

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of  
St. Agnes & St. Anthony  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B  
MARCH 14, 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](http://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. There is a cut-off of online registration at the website every Saturday at 12 Noon. Click under Mass Registration. **Starting April 1, 2021 the cut-off mass online registration will be Friday at 3:00 PM. Mass registration list will be printed by the end of Friday afternoon.**
- 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
- Lent confession is available half hour before the weekday masses or call the parish office to book your appointment.

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

**Pastor** Rev. Varghese Munduvelil CFIC  
**Deacon** Guy Germain  
**Deacon** Michael Pucylo  
**Deacon** Ramon Morales  
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**Custodian (St. Agnes)** Bruce Huynh

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**Twin Parishes Financial Pulse**

		<b>Full Year</b>	
<b>March 06 &amp; 07</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Sunday, Holy Day</b>	\$ 12,325	\$56,888	\$400,000
<b>Building Maint. Fund</b>	\$ 895	\$ 3,505	\$ 30,000
<b>Together We Serve</b>	\$ 970	\$ 4,160	\$ 51,600

*“My name will be honored...from morning till night. All around the world people will offer...pure offerings in honor of my name. For my name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord Almighty.”*

*Malachi 1:12-13*

*God bless you in your response to His love.*

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**Twin Parishes Masses for the Week**

<b>Tuesday, March 16</b> Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, March 17</b> Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 PM
<b>Thursday, March 18</b> Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
<b>Friday, March 19</b> Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
<b>Saturday, March 20</b> Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, March 21</b> 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](http://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.

Living in the Light

March 14, 2021- Scott Hahn Reflects on the  
Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B

**First Reading – 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**

**Psalm 137:1-6**

**Second Reading – Ephesians 2:4-10**

**Gospel – John 3:14-21**

The Sunday readings in Lent have been showing us the high points of salvation history - God’s covenant with creation in the time of Noah; His promises to Abraham; the law He gave to Israel at Sinai.

In today’s First Reading, we hear of the destruction of the kingdom established by God’s final Old Testament covenant-the covenant with David (see 2 Samuel 7; Psalm 89:3). His chosen people abandoned the law He gave them. For their sins, the temple was destroyed, and they were exiled in Babylon. We hear their sorrow and repentance in the exile lament we sing as today’s Psalm.

But we also hear how God, in His mercy, gathered them back, even anointing a pagan king to shepherd them and rebuild the temple (see Isaiah 44:28-45:1, 4).

God is rich in mercy, as today’s Epistle teaches. He promised that David’s kingdom would last forever, that David’s son would be His Son and rule all nations (see 2 Samuel 7:4-15; Psalm 2:7-9). In Jesus, God keeps that promise (see Revelation 22:16).

Moses lifted up the on the Cross, to draw all people to Himself (see John 12:32). Those who refuse to believe in this sign of the Father’s love condemn themselves-as the Israelites in their infidelity brought judgement upon themselves.

But God did not leave Israel in exile, and He does not want to leave any of us dead in our transgressions. We are God’ handiwork, saved to live as His people in the light of His truth.

Midway through this season of repentance, let us again behold the Pierced One (see John 19:37) and rededicate ourselves to living the “good works” that God has prepared us for.

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**Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:**

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup); click the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**Overcome Worldliness**

The Son of God took on the “form of a slave” (cf. Phil 2:7). In the end, humility also means service. It means making room for God by stripping oneself, “emptying oneself,” as Scripture says (v. 7). This-the pouring out of oneself-is the greatest humiliation of all. There is another way, however, opposed to the way of Christ. It is worldliness, the way of the world. The world proposes the way of vanity, pride, success ...the other way. The Evil One proposed the way to Jesus, too, during his forty days in the desert. But Jesus immediately rejected it. With him, and only by his grace, with his help, we ... too can overcome this temptation to vanity, to worldliness, not only at significant moments, but in daily life as well.

- Homily, March 29, 2015

**Reflection:** *How can an attitude of humility strengthen your family life? So often our families can get caught up in vanity as we try to look and act like those around us. Consider making this a topic of conversation at dinner or read the life of a saint as a family and discuss the power of humility in that saint’s life. Find ways to center your family on humility and service.*

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**CONFESSION**

**Fr. Varghese and one other priest will be available for confession on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM St. Agnes church. Fr. Varghese is also available half hour before the weekday masses or call the parish office to book your appointment.**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

II Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Lætare (Rejoice) Sunday, symbolizing the Church’s joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of Our Lord. The central theme of today’s readings is that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God, given to us sinners through Jesus, His Son. The readings stress God’s mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness and grace extended to us in Christ.

In the first reading, taken from the Second Book of Chronicles, we learn the compassion and patience of God. God chose Cyrus the Great, a pagan conqueror, to become the instrument of His mercy to, and salvation of, His chosen people exiled in Babylon.

In the second reading, Paul tells us that God is so rich in mercy that He has granted us eternal salvation and eternal life as a free gift through Christ Jesus.

Today's Gospel: Jesus, the Son of God, becomes the agent of God's salvation, not just for one sinful nation but for the sinfulness of the whole world. Through John 3:16, the Gospel teaches us that God has expressed His love, mercy, and compassion for us by giving His only Son for our salvation. Nicodemus, the wealthy Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, meets Jesus by night and begins a long religious discussion. Jesus explains to him that he must believe Jesus' words because Jesus is the Son of God, and, by referring to the story of Moses and the bronze serpent (Nm 21:1-9), further explains God's plan of salvation. Just as God saved the victims of serpent bite from death through the bronze serpent, He is going to save mankind from its sins by permitting the crucifixion and death of His Son Jesus, because the love of God for mankind is that great.

1) We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love: As a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation, the crucifix invites us to more than simple generosity and compassion. It inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image, and carry our own daily cross with joy, while helping other to carry their heavier crosses.

2) We need to reciprocate God's love by loving others. God's love is unconditional, universal, forgiving, and merciful. Let us try to make an earnest attempt to include these qualities in sharing our love with others during Lent.

3) Our rebirth by water and the Spirit must be an ongoing process. That is, we must lead a life of repentance and conversion which will bring us, with the help of the Holy Spirit living within us, to an ongoing renewal of life through prayer, Bible reading, frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist, and doing corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

(Reflections of Fr. Antony Kadavil)

## **The Year of St. Joseph December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021**



Pope Francis has declared this year a year dedicated to St. Joseph. Both Canada and our Archdiocese are dedicated to this wonderful saint, the Guardian of Jesus and Mary. He is invoked above all as the Guardian of the Universal Church.

He enjoys two special feast days in the Church's

Universal Calendar: We know that our ability to gather and pray together is limited, but we can all unite our voices in prayer in a Novena to St. Joseph, beginning on March 11th and ending on March 19th. Our Novena prayer will be one that has been handed down for generations:

**March 19th is his principal feast day in Canada  
and around the world May 1st is his feast day as  
patron of workers.**

### **Novena to St. Joseph**

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven, assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.