



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

32nd Sunday in ordinary Time – 12 November 2017



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 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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Reflection: "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13. Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay; how is God calling you to use your gifts today?

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.

Advent, Christmas and New year Celebrations

Mark your calendars

Advent begins: December 3rd first Sunday of Advent.

Advent Confessions: December 19th at 6pm to 7pm.

Christmas Eve Mass: December 24th at 5pm (Sunday)

Christmas day: December 25th at 10.30am

Last day of the Year: Dec. 31st **Adoration** at 10am to 11am

New Year 2018: 1st January 2018 Mass at 10.30am

Christmas Potluck Dinner: December 17th at 4.30pm

Clergy study days

All the Priests working in the Archdiocese of Vancouver will be gathering together with the Archbishop for the on going formation study days for a week. Therefore **there will not be Mass in the at the Parish from 14th to 17th November 2017.** Please pray for all the priests.



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Up-Coming Events

Adoration: First Friday of every month at 9.30am
Divine Mercy Novena: Every Friday 9.30 am
 “Knowing and defending your faith” on 15 Nov. @ 7pm
 Advent Confessions on Dec. 19th @6pm
 Christmas potluck dinner December 17 @4.30pm

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.

We remember in prayer: those who have died: Maurice Fernandez

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.

Gold Mass for Scientists
 Are you a researcher, scientist, or interested in science? A Gold Mass for scientists will be celebrated at St. Mark’s Parish at UBC on Friday, Nov. 17 at 5:30 pm with Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, as main celebrant. Light refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome to attend. rcav.org/event/gold-mass-for-scientists/

Morning of Recollection at Madonna House
 “Go, without fears into the depth of men’s hearts ... I shall be with you.” Come join us for a talk and time of silent reflection followed by fellowship and sharing on Nov. 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. John the Apostle Parish. For more information, visit rcav.org/event/recollection-madonna-house.

Free Public Lecture with Vatican Observatory Director: "Why Do We Look Up at the Heavens?"
 St. Mark's College at UBC proudly presents "Why Do We look Up at the Heavens?", a free public lecture on Nov. 22, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with the Director of the Vatican Observatory, Dr. Guy J. Consolmagno, PhD, SJ. Brother Guy is an American research astronomer and Jesuit religious brother. Everyone is welcome to attend this exciting event! Click here for a downloadable poster.

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/

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 accompanied by the people’s gesture of also extending their hands towards the priest, as if tossing something back to him. This further trivializes the liturgy. More importantly, however, St. John Chrysostom wanted us to realize that this is not really a greeting at all, but a prayer of blessing (“The Lord be with you”) that is being answered by a profession of faith (“And with your spirit”). So, when we say, “And with your spirit”, we are reminding ourselves that the Mass is not about the priest at all, for it is not his Mass. It is Christ’s Mass: “The liturgy, then, is rightly seen as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ” (Vatican II, SC #7). The liturgy, especially the Eucharist, is first and foremost an action of the one High Priest, Jesus Christ. So, while the priest is not just a member of the congregation, he is not also called “presider.” This term does not even appear in the General Instructions of the Roman Missal. Instead, the term used is “Priest Celebrant”, to highlight the fact that in his role of offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, he does so “in persona Christi” – in the Person of Christ. He is able to do this, not by his own power and resources, but through the special grace of the Holy Spirit conferred on him by the sacrament of Holy Orders in such a way that he is configured to Christ. It is Christ who personally ministers through the priest. In other words, the true priest and celebrant of every Holy Mass is Christ himself. Hence, in recognition of this truth, we express our faith by saying, “And with your spirit.” In other words, the congregation says, “We acknowledge the Spirit, presence and grace of Christ in your spirit, Father.” This, then, leads us to the lesson of the Gospel. Jesus told us not to call anyone “Teacher” or “Father”, not because he does not want us to use titles of respect. Rather, he warns us against the pride and arrogance of the Jewish leaders of his time who were using their positions of authority to dominate and oppress the people. That is why our response, “And with your spirit” is a constant reminder for a priest that he must always have the spirit of humble service. As Jesus said, “The greatest among you must be your servant.” The priest, therefore, ought to be called “Father”, not because his position of superiority, but because he is a living reminder of Christ, “who has come not to be served, but to serve.” Let us continually pray for our priests so that the spirit of profound humility and genuine service may truly be lived by them, for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

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: “Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. The fourth commandment says: “Honor your father and your mother.” But in the Gospel of Sunday, Jesus said, “Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. (Mt 23:9-10). What does he mean by this? Does he want us to do away with titles of respect? Are we going to address our parents by their first name? No. In fact, Jesus himself used titles of respect. For example, he referred to “father Abraham.” Saint Paul directly told the Corinthians, “I am your father.” And he referred to Timothy as his “son.” From this we can surmise that Timothy must have also called Paul his “father”. In this exhortation, Jesus is simply reminding us that we have only one Master, one Teacher, and one Father – God himself. As the prophet Malachi asked: “Have we not all one father? Has not one God created us?”. Hence, whatever authority we have, whether as teacher, as leader, or as father, all these come from God. We only participate in His authority. Hence, the reminder to use the authority we have in accordance with the mind and plan of God. This means that we have to use it, not to dominate and oppress people, but to serve them: “The greatest among you must be your servant.” (Mt 23:11). We participate in God’s authority, precisely in order to serve others. This is clearly shown in the role of the priest, especially every time he offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The greeting in the Mass directly points to that. In Latin, it is: “Dominus vobiscum.” And the response is: “Et cum spiritu tuo.” In English, it is: “The Lord be with you.” The response was: “And also with you.” In the new English translation, the response was changed to: “And with your spirit.” The response was changed, not only to make the translation from Latin more accurate, but also to capture the right theological meaning of this greeting. What, then, is the meaning of “And with your spirit”? In the first place, we must remember that this expression is taken from the Book of Ruth 2:4 and 2 Timothy 2:22. The early Christians, according to St. Justin Martyr (100-165), spoke these answers from the very beginning. St. John Chrysostom, in his Pentecost Homily, given towards the end of the fourth century, taught about this. He said: “If the Holy Spirit were not in our Bishop [referring to Bishop Flavian of Antioch] when he gave the peace to all shortly before ascending to his holy sanctuary, you would not have replied to him all together, ‘And with your spirit’. This is why you reply with this expression not only when he ascends to the sanctuary, nor when he preaches to you, nor when he prays for you, but when he stands at this holy altar, when he is about to offer this awesome sacrifice. You don’t first partake of the offerings until he has prayed for you the grace from the Lord, and you have answered him, ‘And with your spirit’, reminding yourselves by this reply that he who is here does nothing of his own power, nor are the offered gifts the work of human nature, but is it the grace of the Spirit present and hovering over all things which prepared that mystic sacrifice”. In this teaching, therefore, St. John Chrysostom clearly points out that this greeting in the Mass is not something superficial and ordinary. The response “And also with you” may sound like we are just exchanging pleasantries with the priest, almost equivalent to saying, “Same to you, Father!” Nowadays, this is ordinarily

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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 steny1ocd@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.



The CWL will hand out Christmas Food Bank Bags on Sunday November 19th, you are requested to return them by Sunday, Dec.3rd.

Mass Intentions

Sunday	9 am 11 am	Walter Skalicky+ Jean Striker+
Monday	9 am	Turenne Family+
Tuesday	7 pm	No Mass
Wednesday	9 am	No Mass
Thursday	9 am	No Mass
Friday	9 am	No Mass
Saturday	9 am	Guliker Family+

05 November 2017

Envelopes	\$1,512.30
Loose	\$113.05
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