



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
 We, the Catholic community of St. Anthony of Padua,
 relying on the wisdom and the grace of God, unite
 ourselves to the call for renewal and transformation of
 our spiritual, social and economic life

31st Sunday in ordinary Time – 05 November 2017



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SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Sunday 09:00 am, 11:00 am

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

and Saturday 09:00 am Tuesday, 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Monday,

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8 to 8:40 am,

Tuesday 6:30 pm to 6:55 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday at 09:30 am (Benediction at 10:30 am)

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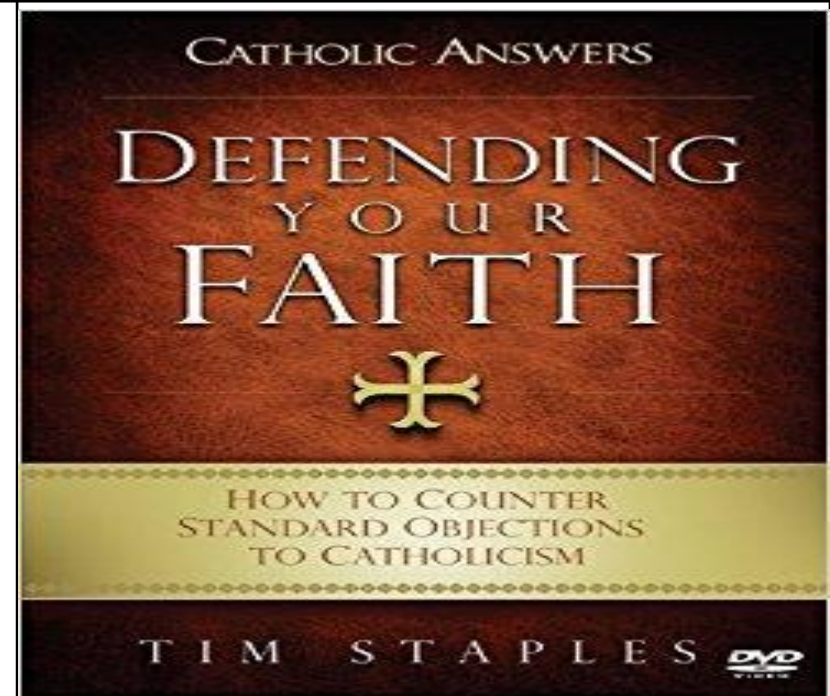
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Parish Website: <http://stanthonyagassiz.ca>



Knowing & Defending Your Faith

Janelle Ryan and Adriana Striker will be presenting to the parishioners, on Wednesday, November 15 at 7pm, the first of a 2 DVD course. The first DVD, is titled "Jimmy Swaggart made me Catholic", and in it Tim Staples will share with us how he became Catholic. **We encourage everyone to come. You will be amazed at the information and help you will receive from these two sessions. It will be a first step to empower you towards defending your faith. Please bring your Bibles. Refreshments served. (Also, please sign up so we can know the numbers coming for the setup.)**

Preparing for our Refugee Family

We are happy to inform you that our parish and 3 other parishes from the Agassiz-Harrison area are preparing to welcome and support a family from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (The three other parishes include the Agassiz Christian Reformed Church, the All Saints Anglican Church, and the Harrison Gospel Chapel.) Let us prepare to welcome Katherine Ngoy and her 4 children (ages 8 to 18) who will be arriving in Agassiz within about a month or so. Our Agassiz climate will be a strong contrast for them, compared to their country.

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Reflection: “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” - Matthew 23:12. Jesus gave his life to serve, not to be served. Putting others' needs before our own needs is a sign of becoming a mature disciple, of following Jesus' example. Humility is really a sign of a strength. By putting others' needs first we declare to the world that we are putting our complete trust in God. When we align our thoughts and actions with God's plan for us, the result is Joy and Peace.

The Importance of a Will (Estate Planning Presentation)

Why is wording in your will important? What can go wrong when your wishes are not properly documented? Join this free presentation on November 14 by lawyers Jacy Wingson QC, McQuarrie Hunter LLP, and Tim Lack, Lunny Atmore LLC. Jacy and Tim will present the importance of having a properly worded will. There will be a short Q&A session after as well as light refreshments, tea and coffee served. Register at rcav.org/epg.

Reverently Laying to Rest Service

A service for families who have had cremated remains at home for more than one year. This is a no-cost service to intern remains in a communal crypt. We will have a small service in the chapel and a committal service in the mausoleum. Please contact Terry Whiteley at 604-531-2141. Final arrangements must be completed no later than Friday, Nov. 17. Space is limited. rcav.org/events/74

New VANSPEC Site Centre at Our Lady of Mercy Parish

The VANSPEC program is now available at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Burnaby. Our program offers a one-on-one catechism classes for students with special needs who learn best through tailored individual lessons. We are now accepting students, however space is limited. With the new site centre, we are also looking for teachers and teaching assistants. Call us, this may lead to a special spiritual journey for you. Please contact Vanspec Site Coordinator for Our Lady of Mercy parish: Sr. Glenys Symons at 604-838-1206 or Mary Teresa at 604-434-7775

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, CLERGY AND CONSECRATED MEN AND WOMEN:

The annual Mass for deceased bishops, clergy and consecrated men and women will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Thursday, November 9 at 12:00 noon. All parishioners are most welcome to attend this special Liturgy concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese. Remember kindly in your prayers during the month of November those who have laboured for the Church in Vancouver and pray that the Lord will send more dedicated men and women to continue their ministry.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is accepting applications for volunteer opportunities in the following areas: Administrative Support, Program Support, and Events Support. For more info, see rcav.org/employment/

Up-Coming Events

Adoration: First Friday of every month at 9.30am
Divine Mercy Novena: Every Friday 9.30 am

Holy Communion for the shut in - may be given at home upon request. Please contact the parish office.

We remember in prayer all those who are sick, including: Peggy Turner, Florence Sinclair, Cheryl Yaretz, Fr. Gerry Guillet, Paul Mckenzie, Ernie Solomon, Louis Hunter, Richard Pennier-Hall, Fred Postnikoff, Carol Beebe, Mike Harrison, Nick Rusnak, Terry Huculak, Quirinus Corneilius, Stella Hildebrandt, Maurice Fernandez.

We remember in prayer: those who have died: Gerry Chappell, Gottfried Wolfe, Klaudia Renner, Gerald Oosterlaar, Fr. DD MacDonald, Hazel Loreen Phillips.

New in the Parish? Have you registered yet? If you are new or have not registered yet, please fill out a Parish Registration Form available in the gathering area. Drop off at the office or in the collection basket at Mass.

Agassiz Christian School has an opening for a 50% FTE Educational Assistant: Learning Assistance Program, effective immediately. EA certification and/or relevant courses or workshops are preferred, but not necessary. If you enjoy working with children and have a desire to learn, we would like to hear from you! Please forward resume, cover letter, statement of faith and references to: Mark Huberts, Principal, Agassiz Christian School, mhuberts@agassizchristianschool.com

Next Courage Meeting Nov. 12

The next group meeting for Courage members will be Nov. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. We do not provide location details in order to ensure a safe environment for Courage members. Please contact Deacon Hilmar at courage@rcav.org for more details or contact rcav.org/event/courage-group-meeting-2.

Teaching Positions

Various teaching positions available on the CISVA employment page. Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese is seeking individuals interested in working in the CISVA as Educational Assistants and as Teachers. Please visit our website at www.cisva.bc.ca for further information on how to apply and to view available teaching positions.

On Saturday, November 18, Westminster Abbey and the Seminary of Christ the King

will host Cristina Barba and the Culture Project team for two free talks. These recent college grads bring a youthful and vibrant message: life is beautiful and fully human when it integrates chastity and virtuous choices! The talks at the Abbey are entitled “Culture & Virtue: Challenging the Status Quo” (10:15 – 11:40 a.m.) and “The Culture Project: On How to Be Human (& Saints)” (1:30 to 3:15 p.m). For more information see “Latest News” on www.sck.ca or call 604-826-8975.

Reflection:

The readings today are a good place to begin to reflect about the problems in the structures of our Catholic Church—and these same problems exist in the structures of all Churches. The first reading, from the Prophet Malachi, speaks about priests who have misled the people. The Gospel speaks about the Pharisees and the Scribes who have taught the people in one way but live in another themselves; those who have made belief in God only a burden to be born by those who are followers but not lived by those in the authority structure.

Yet, as always, we must come to the Holy Scriptures and listen to them so that our lives are changed. When we use the Holy Scriptures to judge others, we are misusing them at some level. We must listen to the readings of today to challenge our own Christian lives.

Does this mean that we cannot criticize the leadership of our Church? Of course not! But always such criticism must be done as followers of Christ. If we ourselves are not living as Christians, then we turn our own Church simply into an institution like any other institution.

Today's Holy Scriptures, at least the first reading and the Gospel, are about living what we preach. None of us is perfect in this respect. On the other hand, the Holy Scriptures recognize that we are all sinners. What is really criticized is hypocrisy: the deliberately misleading stance by which we imply to others that we live one way while we really live another way.

Thus, what is happening in the Catholic Church right now, when ordained priests preach a strong doctrine of disciplined sexual behavior and yet do not live that discipline themselves surely comes to mind. We humans and Christians need to look at such situations and ask ourselves how Christ would relate to such a situation.

Always, from the Gospel, we can be confident that Christ does not excuse the sinful action, but will speak out against it. Yet Christ always invites the sinner to repentance and to know God's forgiveness. Jesus always shows us that grace and repentance can change lives entirely. This is not easy for us to believe or to accept.

So often, we Christians live only as ordinary human beings, not believing in forgiveness and repentance and the possibility of change. To believe in this way should not imply stupidity! It does not mean that we place a sinner priest back into a situation where he is likely to sin again. On the other hand, destroying sinners seems not to conform to the Gospel either.

Probably right here we can ask ourselves: how do I treat those who have sinned against me? Am I able to forgive and not seek to destroy them in some way? The example of sinner priests is simply put here to help me understand that perhaps I am not so good at forgiving and believing in the transforming power of God's grace and love. The Gospel invites me to be transformed and to live in a new way and the Eucharist that we celebrate today invites me to live as Christ lived and to have the same love with which he lived.

Let us ask God that our lives may be transformed! Let us ask that our faith may not be an oppression to others! Let us ask that the divine life would be in us today so that we may love and Jesus loves us. “We cannot achieve either holiness or happiness by pretending to be what we are not”.



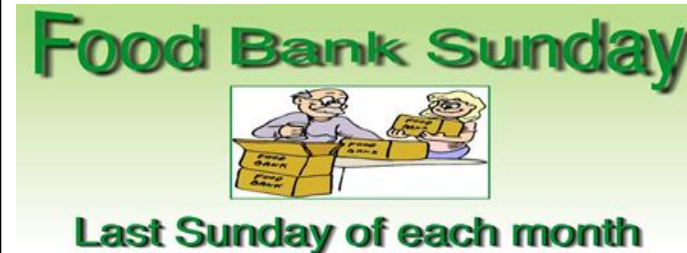
CWL Membership dues of \$30.00 are to be collected now and you can contact Wilma Struys at 604.796.8901. They will also be collected at the next CWL meeting on Friday November 10, 1:30pm

Bulletin advertisements: We are thankful to the businesses that have so generously placed advertisements on the backside of our bulletin. If you are interested in placing an advertisement, there are still a few openings. Please contact Fr. Steny if you would like to do this at stenylocd@shaw.ca

The 2018 Sunday Missals have arrived. If you wish to purchase one for your personal use, they are available for sale in the Gathering Area for \$4 per book. Contact office or st.anthonys@shaw.ca

Project Advance 2017

Our appreciation goes out to all parishioners who have made a gift to Project Advance. To date, we have received 41 gifts totaling \$30,228.69 from our parishioners. Remember that funds received over our Archdiocesan goal will be returned to us and used for the payment of debt and paving of the parking lot. Please continue to respond in prayer and generosity. Our sharing reflects our caring.



Mass Intentions

Sunday	9 am 11 am	Gary Skalicky+ Daniel Thomas
Monday	9 am	Alice & Joseph Bembridge+
Tuesday	7 pm	J. Murphy Family+
Wednesday	9 am	Peretto Family+
Thursday	9 am	Valerie & Juzas Dubawskas+
Friday	9 am	Duddy Family+
Saturday	9 am	Ron Pazuik+

29 October 2017

Envelopes	\$1,485.00
Loose	\$109.95
Total	\$1,594.95