

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Agnes & St. Anthony
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B
November 29, 2020**



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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.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION /COMMUNION

For class schedule please see the parish website.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

– Please see the parish website for the class schedule
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – age 15 and above). Session is online every Wednesday, from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

MARRIAGE – 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. St. Agnes & St. Anthony parishes offer a Marriage Preparation Course please contact the parish office.

**For Funerals contact the parish office
@ 780-432-0611**

NO Adoration at St. Anthony until further notice.

NO Meeting, and other activities in the church & meeting rooms until further notice.

Reconciliation is by appointment following the standards suggested by the Archdiocese. Call the parish office for your schedule.

St. Agnes & St. Anthony Parish Staff:

Pastor	Rev. Varghese Munduvelil
Deacon	Guy Germain
Deacon	Michael Pucylo
Deacon	Ramon Morales
Business Manager	Don Wong
Administrative Assistant	Florentina Suce
Custodian (St. Anthony)	Ray Wagner
Custodian (St. Agnes)	Bruce Huynh

Twin Parishes Financial Pulse

		Full Year	
Nov 21 & 22	Actual	YTD	Budget
Sunday, Holy Day	\$ 6,586	\$296,868	\$460,000
Building Maint. Fund	\$ 1,520	\$ 25,050	\$ 30,000
Together We Serve	\$ 520	\$ 24,991	\$ 51,600

“You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” 2Corinthians 9:12
God bless you in your response to His love.

Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

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

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. There is a cut-off of online registration at the website every Saturday at 12 Noon. Click under Mass Registration

The parish is not selling the St. Joseph Sunday Missal this year. Please call the Universal Church Supplies to order.

Watch for Him

November 29, 2020- Scott Hahn Reflects on the
First Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading – Isaiah 63:16-17, 19

Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel – Mark 13:33-37

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading.

In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from heavenly throne – to save and shepherd His people.

Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today – as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves.

And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him?

God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake and for ours to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to his love.

In Jesus, we have seen the Father (see John 14:8-9). The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd (see John 10:11-15) come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him.

As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift – especially the Eucharist and penance - to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end – if we let Him.

So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning-repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel – to be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

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

He Fully Reveals Man to Himself

As laypeople, you are people immersed in the world and work hard within earthly realities in order to serve the good of mankind. You are called to transfuse Christian values into the areas in which you operate through your testimony and words by meeting people in their actual situations, so they may have full dignity and may be fulfilled by salvation in Christ. He is the fulfillment of every human existence: indeed, by the revelation of the mystery of the Father and his love, he fully reveals man to man himself and makes his supreme calling clear (cf *Gaudium et Spes*, 22).

- Address, March 14, 2015

Reflection: *What earthly realities are you immersed in? Take stock of the people, places, and duties that are part of your personal world. How are you doing at transfusing Christian values into these areas? What are you doing well? Start by asking yourself: Do I truly believe that Christ is the fulfillment of every human existence?*

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.

Grace with lines inspired by the Readings for November 29, 2020 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Leader: *Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You urge us to stay alert. (Mark 13:33)*

All: *May we never lose sight of our calling*

Or

Leader: *Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. You call your people to watch for your return. (Mark 13:35-36)*

All: *We long to see your glory, Lord.*



Knights of Columbus Corner
Holy Trinity Council No. 12353

Practical Catholic men age 18 or older are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. Until December 31st, 2020, joining is free and includes 1 year of free membership. Any existing Knights who have not received their 3rd Degree are also invited to advance to the 3rd Degree at no cost. For more information, please send an e-mail to gk12353@koc.ab.ca.

ADVENT MESSAGE
Fr. Varghese Munduvelil

The Season of Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ into our hearts and lives. It is a time to realize the fact that God is faithful to His promises, as Jesus is the culmination of all promises in the sacred scriptures. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to purify and renew our hearts to welcome Christ.

During the season of advent we prepare to celebrate Christmas, that is, Jesus' coming into this world and into our history to save humanity. We remember this great intervention of God with thankfulness and great celebration.

Jesus promised us that He will be coming in glory and might at the end of time to Judge the living and the dead. Therefore, we need to prepare ourselves for Christ's second coming by allowing him to be born daily in our lives. Advent is the time for us to make this preparation by repenting for our sins, by renewing our lives through prayer and penance and by sharing our blessings with others.

Between His first coming and the second coming in glory, Jesus comes to our lives through the Sacraments, through the Word

of God, through the worshipping community, at the time of our death. Hence, for a Christian every moment is a time of watching and preparation. A Christian cannot remain lazy and indifferent. It is a life of alertness and constant renewal. We have to be focused and active.

Advent also provides an occasion for us to introspect what needs to be put right in our lives, to find out how we have failed, and to assess the ways by which we can do better. An honest and sincere celebration of advent will make us better human and better catholic.

Jesus must be welcomed into our hearts and lives, during this season of Advent and every day of our lives.

During the season of advent we remember all members of our parish community, especially those who can't attend the Eucharistic celebration due to Covid-19 pandemic, our seniors and the sick and homebound. You will be remembered in every Eucharistic celebration in our parish. Let us support each other and encourage each other. In Jesus Christ we have hope and consolation.

Wish you a fruitful season of Advent.

HAPPY ADVENT

