# The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of St. Agnes & St. Anthony

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



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

**Pastor** Rev. Varghese Munduvelil CFIC

Deacon Guy Germain
Deacon Michael Pucylo
Deacon Ramon Morales

**Together We Serve** \$145

Business Manager Don Wong
Administrative Assistant
Custodian Florentina Suce
Bruce Huynh

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#### **Twin Parishes Financial Pulse**

 Sep 9 & 10
 Actual Sunday, Holy Day
 Actual \$5,231
 YTD \$283,073
 Budget \$395,000

 Building Maint. Fund
 \$385
 \$14,378
 \$30,000

May God bless you in your response to His love.

\$16.092

\$30,000

## TWIN PARISHES OF ST. AGNES & ST. ANTHONY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH

To all the twin parishes volunteers please save the date to your calendar <u>Sunday</u>, <u>01 October 2023 at 1:00 PM St.</u> <u>Agnes Merhant Hall</u> for the Volunteer appreciation lunch Please register your attendance to the parish office. Deadline to register is September 22.

"Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often should I forgive my brothers and sisters if they sin against me? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."



Matthew 18:21-35

### Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, September 19	
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, September 20	
Adoration @ St. Anthony	5-6 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm
Thursday, September 21	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Friday, September 22	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Saturday, September 23	
Mass @ St. Agnes	5:00 pm
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:30 pm
Sunday, September 24	
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
Mass @ St. Anthony	10:30 am
Mass @ St. Agnes	12 Noon

To all the parishioners who are interested in having their church donations by automatic withdrawal from their banks please email or call the parish office @ 780-432-0611 to register.

#### **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,

**AB T6E 2A6** 

**Donate online:** 

My Offering

Thank you for being a good steward of St. Agnes/St. Anthony Parish. Every gift is truly appreciated.

#### **CHURCH DONATION E-TRANSFER**

You can **E-Transfer** your church donation to <u>StAnthonyEdm.etransfer@caedm.ca</u> will be automatically deposited to the account of The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of St. Agnes & St. Anthony at RBC Royal Bank. Thank you for your support and generosity.

#### CALLED TO PROTECT TRAINING

Called to protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on Monday September 25, 2023, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The two and half session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. This will be a zoom session open for all. Please register.

Registration link - https://forms.gle/DfQJDQvCjoaGsgXs9

## **SACRAMENTS**

## FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please call the parish office 780-432-0611 for more information and registration. Sessions will be every other Saturday from 10:00 am 12:000 PM at St. Agnes church hall.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS —If your children are between the ages of 11 to 14, please call the parish office for more information and registration. Sessions will be every other Saturday at 1:00-3:00 PM at St. Agnes church hall.

RCIA (Adapted for Children age 7 – 14)
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – age 15 and above) Anyone who wants to become Catholic and Catholics who have not yet received First Communion and Confirmation, and anyone interested in learning more about RCIA please call parish office at 780-432-0611 to register. Session is every Monday @ 7:00 PM St. Agnes church.

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.

<u>FUNERAL</u>: Family or designated person by the family should contact the Parish Office for funeral arrangements with the parish priest.

Twin Parishes of St. Agnes & St. Anthony 50/50 Fundraising of selling Raffle Tickets is now in full swing at both churches after all the weekend masses. Everyone can make a big difference by taking home a booklet and sell them to your relatives, friends and acquaintances. Please see Cathy Ehm @ St. Agnes or Lito Reyes @ St Anthony to get your booklets. Plenty of time to sell them, the draw date is on December 15th @ St. Agnes 1:00 PM. Cost \$10/3 tickets \$5/1 ticket. Thank you very much for your full participation. God bless!

#### <u>The Debt We Owe - Scott Hahn Reflects on the</u> <u>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life. Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master.

It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (see <u>Proverbs 24:6</u>; Leviticus 16). But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time.

We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful (see <u>Luke 6:36</u>; <u>Matthew 5:48</u>). But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us?

Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross (see <u>Revelation 5:9</u>). As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us.

This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ (see <u>Romans 14:10</u>, <u>12</u>).

So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.

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#### A Journey through Grief: A Walk to Emmaus

A 10-week program to soften our loss and enable us to engage more fully in life.

If you are interested you can join the group at St. Thomas More Parish, 210 Haddow Close with Deacon Randy and Roseanne. To register call @ 780-425-5070. Starting – Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

## **CWL CORNER**

"Learn more about the Catholic Women's League at <u>www.cwl.ca</u> or <u>www.edmontoncwl.org</u>"



#### ST. AGNES CWL

## **CWL Apple Pie Fundraiser**

The St. Agnes CWL will be selling homemade apple pies after each mass on September 23 and 24 (St. Agnes Church only).

Unbaked 9" pie - \$10.00 each
Baked 9" pie - \$13.00 each
Cash and e-transfer accepted.



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Proceeds of this fundraiser will be put towards preparing a meal for the Feed the Hungry campaign at Sacred Heart of the First People's Church.