

**The Twin Roman Catholic Parishes of  
St. Agnes & St. Anthony**  
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A- JULY 23, 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  
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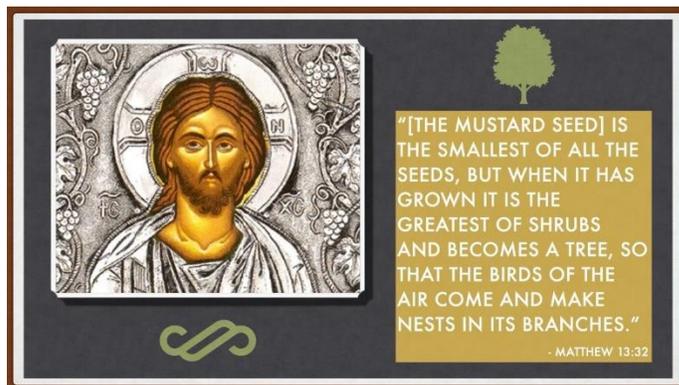
**Twin Parishes Financial Pulse**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Full Year Budget</u>
<b>July 15 &amp; 16 Sunday, Holy Day</b>	\$6,134	\$228,360	\$395,000
<b>Building Maint. Fund</b>	\$530	\$11,988	\$30,000
<b>Together We Serve</b>	\$215	\$14,112	\$30,000

May God bless you in your response to His love.

**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Agnes Church**

In celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Agnes Church mass will be Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 12:00 Noon by Archbishop Richard Smith. Followed by a Potluck Lunch in Merchant Hall. Everyone is welcome! Please bring sandwiches, veggies, fruit trays and finger food desserts to share.



**Twin Parishes Masses for the Week**

<b>Tuesday, July 25</b> Mass @ St. Anthony	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, July 26</b> Adoration @ St. Anthony Mass @ St. Anthony	5-6 pm 6:15 pm
<b>Thursday, July 27</b> Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
<b>Friday, July 28</b> Mass @ St. Agnes	9:00 am
<b>Saturday, July 29</b> Mass @ St. Agnes Mass @ St. Anthony	5:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, July 30</b> Mass @ St. Anthony 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](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.

**CHURCH DONATION E-TRANSFER**

You can E-Transfer your church donation to [StAnthonyEdm.etransfer@caedm.ca](mailto: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 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 12:00 PM at St. Agnes church hall. Deadline of registration is August 30, 2023.

## **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. Deadline of registration is August 30, 2023

## **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.



## **TWIN PARISHES OF ST. AGNES & ST. ANTHONY PARISH PICNIC**

**Date: Sunday, August 13, 2023**

**Time: 1:00 PM**

**Venue: Parkallen Community Park  
6510 – 111 Street NW**

**Bring Food to share!**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

The Parish office is closed for a week on the summer from Monday, July 31 to Friday, August 4th inclusive. Mail, voice mail and email will be checked regularly. Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> Parish office is closed for Civic Holiday. Parish office will re-open Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

## **Of Wheat and Weeds: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God is always teaching His people, as we hear in today's First Reading.

And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us; that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance.

This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected, as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

Again, this week's readings sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom?

Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us—evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Epistle. But first, we must turn and call upon Him. We must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives.

So, we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat—truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice, and sin.

For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad (see Matthew 5:45). But the harvest draws near. Let's work so that we might be numbered among the righteous children—who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

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## **THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE AT SKARO**

**Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

6:30-7:30 pm Reconciliation

7:00 pm Rosary

7:30 pm Vespers (in Polish)

8:00 pm Mass at Grotto

The Blessed Sacrament Procession with lit candles will follow the blessing of the religious articles.

**Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

10:00 am Mass at the Grotto with the Sacrament of the Sick  
The Blessed Sacrament Procession with lit candles will follow the blessing of the religious articles.

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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 15<sup>th</sup> @ St. Agnes 1:00 PM. Cost \$10/3 tickets \$5/1 ticket. Thank you very much for your full participation. God bless!