

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Agnes & St. Anthony
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR B
MAY 30, 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:

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Twin Parishes Financial Pulse

		Full Year		
May 22/23		Actual	YTD	Budget
Sunday, Holy Day	\$	1,060	\$118,858	\$375,000
Building Maint. Fund	\$	195	\$7,600	\$30,000
Together We Serve	\$	50	\$10,455	\$51,600

“On every Lord’s Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn.” 1Tim 6:6-8

Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, June 01 Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, June 02 Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 PM
Thursday, June 03 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
First Friday, June 04 Mass St. Agnes	7:00 pm
Saturday, June 05 Mass St. Agnes Mass St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, June 06 Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon

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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,
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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 30, 2021- Scott Hahn Reflects on the
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

First Reading – Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Psalms 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

Second Reading – Romans 8:14-17

Gospel – Matthew 28:16-20

Last Sunday, we celebrated the sending of the Spirit, which sealed God’s new covenant and made a new creation.

In this new creation, we live in the family of God, who has revealed himself as a Trinity of love. We share in His divine nature through His Body and Blood (see 2 Peter 1:4). This is the meaning of the three feasts that cap the Easter season— Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi.

These feasts should be intimate reminders of how deeply God loves us, how He chose us, from before the foundation of the world, to be His children (see Ephesians 1:4-5).

Today’s readings illuminate how all God’s words and works were meant to prepare for the revelation of the Trinity and God’s blessing in Jesus Christ—the blessing we inherited in Baptism, and renew in each Eucharist.

By God’s word the heavens and earth were filled with His kindness, we sing in today’s Psalm. Out of love, God called Abraham and chose his descendants to be His own people, Moses says in today’s First Reading (see Deuteronomy 4:20,37). Through the Israelites, He revealed to the nations that He alone is Lord and there is no other.

In Jesus, God’s word took flesh as a son of Abraham (see Matthew 1:1). And Jesus reveals in the Gospel today that the one God is Father, Son, and Spirit, and that He desires to make all people His own.

As He led Israel out of Egypt, God freed us from slavery, Paul says in today’s Epistle. As He adopted Israel (see Romans 9:4), He gives us the Spirit by which we can know Him as “Our Father.”

As God’s heirs, we receive the commissions of Moses and Jesus today. We are to fix our hearts on Him, and to observe all that He has commanded. The Eucharist is His pledge—that He will be with us until the end that He will deliver us from death to live forever in the promised land of His kingdom.

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**

She Did Not Wait

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary / May 31

Our Lady, as soon as she had heard the news that she was to be the Mother of Jesus and the announcement that her cousin Elizabeth was expecting a child – the Gospel says – she went to in haste, she did not wait. She did not say: “But now I am with child, I must take care of my health. My cousin is bound to have friends who can care for her.”... And Our Lady is always like this. She is our Mother who always hurries to us whenever we are in need.

- Homily, May 26, 2013

Reflection: *Pray to Mary when you are in need. Learn to trust in her intercession. She will run to your aid “in haste”!*

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.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY [B]

Deut. 4:32-34, 39-40 Rom. 8:14-17 Matt. 28:16-20

Each time we celebrate this fundamental mystery of our faith, we are drawn more profoundly into the intimate life and love of the Three Divine Persons. We like to belong. We like to belong to a family, to a parish, to a community. We need the love, support and friendship of others. It is not good to be alone. It is for our good to belong.

Before the time of Jesus people called God “Yahweh” because Yahweh is the name given to God very often in the Old Testament. It goes back to when Moses saw the bush burning and asked God his name. “I am who I am” was the name God gave himself (Ex 3:14) which became “Yahweh.” In the first reading (Deut 4) Moses reminds the people that they belong to God. What God did for them by leading out of the slavery of Egypt with many miracles, God did not do for any other people. Therefore Moses asks them to always

remember that the Lord is God and to keep his commandments.

Then Jesus came and we knew that there were two persons in God. Before Jesus ascended he promised the Holy Spirit who came at Pentecost and then we knew there were three persons in God. God is a Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is the happiest of families. They are totally united in love for each other. The Father loves the Son, and the Son loves the Father. We call this love of the Father for the Son, and the love of the Son for the Father, the Holy Spirit. *Jesus taught us about his Father.* He called his Father, "Abba." (Mark 14:36). *Jesus also taught us about the Holy Spirit.* He called the Holy Spirit the Counselor or Paraclete (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7); in other words the Holy Spirit is interceding & mediating for us. In the second reading today, (Rom 8:14-17) Paul said the Spirit we received is not a spirit of slavery but a Spirit assuring us that we are sons and daughters of God. It is a Spirit that makes us call our heavenly Father, "Abba."

Because God's family is such a happy family, God wants to share the happiness of that family with us. God invites us to belong and we enter God's family when we are baptized. That is why in the Gospel we heard Jesus commanding that all be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matt 28:19). God wishes that all belong to his family. When we were baptized we became sons and daughters of God. We belong to God. Jesus is the Son of God, and you are also a son or daughter of God. Since the day you were baptized Jesus is your brother. His father is also your father. Since your baptism, you belong to the family of the Trinity.

As you are his son or daughter since baptism you will inherit his riches. You are an heir to God's riches. The second reading today states, "And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ..." (Rom 8:17) What will we inherit? We will inherit riches of heaven. We like to belong to our family, our parish, our community. Not only that, we need to belong. We make great efforts to belong. Since the day you were baptized you belong to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How privileged you are to grow up in such a beautiful family. Turn to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in prayer every day. You belong to their family.

The Most Holy Trinity, Our Model of Unity

Today we celebrate one of the greatest mystery of our Christian faith, the Holy Trinity. As a dogma, "*it is an article of faith revealed by God, which the Magisterium of the Church presents as necessary to be believed...*" Hence, Paul's prayer becomes important today: "*May the Lord enlighten the eyes of your minds...*" (Eph 1, 18).

In today's the gospel, Christ himself revealed the mystery of the three divine persons to us. He revealed this with a mandate: "*Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit.*" This is the trinitarian formula.

Today, the church reminds us that the three divine persons are not divided in their actions of grace. Instead, they work and walk together. They have the same mission, which is, the salvation of the world. The Father sent the Son to redeem the world (Jn 1, 1-3). And the Father and the Son sent us the Holy Spirit as our Counselor and Advocate (Act 1, 8. 2). None of them have absolute dominance of a particular period or time. This is because, in spite of being three distinct persons, they have one essence. They are eternally one and united.

So, the prayer of Christ to the father: "*May they be one, as we are One*" (Jn 17:22), is a prayer that arises from Trinitarian love. Therefore, the whole church, and each family that forms the universal Church is the sacrament of the Trinity, and as such must be characterized by love and unity.

Therefore, what we celebrate today is a model for our unity. We have many lessons to learn from the Holy Trinity. The most important is that, like the Holy Trinity, we can live and work together as one family of God. This is because, we bear one and the same image of God, and were baptized by the same Spirit of God whose mark we bear (Eph 4, 30). So, in spite of our individual personalities and differences unity is possible and a fundamental option.

Hence, today's celebration has much to teach us about unity in our relationships, friendships, marriages, families, communities. It also reminds us that in spite of our different talents, gifts, social, and economic levels, we can live and work together for our salvation and our salvation of the world.

Finally, the celebration of the Holy Trinity reminds us that if we remain united, our different personalities would become our strength, rather than our weakness or the cause of our disintegration.