

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Agnes & St. Anthony
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B
MAY 09, 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 01/02		<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Sunday, Holy Day</u>	\$	13,650	\$112,498	\$375,000
<u>Building Maint. Fund</u>	\$	1,150	\$7,160	\$ 30,000
<u>Together We Serve</u>	\$	1,295	\$10,165	\$ 51,600

“I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these offerings I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.” Ezra 2: 68, 69

Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, May 11 Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 12 Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 PM
Thursday, May 13 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Friday, May 14 Mass St. Agnes	9:00 am
Saturday, May 15 Mass St. Agnes Mass St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, May 16 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.

**May 09, 2021- Scott Hahn Reflects on the
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**First Reading – Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Psalms 98:1-4
Second Reading – 1 John 4:7-10
Gospel – John 15:9-17**

God is love, and He revealed that love in sending His only Son to be a sacrificial offering for our sins.

In these words from today’s Epistle, we should hear an echo of the story of Abraham’s offering of Isaac at the dawn of salvation history. Because Abraham obeyed God’s command and did not withhold his only beloved son, God promised that Abraham’s descendants, the children of Israel, would be the source of blessing for all nations (see Genesis 22:16–18).

We see that promise coming to fulfillment in today’s First Reading. God pours out His Spirit upon the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, as they listen to the word of Peter’s preaching. Notice they receive the same gifts received by the devout Jews who heard Peter’s preaching at Pentecost—the Spirit comes to rest upon them and they speak in tongues, glorifying God (see Acts 2:5–11).

In His love today, God reveals that His salvation embraces the house of Israel and peoples of all nations. Not by circumcision or blood relation to Abraham but by faith in the Word of Christ, sealed in the Sacrament of Baptism, people are to be made children of Abraham, heirs to God’s covenants of promise (see Galatians 3:7–9; Ephesians 2:12).

This is the wondrous work of God that we sing of in today’s Psalm. It is the work of the Church, the good fruit that Jesus chooses and appoints His Apostles for in today’s Gospel.

As Peter raises up Cornelius today, the Church continues to lift all eyes to Christ, the only one in whose name they can find salvation.

In the Church, each of us has been begotten by the love of God. But the Scriptures today reveal that this divine gift brings with it a command and a duty. We are to love one another as we have been loved. We are to lay down our lives in giving ourselves to others—that they too might find friendship with Christ and new life through Him.

**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY! MAY GOD
BLESS YOU ALL.**

Pope Francis Corner



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

She Knows How to Be Close to Them

A mother does not stop at just giving life; with great care she helps her children grow, gives them milk, feeds them, teaches them the way of life, and accompanies them always with her care, with her affection with her love, even when they are grown up. And in this she also knows to correct them, to forgive them and understand them. She knows how to be close to them in sickness and in suffering.

In a word, a good mother helps her children to come (out) of themselves and not to remain comfortably under her motherly wings, like a brood of chicks under the wings of the broody hen.

- *General Audience, September 11, 2013*

Reflection: *If you are a mother, ask the Lord to help you discern the needs of your children right now, even if they are adults. How can you pray for them? Where can you grow in understanding and in responding to them? If you aren’t a mother, how can you thank your mother for all that she has done for you?*

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.



**Knights of Columbus Corner
Holy Trinity Council No. 12353**

We will be hosting an online rosary at 8:10 pm on Wednesday, May 12th, open to all parishioners. To register, please send an e-mail to fs12353@kofc.ab.ca

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.

Newman Theological College Faith and Reason Essay Competition

The Faith & Reason Essay Contest is open to all incoming freshmen applicants of the BA in Catholic Studies program at Newman Theological College.

Visit www.newman.edu/essaycontest to apply for the new, fully accredited BA program and all scholarship and bursary opportunities.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- 1st: \$24,000 - Full Tuition for all 3 years
- 2nd: \$6,000 - Awarded over 2 Years
- 3rd: \$3,000 - Awarded over 1 Year (**3 Awards of \$3,000 Available**)

*Due Canada Day, Thursday, July 1, 2021, 12:00 noon, to admissions@newman.edu or visit www.newman.edu/essaycontest

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Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10 ; Jn 15:9-17

In 1941, the German Army began to round up Jewish people in Lithuania. Thousands of Jews were murdered. But one German soldier objected to their murder. He was Sergeant Anton Schmid. Through his assistance, the lives of at least 250 Jews were spared. He managed to hide them, find food, and supply them with forged papers. Schmid himself was arrested in early 1942 for saving these lives. He was tried and executed in 1942. It took Germany almost sixty years to honour the memory of this man, Schmid. Said Germany's Defence Minister in 2000, saluting him, "Too many

bowed to the threats and temptations of the dictator Hitler, and too few found the strength to resist. But Sergeant Anton Schmid did resist."This is the central theme of today's Gospel. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." The hero Schmid went beyond what even Jesus encouraged. He laid down his life for strangers. (Fr. James Gilhooley).

We are chosen to be the ambassadors of God's love. But, we live in such a way that we declare that we are sent out into the world to compete with one another, or to dispute with one another, or to quarrel with one another. We live in a world that encourages everything but love. Children are taught to compete with one another. Parents encourage them to defeat their friends by getting at least one mark more, by submitting one project extra, shooting one more goal in a football match and so on. In our frantic attempt to gain popularity as the first, we ignore the sublime values of love and sacrifice.

Jesus had the perfect right to demand it from his followers, because he had exhibited it by living a life of love and sacrifice. He laid down his life and taught: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." This sacrificial love was imitated by many great men, like Schmid, Maximilian Colbe, and the noble martyrs.

Jesus makes these demands on us because He had called to be his friends and friends of God. There was a custom in the court of the Roman Emperors to keep a select group of men called the friends of King, or the friends of the Emperor. At all times they had access to the king. He talked to them before he talked to his generals. The friends of the king were those who had the closest and the most intimate connections with him.

Jesus called us to be his friends and the friends of God. In order to make us to be worthy of this, he had taken away all our blemish. French writer Henri Barbusse (1874-1935), tells of a conversation overheard in a trench full of

wounded men during the First World War. One of the men, who knew he only had minutes to live says to one of the other men, "Listen, Dominic, you've led a very bad life. Everywhere you are wanted by the police. But there are no convictions against me. My name is clear, so, here, take my wallet, take my papers, my identity, take my good name, my life and quickly, hand me your papers that I may carry all your crimes away with me in death."

Jesus' invitation to be friends of God places the same offer before us. To be a new man. And, to prove it to the world by practicing his commandment of love. We require great courage to show it. "A coward is incapable of exhibiting love; it is the prerogative of the brave." wrote Mahatma Gandhi.

Jesus gives the assurance that "Love will always bear fruit." At times it may appear to us that to do good to certain people is a waste of time; people are often ungrateful, and on occasions those to who we have done good turn against us. But, we should not get discouraged; because we do not know when, how and where love will bear fruit. It is the assurance of Jesus that "Love will bear fruit." The love that Jesus bestowed on his disciples bore fruit; they travelled to the ends of the then known world announcing the love of God, and doing good to the people. It bore fruit in the life of Schmid. It bore fruit in the life of Mother Theresa. It bore fruit in the life of Pope John Paul. It bears fruit in our lives.

May God help us in our attempt to show his love to our brothers and sisters in small little ways. Amen.

Declaring taxes

Taxes can be declared in support of the Catholic separate school division in your municipality, which benefits your children.

To ensure your property taxes are a demonstration of support for your Catholic separate school, we ask that you declare your school support as "separate" on your annual property assessment notice and tax bill.

If a declaration of school support is not filed by a property owner, the property assessment and tax defaults to indicating support for the public school district.

If your support designation is incorrect, it can easily be corrected by completing and submitting a School Support Declaration form, obtained from your local city, town or municipal office.

A change in school support does not take effect until the following calendar year.

Thank you for supporting Catholic education!

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.