

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR A - APRIL 30, 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.

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	Florentina Suce
Custodian	Bruce Huynh

Twin Parishes Financial Pulse

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Full Year Budget</u>
April 22 & 23			
Sunday, Holy Day	\$ 3,015	\$121,453	\$395,000
Building Maint. Fund	\$ 30	\$ 4,352	\$30,000
Together We Serve	\$ 30	\$5,352	\$30,000

God bless you in your response to His love.

ANNOUNCEMENT

If you need a 2023 parish donation envelope please email or contact the parish office to order.



Twin Parishes Masses for the Week

Tuesday, May 02 Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 03 Adoration @ St. Anthony Mass @ St. Anthony	5 -6 pm 6:15 pm
Thursday, May 04 Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
First Friday, May 05 Mass @ St. Agnes	7:00 pm
Saturday, May 06 Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, May 07 Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am 10:30 am 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,
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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.

CHURCH DONATION E-TRANSFER

You can **E-Transfer** your church donation to StAnthonyEdm.etransfer@caedm.ca 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.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION / COMMUNION

Please call the parish office 780-432-0611 for more information and registration. Sessions will be every other Saturday from 10:00 am 12:00 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 Wednesday @ 7:00 PM St. Anthony Padua Room.

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.

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER REFLECTION

Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Today is called Good Shepherd Sunday and this day is also the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Today, the Church calls us to reflect on the meaning of God's call for each of us and to pray for generous respondents to God's personal call, to the priesthood, the diaconate, and the consecrated life, because the entire Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering vocations. Both the Old and New Testaments use the image of a Shepherd and His flock to describe the unique relationship of God with Israel and Christ with Christians.

The first reading is taken from St. Peter's first sermon, given on the day of Pentecost. He reminds his Jewish listeners that they have crucified their true Shepherd. Hence, they need to receive forgiveness for their sin by receiving Baptism in the name of Jesus and acknowledging the risen Jesus as their Lord and Savior, as Jesus had commanded.

The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23), introduces God as the Good Shepherd of Israel Who cares for us, His sheep, providing for our needs.

In the second reading, Peter encourages the suffering Christians to follow in the footsteps of their Good Shepherd, Jesus, the "suffering servant," realizing the truth that Jesus' suffering and death have enabled them to become more fully the children of God.

In today's Gospel, two brief parables show us Jesus, the first, as a selfless, caring "shepherd" who provides for his sheep protection and life itself, and the second, as our unique gateway ("sheep gate"), to eternal salvation. That is, besides guiding his flock to Eternal Life as the Good Shepherd, Jesus is himself the gateway to Eternal Life.

- 1) We need to become good shepherds and good leaders: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, and caregivers, among others, are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, and blessings for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful in fulfilling their duties toward their children, giving them good example and instruction and training them in Christian principles.
- 2) We need to become good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd: Our local parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our shepherds. Jesus is the High Priest, the Bishops are the successors of the Apostles, the pastors are their helpers, and the parishioners are the sheep. Hence, as the good sheep of the parish, parishioners are expected to a) Hear and follow the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling, and advice. b) Receive the spiritual food given by our pastors through our regular participation in the Holy Mass, our frequenting of the Sacraments, and our participation in the prayer services, renewal programs, and missions they offer. c) Cooperate with our pastors by giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, encouraging them in their duties, offering them loving, constructive advice when they are found misbehaving or failing in their duties, and always by praying for them) Actively participate in the activities of various councils, ministries, and parish associations.
- 3) We need to pray for vocations.