The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of St. Agnes & St. Anthony THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

MARCH 20, 2022



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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.

St. Agnes & St. Anthony Parish Staff:

Pastor Rev. Varghese Munduvelil CFIC

Deacon Guy Germain
Deacon Michael Pucylo
Deacon Ramon Morales

Business Manager Don Wong
Administrative Assistant
Custodian Bruce Huynh

Twin Parishes Financial Pulse

				Full Year
March 12 & 13		Actual	YTD	Budget
Sunday, Holy Day	\$	3,514	\$58,389	\$332,000
Building Maint. Fund \$	6	535	\$10,460	\$30,000
Together We Serve	\$	330	\$ 3,835	\$30,000

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and test me now on this, says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows." Malachi 3:10

May God bless you in your response to His love?



Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, March 22				
Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm			
Wednesday, March 23				
Mass @ St. Anthony	6:15 pm			
Thursday, March 24				
Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am			
Friday, March 25				
Friday Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am			
Station of the Cross @ St. Anthony	6:30 pm			
Saturday, March 26				
Mass @ St. Agnes	5:00 pm			
Mass St. Anthony	7:30 pm			
Sunday, March 27				
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.

Twin Parishes Lenten Penitential Service

Thursday, March 31, 2022 Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM Venue: St. Agnes Church

Sacramental Information

BAPTISM – You must call the parish office to book an appointment for the pastor for baptism information. Baptism Celebrations any days and outside the weekend masses at St. Anthony and St. Agnes. No Baptism during Advent and Lent.

FIRST RECONCILIATION / COMMUNION

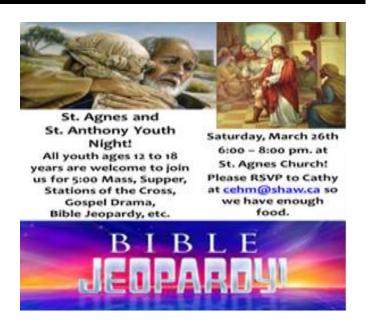
Please call the parish office 780-432-0611 for the First Reconciliation. Session is every other Saturday from 10 am -12 Noon.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS —If your children are between the ages of 11 to 14, please call the parish office. Session is every other Saturday from 1:00-3:00 PM.

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. Session is every Wednesday night.

<u>MARRIAGE</u> — 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.

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



Fruits of the Fig: Scott Hahn Reflects on the THIRD Sunday of Lent Year C March 20, 2022

First Reading – Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 Psalms 103:1-4, 4-8, 11 Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Gospel – Luke 13:1-9

In the Church, we are made children of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God who makes known His name and His ways to Moses in today's First Reading.

Mindful of His covenant with Abraham (see Exodus 2:24), God came down to rescue His people from the slave drivers of Egypt. Faithful to that same covenant (see Luke 1:54–55, 72–73), He sent Jesus to redeem all lives from destruction, as today's Psalm tells us. Paul says in today's Epistle that God's saving deeds in the Exodus were written down for the Church, intended as a prelude and foreshadowing of our own Baptism by water, our liberation from sin, our feeding with spiritual food and drink.

Yet the events of the Exodus were also given as a "warning"—that being children of Abraham is no guarantee that we will reach the promised land of our salvation.

At any moment, Jesus warns in today's Gospel, we could perish, not as God's punishment for being "greater sinners" but because, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we stumble into evil desires, fall into grumbling, forget all His benefits.

Jesus calls us today to "repentance"—not a one-time change of heart, but an ongoing, daily transformation of our lives. We're called to live the life we sing about in today's Psalm, blessing His holy name, giving thanks for His kindness and mercy.

The fig tree in His parable is a familiar Old Testament symbol for Israel (see <u>Jeremiah 8:3; 24:1–10</u>). As the fig tree is given one last season to produce fruit before it is cut down, so too Jesus is giving Israel one final opportunity to bear good fruits as evidence of its repentance (see Luke 3:8).

Lent should be for us like the season of reprieve given to the fig tree, a grace period in which we let "the gardener," Christ, cultivate our hearts, uprooting what chokes the divine life in us, strengthening us to bear fruits that will last into eternity.