. Agnes & St.

Anthony at RBC Royal Bank.

Envelope. place your envelope in the donation basket at Mass or mail your envelope to:

St. Anthony,

10661-82 Avenue NW Edmonton,

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<u>Online Donation</u>, click on "My Offering" from the electronic version of the website, and follow online steps. Thank you for being a good steward of St. Agnes/St. Anthony Parish with your support and generosity. Every gifts is truly appreciated.

Bulletin insert cut-off is every Wednesday at 12 Noon.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please call the parish office 780-432-0611 for more information and registration for 2024-2025.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS - If your

children are between the ages of 11 to 14, please call the parish office for more information and registration for 2024-2025.

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

<u>RCIA</u> (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – age 15 and above) All Parishioners are welcome to join the RCIA candidates to learn about the Catholic Faith. Our next session is Monday, March 04, 2024 St. Agnes hall. The topic is "God's Plan for Human Sexuality".

<u>MARRIAGE:</u> 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULES

Stations of the Cross will start at 6:00 PM followed by a Mass

DATE	TIME	VENUE	LEADER			
March 8	6:00 PM	St. Anthony	Nazareno			
March 15	6:00 PM	St. Agnes	CWL			
March 22	6:00 PM	St. Anthony	St. Michael			

OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS

Date: Good Friday, March 29, 2024 Time: 8:30 AM Venue: Providence Renewal Centre 3005-119 Street, NW

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULES PALM SUNDAY

March 23, 2024 – 5:00 PM Mass St. Agnes 7:30 PM Mass St. Anthony March 24, 2024 – 9:00 AM Mass St. Agnes 10:30 AM Mass St. Anthony 12:00 Noon Mass St. Agnes

CHRISM MASS

Monday, March 25, 2024 – 7:00 PM St. Joseph's Basilica 10044-113 St. NW

HOLY THURSDAY

March 28, 2024 – 7:00 PM Mass St. Anthony GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

March 29, 2024 – 12 Noon St. Agnes 3:00 PM St. Anthony

BLESSING OF THE FOOD BASKET

Saturday, March 30, 2024 – 11 AM St. Agnes EASTER VIGIL MASS

Saturday, March 30, 2024 – 9:00 PM St. Agnes **EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**

Sunday, March 31, 2024 – 9:00 AM St. Agnes 10:30 AM St. Anthony

12 Noon St. Agnes

<u>Spiritual Sacrifice: Scott Hahn reflects on the</u> <u>Third Sunday of Lent</u>

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfill it (see <u>Matthew 5:17</u>)—to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan. He is the Lord the prophets said would come—to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples (see <u>Zechariah 14:21; Malachi 3:1–5; Isaiah 56:7</u>).

The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands (see <u>Acts 7:48; 2 Samuel 7:5</u>).

Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves (see <u>Psalm</u> 50:7-13).

Notice in today's First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices—only that Israel heed His commandments (see Jeremiah 7:21–23; Amos 5:25).

His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today's Psalm. It was a law of love (see <u>Matthew 22:36–40</u>), perfectly expressed in Christ's self-offering on the Cross (see John 15:13).

This is the "sign" Jesus offers in the Gospel today—the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as Paul tells us in the Epistle. Jesus' body—destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later—is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple (see <u>1 Corinthians 3:16</u>) and together builds us into a dwelling place of God (see <u>Ephesians 2:22</u>). In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires (see <u>John 4:23–24</u>).We are to offer praise as our sacrifice (see <u>Psalm 50:14, 23</u>). This means imitating Christ—offering our bodies—all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others (see <u>Hebrews 10:5–</u><u>7; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:5</u>).

Knight of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, March 10, 2024 after the 9 AM mass at St. Agnes hall. Cost \$7 a person or \$20 for family of four.

YOUTH NIGHT

Please join us at Youth Night Saturday, March 16th after the 5pm mass at St. Agnes in Merchant Hall until 8pm. Youth from grades <u>6-12</u> from both parishes are invited. Snacks and desserts are welcomed. Please RSVP with <u>stlapointe3@gmail.com</u> by March 15th to join the fun!