

St. Anthony Church

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Our mission is to foster a strong spiritual growth of life and faith in our families, community and society by sharing the gift of our time, treasures and talents.

We hope to do this with a Spirit of Christian generosity that brings us closer to the blessing of unity, peace and reconciliation.

Like St. Anthony called to love and to serve - we try our best in following Christ on the road of this world using God-given gifts for his glory and for the good of our brothers and sisters.

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 5, 2020

"Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest".



In His Passion, Jesus is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced. The sufferings and torments we hear in the readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked, as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes, and as his enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering. He remains faithful to God's will to the end. Destined to sin and death as children of Adam's disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will. This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His Name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, like in this time of Corona-virus, we know we will never be forsaken: God loves us.

DOMENICA DELLE PALME E DELLA PASSIONE DEL SIGNORE

Sul grande mistero della morte in croce di Gesù c'è una sola cosa da fare: mettersi in ginocchio, pregare, chiedere perdono e soprattutto chiedere la forza di accettare con santa rassegnazione alla volontà di Dio le nostre piccole o grandi croci di ogni giorno come questo tempo di prigione a causa del Corona-virus. Gesù Crocifisso sia il nostro costante riferimento e soprattutto il nostro vero ed unico maestro nel vivere e morire in amicizia con Dio. In questo modo, palma e croce potranno camminare insieme, essere portate nelle nostre mani e sulle nostre spalle, non per liberarcene quanto prima, ma valorizzandole come vie vere di salvezza per noi e per i nostri fratelli, come ci ha dato l'esempio Colui che si è abbassato fino a noi e ha portato la croce per tutti noi, Gesù nostro Signore.



Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am-12 noon 1:00pm-4:00pm

For Daily & Weekend Mass Intentions see inside

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM (English)

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM (Italian - English) & 11:00 AM (English)

Registration:

Parish Census Forms at Church entrance or call the Office.

Baptism:

Parish Membership & Baptism class required. Please contact the Office.

Marriage:

Parish Membership & Preparation required. Call Office 6 months in advance.

Reconciliation - Confession:

Saturday 4:00pm & 30 min. before each Mass or on request.

Anointing of the sick:

Every First Friday of the Month during the Mass & on request.

Church & Hall at one level:

Wheelchair & Washroom Facilities available. Hall: 768-9368



ALL PARISHES & PUBLIC MASSES IN OUR CHURCH ARE CANCELLED AS THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

For further updates please visit the Diocese of Thunder Bay Website: www.dotb.ca

The Church celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us a share in his suffering, death and Resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. The liturgy also enables us to experience vicariously, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, we commemorate and relive during this week our own dying to sin and selfishness and rising in Jesus, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. No wonder Greek Orthodox Christians greet each other with the words, "Kali Anastasi" (Good Resurrection), not on Easter Sunday but on Good Friday. They anticipate the Resurrection. Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, to heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others and to transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. Thus, we shall be able to live more fully the Divine life we received at Baptism. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. This is also the week when we should lighten the burden of Christ's passion as daily experienced by the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the lonely and the outcast through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Palm/Passion Sunday liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering: the welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem and the drama of his unjust trial and suffering, culminating in his crucifixion and death. (taken from Vatican News vaticannews.va)

C.W.L. Executive Meeting & General Meeting for April are **CANCELLED**.

SENIORS GROUP: CANCELLED until further notice.

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE: CANCELLED until further notice. For more info email alanavalente87@gmail.com

What are the characteristics of faith? Faith is the supernatural virtue which is necessary for salvation. It is a free gift of God and is accessible to all who humbly seek it. The act of faith is a human act, that is, an act of the intellect of a person—prompted by the will moved by God—who freely assents to divine truth. Faith is also certain because it is founded on the Word of God; it works "through charity" (Galatians 5:6); and it continually grows through listening to the Word of God and through prayer. It is, even now, a foretaste of the joys of heaven.

MASS ON TV: in an effort to continue the practice of our faith in these trying times here are a few suggestions: www.dailytvmass.com, www.catholicstv.org, www.mass-online.org & for TV-Vision: TV (Bell Channel 261), Shaw Direct Channel 394, Tbaytel Channel 675, EWTN (Shaw Channels 292, 559, 285) Faith TV (Bell Channel 591), Joy-V (Bell Channel 656), YesTV (Bell Channel 651).



Please continue to pray for all those affected by the coronavirus.

CONFIRMATION DATE: Saturday, May 2, 2020

2:00pm-Bishop E. Q. Jennings School

5:00pm-Bishop Gallagher School & other schools

2nd MEETING: Wed., April 22 at 7:30pm in the church hall, for Parents, Sponsors & Candidates.

CANDIDATES RETREAT: Apr. 25, 2:00pm—6:00pm.

FIRST COMMUNION: Sunday, June 14, 2020

Group A- 11:00am: Holy Cross School

Group B- 2:00pm: All other schools.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: CANCELLED

HOLY NAME FISH & WILD GAME FEAST: has been **POSTPONED** due to the unprecedented impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. An alternative date will be discussed with the committee to hopefully reschedule the Wild Game Feast. All individuals that purchased a ticket will be reimbursed. For further information call Barry Quarrell 767-7795 or email quarrellb@shaw.ca

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Thank you to all Parishioners & visiting friends f
or your continued generosity & support. God Bless!

*Many people feel powerless
in the face of this pandemic.
We see in a devastating way
how widely a virus spreads
person to person.*

*We have confidence that
God allows the good that we do,
our prayer and our actions,
to make a positive impact on
brothers and sisters.*

*As Pope Francis encourages us,
"Let us call upon him today, firmly rooted in prayer, for
without prayer all our activity risks being fruitless and
our message empty." (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 259)*



COMMUNITY EVENTS:

LADIES of ITAL. SOC. of P.A. Spring Cancer Tea: scheduled for April 19 **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.** Call Michele Love 344-6893 for more information.

LADIES OF ITAL. SOC. OF P.A. General Meeting for April 13 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

ALL DIOCESAN EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

**ALTHOUGH CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED,
FR. LUIGI WILL SAY MASS (IN PRIVATE) AND
MENTION & PRAY FOR ALL INTENTIONS**

MASS INTENTIONS April 6—12, 2020

Monday, April 6

All Parishioners
Guerino D'Angelo
Mike Ferrari
In honour of St. Francesco of Paola & St. Pio
Saveria Rizzo

9:00am English
Pastor
F. & G. Biancospino
Wife & Children
E. Romito
V. Rizzo & Family

Tuesday, April 7

Fr. Umberto Rizzi
Peter Chiodo
Michele Bernardo

7:00pm Italian
C.W.L.
Family
R. Mauro

Wednesday, April 8

Jose Cabral
Carlos & Norberto Medeiros
Faustina Biscardi
Giulia Daniele
Antonio, Emma & Lina Arabia
Lucia Bucciarelli

7:00pm English
M. Cabral & Family
M. Cabral
A. & C. Ferguson
E. Sanzo
A. Arella
G. DiBiagio

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

*Liturgy of the Passion
of the Lord*

HOLY SATURDAY, April 11

**SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF
EASTER VIGIL**



EASTER MASS

Sunday, April 12

*Intentions are offered
for all parishioners.*

During this time we ask everyone to pray at home the rosary, the Stations of the Cross, the readings of the day, reading the scriptures. We are together in prayer 'in spirit' as a diocesan family. May the Lord guide us through this uncertain period, to a time of healing and grace. There are many ways to practice Spiritual Communion, yet the most common prayer was written by Saint Alphonsus Liguori:

"My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."

† Let us pray for Senhorinha Pacheco & Ermelinda Fata who recently passed away.

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