

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of  
St. Agnes & St. Anthony  
25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
September 20, 2020**



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Parish website: [twinparishes.caedm.ca](http://twinparishes.caedm.ca)

**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**

Please call the parish office 780-432-0611 for more information and registration.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS** –If

your children are between the aged of 11 to 14, please call the parish office for more information and registration.

**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.

**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**

**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

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**Twin Parishes Financial Pulse**

		<b>Full Year</b>	
<b>Sept. 05 &amp; 06</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Sunday, Holy Day</b>	\$ 4,032	\$237,676	\$460,000
<b>Building Maint. Fund</b>	\$ 305	\$ 16,600	\$ 30,000
<b>Together We Serve</b>	\$ 140	\$ 17,681	\$ 51,600

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“We assume responsibility for bringing to the house of the Lord each year the first fruits of our crops... will bring to the storerooms of the house of our God offerings and tithes.”

Nehemiah 12:43-44

***God bless you in your response to His love.***

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**Twin Parishes Masses for the Week**

<b>Tuesday, September 22</b> <b>Mass @ St. Anthony</b>	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, September 23</b> <b>Mass @ St. Anthony</b>	6:15 pm
<b>Thursday, September 24</b> <b>Mass @ St. Agnes</b>	9:00 am
<b>Friday, September 25</b> <b>Mass @ St. Agnes</b>	9:00 am
<b>Saturday, September 26</b> <b>Mass @ St. Agnes</b> <b>Mass @ St. Anthony</b>	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, September 27</b> <b>Mass @ St. Agnes</b> <b>Mass @ St. Anthony</b> <b>Mass @ St. Agnes</b>	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 Noon

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

**Attendees for weekend masses are by registration online at the parish website [twinparishes.caedm.ca](http://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.**

**Click under Mass Registration**

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**NO Adoration at St. Anthony until further notice.  
NO Meeting, and other activities in the church & meeting rooms until further notice.**

## **First and Last**

September 20, 2020- Scott Hahn Reflects on the  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

**First Reading – Isaiah 55:6-9**

**Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18**

**Second Reading – Philippians 1:20-24, 27**

**Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16**

The house of Israel is the vine of God, who planted and watered it, preparing the Israelites to bear fruits of righteousness (see Isaiah 5:7; 27:2-5).

Israel failed to yield good fruits and the Lord allowed His vineyard, Israel's kingdom, to be overrun by conquerors (see Psalm 80:9-20). But God promised that one day He would replant His vineyard and its shoots would blossom to the ends of the earth (see Amos 9:15; Hosea 14:5-10).

This is the biblical backdrop to Jesus' parable of salvation history in today's Gospel. The landowner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise (see Ephesians 2:11-13). In the Lord's great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations.

This provokes grumbling in today's parable. Doesn't the complaint of those first laborers sound like that of the older brother in Jesus' prodigal son parable (see Luke 15:29-30)? God's ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in today's First Reading. And today's readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God's lavish mercy. Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late-after having spent most of their days idling in sin. But even, these can call upon Him and find Him near, as we sing in today's Psalm. We should rejoice that God has compassion on all whom He has created. This should console us, too, especially if we have loved ones who remain far from the vineyard.

Our task is to continue laboring in His vineyard. As Paul says in today's Epistle, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name.

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### **Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:**

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup); click the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

### **The Image of Christ and His Church**

The Church is the bride. In the Gospel, (Jesus) returns many times to the images of the wise virgins waiting for the bridegroom with burning lamps and the feast that the father throws for the wedding of his son....

The Lord shows us that the relationship between him and the Church is matrimonial. This is the deepest reason why the Church guards the sacrament of Marriage. And it is called a great sacrament because it is precisely the image of the kind of union that Christ has with the Church.

- *Homily, Domus Sanctae Marthae, September 6, 2013*

**Reflection:** *Throughout Scripture, God refers to his relationship with the People of God as matrimonial. In light of this, what is your love like for the Lord? Do you consider him the love of your life? Have you made a lifelong commitment to him?*

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### **DONATE BUTTON**

**Parish website:** [twinparishes.caedm.ca](http://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**

### **My Offering**

**Donate online:**

Thank you for being a good steward of

St. Agnes/St. Anthony Parish.

Every gift is truly appreciated.

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### **Livestreamed Sunday Mass**

We invite the faithful to join celebrations of the Mass 'virtually,' through video livestreaming from their own parish or from St. Joseph's Basilica with Archbishop Smith. Sunday Mass at the Basilica is livestreamed at 10:30 a.m. each week. Find it on the [Archdiocese of Edmonton](#)

[Youtube Channel](#)

or on Facebook at [facebook.com/archedmonton](https://facebook.com/archedmonton)

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**NOTE:** If you attend the livestreamed Mass, your image may be included in the online video.

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