

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Agnes & St. Anthony
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C
MARCH 06, 2022**



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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.

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Twin Parishes Financial Pulse

		Full Year		
	Actual	YTD	Budget	
Feb 26 & 27				
Sunday, Holy Day	\$ 3,425	\$43,055	\$350,000	
Building Maint. Fund	\$ 300	\$ 9,400	\$30,000	
Together We Serve	\$ 215	\$ 2,280	\$35,000	

*“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”
2Corinthians 9:11*

May God bless you in your response to His love?

Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, March 8 Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 9 Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm
Thursday, March 10 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Friday, March 11 Friday Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Saturday, March 12 Mass @ St. Agnes Mass St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 13 Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am 10:30 am 12 Noon



We begin our season of Lent by listening to one of the most familiar gospel stories of the Lenten season: *The Temptation of Jesus in the Desert* (Luke 4:1-13). Through this account, Jesus remains steadfast, never once giving into temptation, thereby giving us an example of how we can trust in the Lord, our God. The readings from today fill us with the courage to call on, and to trust, God in times of trouble.

We have all faced challenging and difficult moments – the last two years providing a very clear depiction. Today’s readings remind us that through any difficult or trying times in our lives, all we need to do is look to “my refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust” (Psalm 91:2). This sentiment is reflected in the song *Oh My Soul*, by Casting Crowns:

*Oh my soul
You are not alone
There’s a place where fear
has to face the God you know
One more day, He will make a way
Let Him show you how, you can lay this down
'Cause you’re not alone.*

The God we know and believe in is a God of love and hope; as the Indian spiritual leader, Sri Chinmoy, once said. “Hope knows no fear.” If we allow ourselves to trust in the love and hope that God offers, we can – like the Israelites in today’s first reading – be guided by “His strong hand and outstretched arm”.

Our loving God does not only stand with us in times of troubles but he carries us through dark days to days filled with light and brightness; “to a land flowing with milk and honey” (Deuteronomy 26:9). As is sung in *Oh My Soul*:

*And there will be dancing
There will be beauty where beauty
was ash and stone.*

Perhaps one of the most hopeful lines from today’s readings comes from the second reading. As we begin this Lenten season and prepare for the holy season of Easter, we are reminded that our loving Heavenly Father is a God for all with “no distinction... enriching all who call upon him” (Romans 10:12). Through Jesus, we are all given an invitation and we are welcomed in His kingdom to be filled with His love.

“The Spiritans”

**Forty Days: Scott Hahn Reflects on the
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First Reading – Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Psalms 91:1-2, 10-15

Second Reading – Romans 10:8-13

Gospel – Luke 4:1-13

In today’s epic Gospel scene, Jesus relives in His flesh the history of Israel.

We’ve already seen that, like Israel, Jesus has passed through water and been called God’s beloved Son (see Luke 3:22; Exodus 4:22). Now, as Israel was tested for forty years in the wilderness, Jesus is led into the desert to be tested for forty days and nights (see Exodus 15:25).

He faces the temptations put to Israel: Hungry, He’s tempted to grumble against God for food (see Exodus 16:1-13). As Israel quarreled at Massah, He’s tempted to doubt God’s care (see Exodus 17:1-6). When the Devil asks for His homage, He’s tempted to do what Israel did in creating the golden calf (see Exodus 32).

Jesus fights the Devil with the Word of God, three times quoting from Moses’ lecture about the lessons Israel was supposed to learn from its wilderness wanderings (see Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:16, 12-15).

Why do we read this story on the first Sunday of Lent? Because like the biblical sign of forty (see Genesis 7:12; Exodus 24:18; 34:28; 1 Kings

19:8; Jonah 3:4), the forty days of Lent are a time of trial and purification.

Lent is to teach us what we hear over and over in today’s readings. “Call upon me, and I will answer,” the Lord promises in today’s Psalm. Paul promises the same thing in today’s Epistle (quoting Deuteronomy 30:14; Isaiah 28:16; Joel 2:32).

This was Israel’s experience, as Moses reminds his people in today’s First Reading: “We cried to the Lord . . . and He heard.” But each of us is tempted, as Israel was, to forget the great deeds He works in our lives, to neglect our birthright as His beloved sons and daughters.

Like the litany of remembrance Moses prescribes for Israel, we should see in the Mass a memorial of our salvation, and “bow down in His presence,” offering ourselves in thanksgiving for all He has given us.

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Preparing for Lent

Lent is a time to prepare for Easter

We get ready through prayer, fasting and almsgiving
(or giving to charity)

Pope Francis' Lenten message: Addiction to digital media can hurt human relationships

The Vatican released Pope Francis' **Lenten message** in which the pope recommended that Lent 2022 can be a time to put down the smartphone and encounter those in need face to face.

"Let us not grow tired of fighting against concupiscence, that weakness which induces to selfishness and all evil, and finds in the course of history a variety of ways to lure men and women into sin," Pope Francis said in the message.

"One of these is addiction to the digital media, which impoverishes human relationships. Lent is a propitious time to resist these temptations and to cultivate instead a more integral form of human communication made up of 'authentic encounters,' face to face and in person."

Here's a selection of activities you and your family can enjoy doing together:

Reading the Bible as a family

Lent should be a time for developing good spiritual habits as well. Reading the Bible as a family takes a little planning, but it is well worth the effort, because it helps our children (and us!) develop a familiarity with Scripture and come to a deeper understanding of Lent. Here are a few tips to make it easier.

1. Choose the Right Bible

The **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)** of the Bible is approved and recommended by the Canadian Bishops, and uses the same words we hear during the readings at Mass.

Another good choice is **The Catholic Faith & Family Bible**, a translation written specifically for families. It includes helpful tips for parents on sharing Scripture with children, and many suggestions to help families apply Scripture to daily living.

2. Draw out the Themes

After a reading from Scripture, discuss it briefly so that your children can understand that the story isn't just a historical one, but a spiritual one as well.

3. Make Time for Questions and Answers

Ask your children a few questions about the details of the readings. Make this quizzing fun, and they will be eager to try to answer your questions. That means

that they will remember the readings long after Lent has ended. And make sure to ask them if they have any questions for you, too.

For more tips,

visit http://catholicism.about.com/od/thecatholicfamily/tp/Read_Lent.htm.

Lenten Prayer Jar



HOW TO MAKE A PRAYER JAR

To help direct your thoughts and prayers this Lent, create a prayer jar.

First, you will need a clean, empty jar – preferably one with a wide mouth. Have an adult help you remove the label from the jar. Mason jars work well and don't have labels.

Once you have your clean jar, the fun begins. You can decorate your jar using paper, paint, ribbon, yarn, string or any fabric scraps you have on hand.

Depending on how you choose to decorate your jar, you may need glue & scissors. You may even want to use some acrylic paint to paint the glass before you start or to add your embellishments.

Once you have finished decorating your jar you will need to fill it with prayers! You can print this page and cut out the intentions, or simply write your own various intentions on strips of paper fold the strips and place them in the jar. On the days indicated on your Lenten prayer calendar, draw one strip of paper out and say the prayer that you have chosen.

This activity helps with prayer, reflecting and understanding the blessings that God has given us.

Prayer jar intention ideas

- Pray for a family member in need
- Pray for those who are sick
- Pray for those who are alone
- Pray for a sibling or cousin
- Pray for someone who you think needs help
- Pray for those who have no one to pray for them
- Prayer: Jesus, let me be more like you today in my thoughts, actions and words.
- Prayer: God, make me someone who works for peace
- Prayer: Jesus, you tell me to love you and others. Help me to do both well today
- Prayer: Jesus, help me to be more compassionate and see others through Your eyes today