

**First Reading:** *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 95:1-2,6-9*

Song of praise to God, our salvation.

**Second Reading:** *Romans 13:8-10*

The Law is summarized in the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 18:15-20*

Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds

with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

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## Parish News

**Pontifical Collection: Donations can be placed in the specially marked basket set out at the Masses on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.**

The Pontifical collection for the Custody of the Holy Land will be collected on Sunday September 13, 2020 for the benefit of the Church and the Christians of the Holy Land. The Pontifical Collection in support of the Holy Land, usually collected on Good Friday, was cancelled when churches were closed due to the pandemic. **Pope Francis has requested that it be taken up on Sunday the 13th of September – a date close to that of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.**

This feast celebrates Christ's saving work and also reminds us of faithful Christian pilgrims, like St. Helen when she found the relics of the Holy Cross in the 4th century, who have committed themselves to preserving the holy sites as places of worship that sustain our Christian culture and history of salvation. The annual Holy Land Collection not only helps to maintain churches and shrines located at holy sites, but, above all, helps to support the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church undertakes in caring for the local population. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites you to be in solidarity with the Church and the Christians in the Holy Land. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, and entrusted with this care, I sincerely thank you in advance for your support. *Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM Commissary of Holy Land*



## Update on the Sacraments:

For the students who began preparing for First Eucharist and Confirmation this past winter, we have wonderful news: Our First Eucharist Celebration will be held on Saturday, October 3 at 3:00 in the afternoon; the Celebration of Confirmation with Father Lukas will also take place in October with the date yet to be determined. We thank the students and parents for their patience and resilience as we all navigated through the uncertainty and changing circumstances. At this time, these celebrations will only be attended by the students and their families but we ask that you keep them in your prayers.

## Faith Formation

*For those unable to attend, consider watching Mass on television on the following networks:*

**Salt + Light TV** (Daily at 4:30 & 9:00 am, 1 & 8:30 pm)

**EWTN** (Daily at 6 & 10 am, 5 & 10 pm)

**Vision TV** (Daily at 6 & 10 am)

**TELUS Optik TV Channel 876 is now providing livestream from our Diocese:**

*To access the livestream, go to Channel 876 after you turn on TELUS Optik TV, and select the [Diocese of Calgary](#) tile with the left/right arrows on the remote control. Click the OK button one more time to expand to full screen video.*

### Mass and Intention Schedule

Tuesday, September 8	6:30 pm	+ Richard Rosgen
Wednesday, September 9	9:00 am	+ Karolina Pavich
Thursday, September 10	9:00 am	(Spec) Josh Groenveld
Friday, September 11	9:00 am	+ Fr. Jim Hagel
Saturday, September 12	7:00 pm	+ Henry Grenier
Sunday, September 13	8:00 am 10:30 am	(Spec) St. Anthony's Parishioners (Spec) Dave Dart

**Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 9 am – 11 am**

### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 5:30 – 6:30 pm Saturday evenings and by appointment. To schedule an appointment, please call the Parish Office or email Fr. Lukas at [fr.lukas.d@gmail.com](mailto:fr.lukas.d@gmail.com).

**Baptism:** Please contact the Parish Office at (403)823-2683 to arrange an appointment.

**Marriage:** Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to your desired date.

### Scripture Readings

**Monday, September 7:** 1 Corinthians 5.1-8 | Psalm 5 | Luke 6.6-11

**Tuesday, September 8:** *Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Romans 8.28-30 | Psalm 13 | Matthew 1.1-16, 18-23

**Wednesday, September 9:** 1 Corinthians 7.1, 17, 25-31 | Psalm 45 | Luke 6.20-26

**Thursday, September 10:** 1 Corinthians 8.1b-7, 11-13 | Psalm 139 | Luke 6.27-38

**Friday, September 11:** 1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22b-27 | Psalm 84 | Luke 6.39-42

**Saturday, September 12:** 1 Corinthians 10.14-22a | Psalm 116 | Luke 6.43-49

**Sunday, September 13:** Sirach 27.30-28.7 | Psalm 103 | Romans 14.7-9 | Matthew 18.21-35



# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH

*St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church is an inviting family community united in Christ.*

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## Parish Mission

**Family:** To encourage participation of children and families in the Church Community by offering family focused events.

**Faith Building:** To promote and host Church education, Bible Studies, and Parish Missions.

**Liturgy:** To formalize our Liturgy and elicit committed parishioners to participate in all aspects of the Liturgy.

**Environment:** To promote clean and well-maintained premises and decorate to highlight the Liturgical Seasons.

**Social:** To have a Social Committee to plan and hold Parish activities.

**23rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
September 6, 2020**

Today's Gospel touches on one of the seven spiritual works of mercy: admonishing sinners. For some this has a negative connotation, as it brings to mind the judgmental hypocrisy of which Christians have all too often been guilty. Few things sour people's view of the Church more than this. Therefore, let us take the time to understand Jesus' words today. On one hand, Our Lord is very

clear that we must not judge others. Yet today he provides guidelines on how to correct one another. How can we correct our brothers and sisters without being judgmental? There is a tremendous difference between Christian correction and rash judgment. Being judgmental seeks and takes pleasure in the faults of others. Although Christians can and do slip into this, it is a very unchristian thing. The Christian admonishment of sinners comes from a place of love. Love motivates us to desire the sanctification of others. Therefore, when people behave inappropriately or sinfully, charity may call on us to address it with them in a compassionate way. The goal is not to put them down, but to help them grow. May the Holy Spirit rid our hearts of all forms of judgement. When necessary, may God also give us the compassion and fortitude to mercifully admonish sinners. Connor Brownrigg, Ottawa, ON

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