

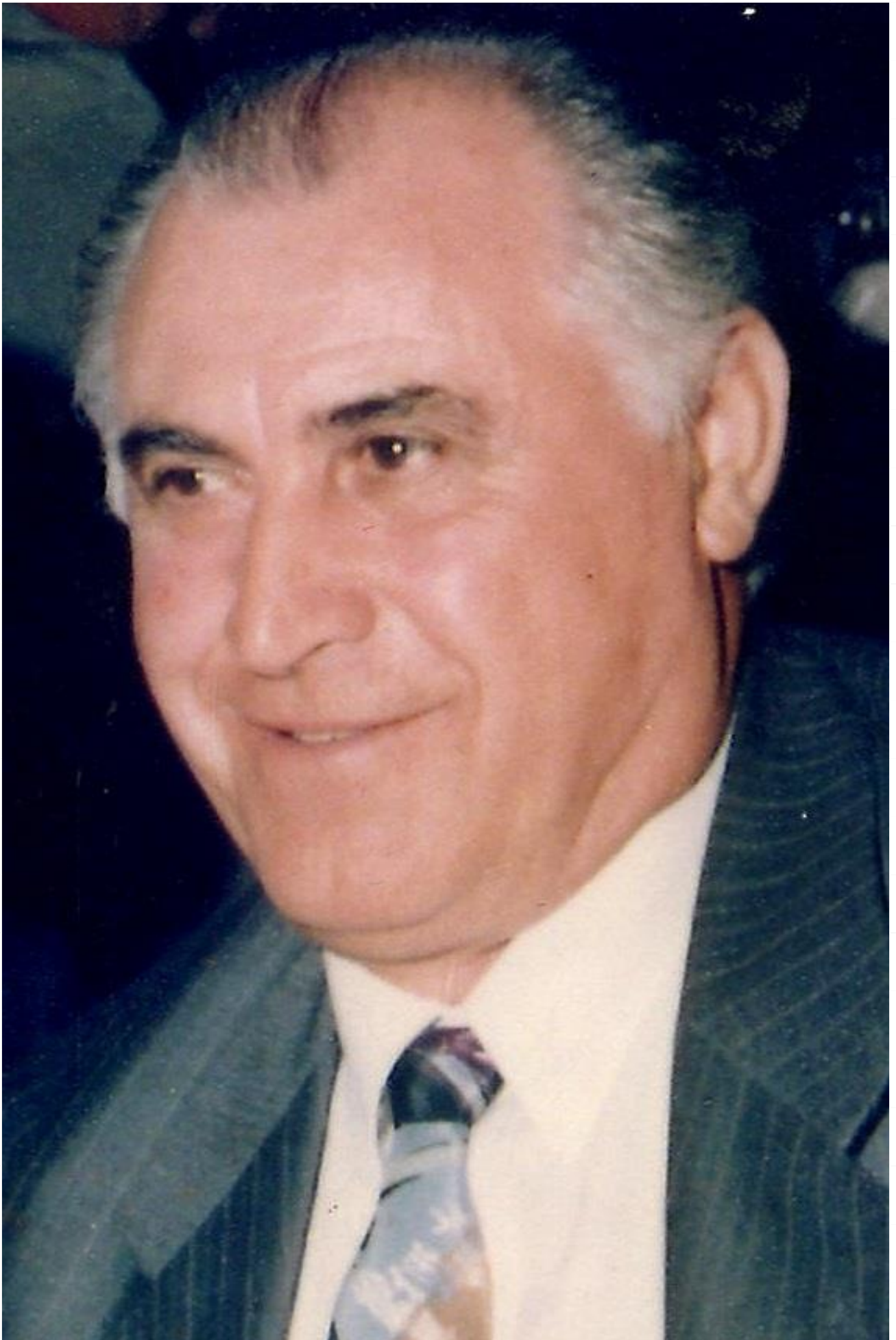
REQUIEM MASS
IN MEMORY OF

Antonio Vitucci

22 June 1931 - 5 November 2023



Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Griffith
9 November 2023 at 10:00 AM



Antonio Vitucci

Beloved husband of

Lucia Vitucci

Loved father and father-in-law of

John & Lorraine Vitucci

Peter & Julie Vitucci

Raymond & Lillian Vitucci

Loved Nonno of

Anthony, Sophie, Amanda, Madeleine, Joshua and Emily

Loved Biznonno of

Vincent, Xavier and Alessio

Loved brother and brother-in-law of

Panfilo & Maria Vitucci

Mario & Rosanna Vitucci

Carmela & the Late Armando Marinucci

Pall Bearers

John Vitucci

Nick Nardi

Peter Vitucci

Jackson Christie

Raymond Vitucci

Sebastian Panazzolo

Anthony Vitucci

Vito Mancini

Priest

Fr Grace

Organist

Belinda Aventi

Vocalist

Nilva Close

ENTRANCE HYMN *Amazing Grace / Amici Miei* **PLEASE STAND**

PRIEST: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

PRIEST: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: In the waters of baptism,
Antonio died with Christ and rose with him to new life.
May he now share with him eternal glory.

OPENING PRAYER

PRIEST: O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Antonio, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD *Read by Sophie Nardi* **PLEASE SIT**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES 3: 1 – 8

He accepted them as a holocaust

For everything there is a reason, and a time for every matter under heaven; a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away; a time for war and a time for peace. God has made everything suitable for its time.

The word of the Lord

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Ps. 23**
The Lord is my shepherd **SUNG**

SECOND READING *Read by Amanda Vitucci*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE APOCALYPSE 21: 1-7

There will be no more death.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband.

Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone'.

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new,' he said. I will give water from the well of life free to anybody who is thirsty; it is the rightful inheritance of the one who proves victorious; and I will be his God and he a son to me.'

The word of the Lord.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

PLEASE STAND

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord:

He who believes in me will not die for ever.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

There are many rooms in my Father's house.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;

if there were not, I should have told you,

I am going now to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place

I shall return to take you with me:

so that where I am, you may be too.

Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me."
The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU LORD, LORD JESUS CHRIST!

HOMILY

PLEASE SIT

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL *Read by Emily Vitucci*

PLEASE STAND

PRIEST: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.

READER: For Antonio who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life; that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: For Antonio who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he may be raised up on the last day. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: For the family and friends of Antonio, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: *Ave Maria*

PLEASE SIT

Offertory Procession:

PRIEST: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

ALL: Blessed be God for ever.

PRIEST: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

ALL: Blessed be God for ever.

Invitation to Prayer

PRIEST: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

ALL: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayers over the Gifts

PLEASE STAND

PRIEST: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Antonio, we beseech your mercy that he, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in him a merciful Judge. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

PLEASE STAND

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right and just.

PRIEST: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.
In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned,
that those saddened by the certainty of dying
might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come.
Indeed for your faithful, Lord,
life is changed, not ended,
and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.
And so, with Angels and Archangels,
With Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:

Sanctus

**PRIEST & ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharist Prayer II

PLEASE KNEEL

PRIEST: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy,
therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon
them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body
and ✠ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the time he was
betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread

and, giving thanks, broke it,

and gave it to his disciples, saying: TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith:

ALL: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

PRIEST: Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit. Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and Mark our Bishop and all the clergy. Remember your servant Antonio, whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that he who was united with your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Resurrection. Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with Blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and with all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

PLEASE STAND

PRIEST: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

PRIEST & ALL:

**Our Father who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

PRIEST: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days, that,
by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we wait the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**ALL: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Sign of Peace

The priest says the prayer for peace:

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen

PRIEST: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The people exchange a sign of peace

**PRIEST & ALL: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace.**

COMMUNION

PLEASE KNEEL

PRIEST: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**PRIEST & ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my
roof, but only say word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Hymn: *I am the Bread of Life
Panis Angelicus*

Prayer After Communion

PLEASE STAND

PRIEST: Let us pray.
Lord God, whose Son left us
in the sacrament of his Body,
food for the journey,
mercifully grant that, strengthened by it,
our brother Antonio may come
to the eternal table of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

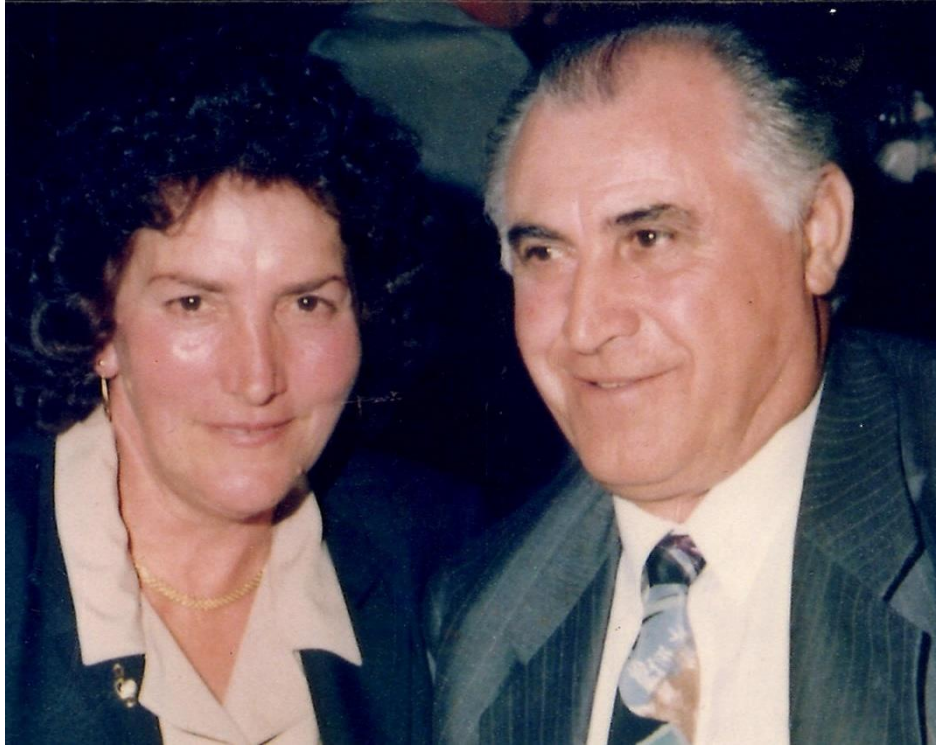
Words of Remembrance: *Dino Zappacosta*

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

ALL: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Andro a Vederla Un Di



The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against
us;*

*and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.*

Amen

Padre nostro, che sei nei cieli,
sia santificato il tuo nome,
venga il tuo regno,
sia fatta la tua volontà,
come in cielo così in terra.
Dacci oggi il nostro pane
quotidiano,
e rimetti a noi i nostri debiti
come noi li rimettiamo ai nostri
debitori,
e non ci indurre in tentazione,
ma liberaci dal male.

Amen

*The Vitucci family would like to express their deep gratitude for your
prayers and attendance here today.*

*They would like to invite you to join them for some
refreshments afterwards at Romeo & Giulietta's Restaurant.*



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