ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time **October 4, 2020**

Covid & The Call to Faith

Watch Panel Discussion Video Week 2 at
https://youtu.be/06yvUD-h8K0
Weekly Reflection (PDF) is appended to this bulletin

Weekend Schedule

Saturday	Confessions	4:00 pm
	English Mass	5:00 pm
Sunday	Confessions	6:45 am
	Latin Mass	7:15 am
	English Mass	9:00 am
	English Mass	10:30 am
	Confessions	Noon
	Latin Mass	12:30 pm

Weekday Schedule

Monday	Confessions	6:30 am
	Latin Mass	7:00 am
	Confessions	8:30 am
	English Mass	9:00 am
Tuesday	Confessions	6:30 am
	Latin Mass	7:00 am
	Confessions	8:30 am
	English Mass	9:00 am
Wednesday	Confession	11:30 am
	Latin Mass	Noon
	Confession	6:30 pm
	English Mass	7:00 pm
Thursday	Confession	8:30 am
	English Mass	9:00 am
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30 am
	Confessions	6:00 pm
	Benediction	6:00 pm
	Latin Mass	7:00 pm
Friday	Confession	8:30 am
	English Mass	9:00 am
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30 am
	Confessions	6:00 pm
	Benediction	6:00 pm
	Latin Mass	7:00 pm
Saturday	Confessions	8:00 am
	Latin Mass	9:00 am

Pastor	Fr. Edmund Vargas ext 224 or **587-349-9615**
Associate Pastor	Fr. John Shannon, FSSP ext 226 or 403-714-7361
In Residence	Fr. John Petravicius, Fr. Anthony Pudota
Deacon	Ron Nowell
Bookkeeper	Magda Aguillon ext 223
Janitorial Service	Polmax Ecology Cleaning Ltd.

On Temporary Leave:
John Morgan Music Director
Heather Schilling Parish Secretary
Dorothy Loucks Sacramental Preparation
Maria Teresa Valez Accountant
Dianne McKay Office Assistant

Pastoral Notes

Nothing is ours…

One biblical commentator explains the parable in this way… "Imagine that the tenant farmers stand for ourselves and the vineyard for the world we live in. Seeing ourselves as mere tenants who owe the fruit of our labor to a landowner puts our lives in a wholly new perspective. We always like to think we really own things. We speak of my car, my house, my bank account or even my St Anthony's Church. Well, the right to private property is rightly protected by our civil laws. But in the end, we really own nothing, not even our lives or the material things that make our lives possible. Like the farmers in the parable, we are only custodians… The notion that we really own nothing and that we are answerable to God, our landlord, for what we do with our property, is not easy to sink our teeth into. It upsets our innate acquisitiveness. But it has one overriding advantage. It just happens to be true."

In the end, we have to come to realize the truth of life's fragility and the fleeting nature of our own days. From an ultimate perspective, we have to realize that nothing is really ours, not even our life. Life itself is something we have to give back to our Creator. Strictly speaking, nothing is ours but time.

The parable highlights the theme of life as a stewardship. It underlines a system of managing our affairs in anticipation of the Lord's return after a period of absence which is in direct contradiction to our current tendency to use our gifts and resources in a spirit of absolute ownership, domination and superiority. It expresses an active organization of our life in the light of the priorities required by God's kingdom. It considers the needs of others and the requirements of the future generations. It believes that we borrow this earth from our children's children.

"Eucharist" is the Greek word for thanksgiving which is at the heart of our Sunday celebration. At the beginning of our Eucharistic Prayer, we declare "It is right to give (God) thanks and praise." Are we in this spirit as we come together in solidarity with fellow believers? What prayers of thanksgiving do we bring along to this Eucharist? What gifts do we bring to share with one another and with the world?

As we approach Thanksgiving weekend, let us affirm in our hearts that nothing is ours but time, that we are mere tenants in the Lord's vineyard and that "It is right give to God our thanks and praise".

HEALING CORNER

Victims of domestic violence may maintain a code of silence -never tell on a husband or boyfriend -with the hope that the situation will one day improve. In fact, wife beating, abuse, and violence within the family is given tacit approval as one aspect of home life and it manifests itself through emotional, physical, and verbal assaults on the entire family. Reflection… Family violence is not limited to simply one culture or class. What, in your opinion, are some of the causes of family violence? What can your church, community, or government do to address this issue? What would Jesus have wanted you to do about the persistence of violence in the family?

NEW SENIOR'S MASS
Sunday, October 25 at 3PM

Seniors (over 60 years of age) and their companions are invited to attend a special Mass just for you. Pre-registration is in progress. You should receive a phone call over the next couple of weeks inviting you to attend. If you would like to register yourself, please call the parish at 403-252-1137. Fr. Edmund will offer annointing for all seniors in attendace. We plan to have this special Mass once a month on the 4th Sunday.

OCTOBER IS ROSARY MONTH

The Praying of the Holy Rosary will be held every Saturday during October 10-11am in the main church. Online registration is an option, and walk-ins are welcome. Wellness protocols, including contact tracing documentation, start at 10am. Rosary starts at 10:15am after when the doors are closed and locked. No latecomers are allowed. The Rosary ends before 10:45am, to make room for exit of participants and the cleaning and disinfecting of pews and other surfaces. Mask are mandated. All are welcome. The celebration is hosted by the Legion of Mary.

WEEKLY ADORATION

If there is anything you need, pray for it. Philippians 4:6

Thursday and Friday 9:30 am – 6:00 pm.
Register in advance or sign in.
A minimum of 2 people per hour are required.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Oct 4

7:15am Latin	SI	special intention
9am English	RIP	Leonardo Sumaculos
	RIP	Souls in Purgatory
10:30am English	SI	Parishioners of St. Anthony's
12:30 pm Latin	SI	special intention

Monday, Oct 5

7am Latin	SI	special intention
9am English	RIP	Theresa Gorieu &
	RIP	Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, Oct 6

7am Latin		
9am English	SI	special intention
	RIP	Souls Purgatory

Wednesday, Oct 7

Noon Latin	SI	special intention
7pm English	RIP	Teresa
	SI	Adriano family

Thursday, Oct 8

9am English		
	RIP	Souls in Purgatory &
	RIP	Souls in Purgatory
7pm Latin	SI	special intention

Friday, Oct 9

9am English	RIP	Rose Lutula
7pm Latin	SI	special intention

Saturday, Oct 10

9am Latin	SI	special intention
5pm English	RIP	Rosario Madrangca &
	RIP	Peter Brown

LATIN MASS CALENDAR

Sunday Oct 4 2nd Cl 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday Oct 11 2nd Cl 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday Oct 18 2nd CL 20th Sunday after Pentecost

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rose Dourado, Ken Foran, Mary Hess, Faye LaPaz, Leanne Morgan, Corazon Reyes

May the Lord grant them healing, comfort and peace.

REST IN PEACE

Linda Ciarla and Ken Schoor

Our heartfelt sympathies to their families.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Watch livestream on Facebook or YouTube

DONATIONS IN SEPTEMBER

	BUDGET	COLLECTION	DIFFERENCE
MTD	**$32,815**	**$40,135.99**	**$7,320.00**
YTD	**$344,644**	**$266,656.66**	**($77,987.34)**

	GOAL	COLLECTION	DIFFERENCE
TIA 2020	**$41,030**	**$16,295.45**	**($24,734.55)**
Refuge Family	**$30,000**	**$28,750**	**($1,250)**

YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Our parish relies on our regular offertory giving for maintenance and growth. We offer many convenient ways for you to make your contributions including: sign in to your to own banking institution and e-transfer the amount to: **isupport@stanthonysyyc.ca**; or by online credit card donation, or sign up for pre-authorized debit withdrawal; you may also mail your cheques to St. Anthony's Church 5340 4 St. SW Calgary, AB T2V 0Z5, or drop off your donation envelopes into our donation box in the church foyer when you come to Mass. You are providing crucial support to care for your parish during this difficult time. Thank you for your generosity.

TOGETHER IN ACTION satisfies our need as disciples to give and share of ourselves. As Christ's disciples, we are called to receive God's gifts gratefully, to cultivate them responsibly, to share them lovingly in justice with others and to return them with increase to the Lord. Your gift impacts human dignity, food, shelter and spiritual growth. Give now at **https://stanthonysyyc.ca/tia/.**

We thank our ten (10) volunteers who helped prepare 602 lunch bags for 301 guests at the **September 20th FEED THE HUNGRY event** which the parish sponsored. We thank all those other volunteers who registered to help but were not able to due to the pandemic restrictions as well as all those families and individuals who contributed financially to support our sponsorship.

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SACRAMENT MATTERS

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Registration Deadline: October 24
In-Person 30-minute Session with Fr Edmund in the church after the Sunday 10:30 Mass: October 25, November 8, November 22 & December 6.
Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: **December 15, 7pm** or by appointment.

FIRST EUCHARIST/COMMUNION

Registration Deadline: January 24
In-Person 30-minute Session with Fr Edmund in the church after the Sunday, 10:30am Mass: January 24, February 7, February 21 & March 7.
First Communion Mass: **March 14, 10:30am Mass** or by appointment.

CONFIRMATION

Registration Deadline: April 11
In-person 30-minute Session with Fr Edmund in the church after the Sunday 10:30am Mass: April 11, April 25, May 9 & May 23.
Confirmation Mass is on **Saturday, May 29, 5pm**.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Please arrange an interview with Fr Edmund at any time with your Registration Form. The home study program will be explained accordingly. The program culminates with the celebration at the Easter Vigil (April 3)

BAPTISM

Please submit a Registration for Baptism Form, together with a copy of the child's birth certificate. Upon receipt, Fr Edmund will contact you for an interview and scheduling of the celebration.
An online Baptism Class is scheduled every 4th Saturday of the month, 10am to 12noon, facilitated by Ferdie & Malou Gayos of the Missionary Families for Christ (MFC).

WEDDINGS, FUNERALS & ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
SPIRITUAL DIRECTION or PASTORAL CONSULTATION

Contact Fr. Edmund to arrange.

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Reflection Week 2

Importance of the family

COVID-19 invites us into
a new appreciation of the family
as the first and vital cell of our society.

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Week 2

Importance of the *family*

In a time of crisis, the presence and strength of the family is vital. During this pandemic, we have all witnessed examples of parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren, nuclear families and extended families, connecting more intentionally with each other and learning to interact in new (and at times) heroic ways. For some, this has been a time to rediscover their parental role as the first educators of their children. For others, it has been a time to strengthen the priestly call of their baptism, inviting Jesus into the "domestic church" of their homes through creative times of prayer, such as celebrating Sunday by participation in a livestreamed Eucharistic celebration.

For others, however, the pandemic has been a time of challenge and hardship in the family. On the one hand, the rules of physical distancing have meant, for some people, long separations from loved ones, accompanied by experiences of loneliness, anxiety and even despair, while, on the other, the recommendation to live within a cohort (or bubble) of immediate family members and contacts has introduced certain challenges of its own. Compounding these internal family stresses, some families have faced unprecedented external pressures such as a sudden situation of unemployment or having to figure out a new strategy for childcare or education. The reported rise in child abuse and domestic violence in Alberta due to the pandemic is particularly troubling.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. How has COVID-19 affected you in your family life? What have you valued most or least about your family through this experience?

2. What questions or lessons has the pandemic surfaced for you about the importance of promoting family life and how we care for families in our Church? in society?

3. In moving forward, what activities should our Church undertake to foster greater appreciation and support for families in our communities?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

- Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitiae* (2016): On Love in the Family.
- Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church (2006): Ch. 5. The Family, Vital Cell of Society.
- Saint Pope John Paul II, Apostolic Exhortation *Familiaris Consortio* (1981): On the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World

Invoking the example of the Holy Family, and aware that no society or faith community can survive without strong and stable families, we desire a society that upholds the central importance of families and provides increased care and support for them.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Week 2

Importance of the Family

WATCH NOW

Moderator

Ms. Fran Lucas
National President-Elect,
CWL-Canada

Panelists

Deacon Gerald & Marian Logan
Office of Life and Family, Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan

Greg & Teresita Parillas
Couples for Christ

Theresa & Jordan Robinson
St. Vital Parish, Beaumont, AB

Sr. Lucinda Patterson, SA
Chair, Board of Directors, Lurana Shelter, Edmonton, AB

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A Pastoral Statement on the Impact of COVID-19 and the Call to Christian Renewal

"Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance"

Dear faithful in Christ,

For the past several months, our Catholic community, together with all Canadians and indeed the whole world, has been seriously impacted by the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). All of us – whether individuals, families, parishes, institutions or dioceses – have been required to make sacrifices, including many difficult but necessary decisions about matters at the very heart of our Catholic faith and way of life. As bishops, we acknowledge and are grateful for the way in which our Catholic faithful – clergy and laity alike – have lived the unprecedented circumstances of these months. We know, too, that the Lord allows all occasions – positive and negative – to teach and re-teach us lessons for right living in light of the Gospel. It is in this spirit that we address this letter to you as an invitation to consider along with us what the Lord may be saying to his people and his Church through this time of trial.

While the situation of COVID-19 continues to develop in our lives and communities, it is increasingly evident that the pandemic has had, and will continue to have for some time to come, a far reaching impact on all people throughout the world. In Canada, including here in Alberta and the Northwest Territories, many human and social values have surfaced that, as Catholics among others, we will need to reflect upon as we consider the future of our life together in society, especially in the light of Christian revelation and our faith in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

In particular, the pandemic has alerted us to a number of important social issues that touch us all including:

- the care of vulnerable persons in our society and supports offered to medical personnel in hospitals, nursing homes and other care facilities;
- the education of our young people and supports offered to families and to educators;
- isolation and depression in our homes and communities, and the prevalence and stigma of mental illness, substance abuse, suicide and other social ills;
- increased rates of domestic violence, elder abuse and other forms of interpersonal violence;
- societal discord over different responses to COVID-19 that have fractured human relationships and challenged our call to love one another;
- incidents of racism, bigotry and religious intolerance, including in our towns and cities;
- anxieties caused by massive losses of employment and the general situation of economic instability;
- the fragility of our human condition and the basic needs we all have for safety, solidarity, and love within authentic human community.

At the same time, we have witnessed on a daily basis many heroic and selfless examples of individuals who exemplify true human goodness and charity. These are the so-called "saints who live next door" identified by Pope Francis as medical professionals, educators, parents and grandparents, shop workers, cleaners, communications and information technology specialists, law and order personnel, delivery drivers and so many volunteers in all sectors of our society. Whether motivated by faith or otherwise, young or old, these individuals are role models for all of us, demonstrating dedicated care and compassion that goes beyond duty to a level of human solidarity that is inspiring to others. We give thanks to God for raising up such generous human individuals who embrace this collective challenge as a way to witness to the enduring human and social values by which we need to live.

All of these situations described above – the good examples and the social challenges we face – give us insights into certain behaviours, actions and structures that we value as a society and as a Christian people. Some of these we will rightly want to hold on to going forward, while others may be in need of remedy or renewal.

On this feast day when we contemplate Christ's victory over death through the life-giving wood of the Cross, we, the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories, invite you to reflect and discern with us the kind of response that will be needed to address some of the human and social values that have surfaced during this pandemic. Specifically, we seek new ways to promote authentic human development and flourishing in the very way that we live, care for others, work, organize society and interact with one another. Moved by our faith in Christ and inspired by the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, we invite the Catholic community to join us in looking afresh at certain aspects of our life together in society, to discern and decide a course for true social, cultural and spiritual renewal.

In the coming weeks, *Grandin Media* will be hosting a series of recorded panel discussions on various themes related to the pandemic and its challenging effects on our society. These sessions, featuring Catholic voices from around the province and territories, are meant to encourage our Catholic faithful to engage new questions and to take up new actions that reflect a "new normal" consistent with our life in Christ. Together with written texts, prepared by our bishops and released weekly, we shall present a series of reflections on the following topics:

- Reflection Topic #1: Inherent dignity of every human life
- Reflection Topic #2: Importance of the family
- Reflection Topic #3: Individual rights and social responsibilities
- Reflection Topic #4: Vulnerability and solidarity
- Reflection Topic #5: Responsibility for the common good
- Reflection Topic #6: Healthy use of information technologies
- Reflection Topic #7: Value and dignity of human work

We encourage all of our faithful to "tune in" to these sessions and take an active part in offering their own experience and wisdom on the topics presented. [An online mechanism will be available to receive your comments and feedback.] In this way, we hope to receive your insights into living our Christian faith in new ways in Catholic homes and in our communities, through our parishes, lay movements, schools and institutions, marked by hope, compassion and charity.

Our Catholic faith has much to contribute with respect to promoting human, social and spiritual values for the common good of society. We trust that you, like us, see the urgency to discern wisely the *signs of the times* and to "reset" our lives so that our collective experience in moving forward accords with the Gospel. Guided by the Holy Spirit, and

through the intercession of the most holy Mother of God, we are confident that this can be a time for bold creativity and life-giving transformation for all. We ask for God's blessing on this endeavour and upon all who join with us in this journey of discernment and path of renewal.

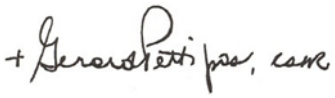
Yours in Christ,

Catholic Bishops of Alberta and NWT

Most Reverend Richard W. Smith
Archbishop of Edmonton

Most Reverend William McGrattan
Bishop of Calgary

Most Reverend Paul Terrio
Bishop of St. Paul



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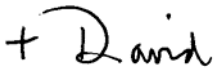
Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan



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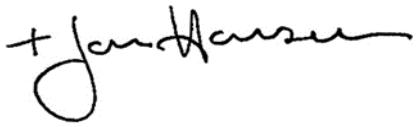

Most Reverend Jon Hansen, CSsR
Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith

September 14, 2020 – Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.