



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

34th Sunday in ordinary Time – 26 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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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me" - Mt 25:40. Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us, or when we have the time or the money. But generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness, or mercy when it's not convenient – when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

Advent, Christmas and New year Celebrations

Mark your calendars

Advent begins: December 3rd first Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Potluck Dinner: December 17th at 4.30pm

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

Faith Formtion: Knowing & Defending Your Faith

Janelle Ryan and Adriana Striker will be presenting to the parishioners, on Thursday, November 30 at 7pm, the 2nd of a 2 DVD course. **We encourage everyone to come. You will be amazed at the information and help you will receive from these sessions. It is our efforts to empower you towards defending our Faith. Please bring your Bibles. Refreshments served. (Also, please sign up so we can know the numbers coming, for the setup.)**

A Special thanks to Ginny Lejeune, Adriana Striker and Janelle Ryan for organizing this. May God bless you and your Family for the work that you do for the Church, in particular to our Parish. Your help in helping us to grow in our faith is highly appreciated.

Youth Ministry Sunday is Dec. 3

This archdiocesan collection assist the Ministries and Outreach Office in providing formation, training, and support for youth ministry. Youth ministry in our archdiocese continues to grow as evidenced by the number of parishes with youth ministry programming and the number of participants at diocesan events and training opportunities. Parishes with active youth ministry programming will receive a rebate from this collection. Please be generous in supporting the youth of our parish and archdiocese. For more resources, visit rcav.org/ym-sunday.



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Up-Coming Events

Adoration: First Friday of every month at 9.30am
Divine Mercy Novena: Every Friday 9.30 am
 Advent Confessions on Dec. 19th @6pm
 Christmas potluck dinner December 17 @4.30pm
 Defending Your Faith: Nov. 30th at 7pm

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., Carol Beebe, Mike Harrison, Nick Rusnak, Terry Huculak, Quirinus Corneilius, Stella Hildebrandt, Ven Ferguson

We remember in prayer: those who have died: Maurice Fernandez, Fred Postnikoff

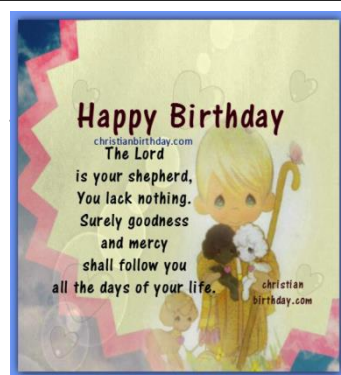
Teaching Positions: Various teaching positions available on the CISVA employment page. Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese is seeking individuals interested in working in the CISVA as Educational Assistants and as Teachers. Please visit our website at www.cisva.bc.ca for further information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

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

Catholic Street Missionaries One-Day Training and Outreach: Spend an afternoon with us on Sunday, Nov. 19, from 1:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. to experience how we reach out to our less privileged brothers and sisters on the streets of Vancouver. Our afternoon will include Bible meditation, training, homeless outreach, sharing, and pizza. (All participants need to be present at 1:30 p.m. to attend the training and Bible meditation before going to outreach with us.) Call Mildred 778-885-9611 or Email info@catholicstreetmissionaries.org

Development & Peace Fall Workshop:

Celebrate women's peace initiatives around the world and learn what we can do to advocate in our communities to support their frequently marginalized efforts at our Fall Workshop on Friday, Nov. 22 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. rcav.org/e



**102nd Happy Birthday
 Florence Sinclair
 November 23rd 2017
 &
 Happy Birthday
 Beccie Bokenfohr
 November 29th 2017
 May God Bless both of you**

(Continued from last week Bulletin)

3. Why is Confession necessary?

We need the sacrament of Penance because each of us, from time to time, sins. When we recognize that we have offended God who is all deserving of our love, we sense the need to make things right. Like the prodigal son in the Gospel, we long to know again the loving embrace of a forgiving father who patiently waits for each of us. Jesus himself has established this sure and certain way for us to access God's mercy and to know that our sins are forgiven. By virtue of his divine authority, Jesus gives this power of absolution to the apostolic ministry. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "in imparting to his apostles his own power to forgive sins the Lord also gives them the authority to reconcile sinners with the Church" (1444). We need to know that our sins are forgiven. There is something in our human nature that calls out for the assurance that our sins are actually forgiven. Confession is the visible manifestation of God's mercy that provides us, in human terms as well, the clear awareness that God has forgiven us.

4. What is the source of the forgiveness of our sins?

Jesus invites us to reconciliation with God. It is Christ, the Good Shepherd, who offers us forgiveness and the power to turn away from sin. Writing to the Corinthians, Saint Paul reminds us that just as sin came into the world through Adam and Eve, so too grace and new creation come to us through Jesus Christ. Just as death came through a human being, so too the resurrection of the dead came through a human being. As in Adam all people die, so in Christ all shall be brought to life - a fullness of life, a new creation already beginning in us through grace (cf. 1 Cor 15).

This is the message we proclaim when we face the mystery of sin. Just as Adam brought sin, death, disharmony, confusion, disruption and struggle into our lives, Christ, the new Adam, gives us grace, redemption, new life and salvation. (Refer to the Glossary on Original Sin at the end of the booklet). It is in Jesus Christ that we find the beginnings of the new creation. He leads us back to the Father, overcomes the tragic alienation of sin and restores harmony. Jesus gives us newness of life in grace that begins to restore our relationship with God and that will lead to full communion with God in glory. Grace is the beginning of a new creation for all of those baptized into Christ. In short, Jesus' passion and death have rescued us and given us new life.

5. How is the Church able to forgive sins?

The Church professes belief in "the forgiveness of sins" and is fully aware that only God forgives sins. It also believes that Jesus, through his death, washed away all sin and, after his resurrection, gave to his Church the power and authority to apply to us the redemption he won on the cross, namely God's forgiveness of our sins.

As the Catechism points out, our faith in the forgiveness of sins is tied to faith in the Holy Spirit and the Church: "It was when he gave the Holy Spirit to his apostles that the risen Christ conferred on them his own divine power to forgive sins: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'" (976; cf. John 20:22-23).

(Will be continued in the next week Bulletin)

Reflection: The Gospel today commends those who act in response to the poverty and powerlessness of people in the community. Though those who respond compassionately to others may not recognise the fact, Jesus takes their response personally: as long as you did it to the least of these, you did it to me. By its choice of this Gospel to mark the Feast of Christ as King, of Jesus the Messiah, the Church sees such behaviour as somehow an expression of our sharing in the kingly role of Jesus. Kingship has to deal with the ordering of relationships in society: with social justice (or injustice). Kingdoms were the general model of social organisation in Jesus' day. Democracies were not well known, and, in fact, there were none around when Jesus was alive. So naturally he used the term Kingdom.

Jesus was concerned about how people interacted in society. He was insistent on the need for radical change – that poverty, intense hardship, powerlessness and injustice be brought to an end. According to his vision for the world, (which was simply God's vision for the world – the Kingdom of God), those presently hungry, suffering, powerless and oppressed would eventually find justice. As he promised in the Beatitudes, the poor would enjoy the Kingdom, those who mourned would be comforted, the meek and powerless would repossess their land and those hungering for justice would have their fill. But that the vision become reality, there was need for conversion. Justice would become reality only as people prioritised and lived according to mercy, purity of heart and personal integrity, and genuinely worked for peace and order within society: Blessed are the merciful, blessed are the pure in heart, blessed are the peace-makers.

Jesus' kingship is sterile unless we work with him. All of us are called to share in and to give shape to his kingship. That call was made when we were baptised. We were christened – made one with Christ, the Anointed One. Like Jesus, we were anointed priests, prophets and kings. In Jesus' day, mercy, personal integrity and work for genuine peace were seen by those in power as subversive. As we know so well, Jesus was eliminated precisely because the chief priests and the Roman governor saw his priorities and activities as dangerous. Action for justice is not so dangerous these days in our neck of the woods – though it certainly is perilous in lots of other hot spots around our world. We have much to be thankful for. Yet our society is still far from measuring up to Jesus' vision for society. To make it ever more just is a constant task. It is a difficult task, and often uncertain, and calls for real integrity and wisdom, and sometimes a thick skin. I wish more Catholics, attuned to the vision of the common good and prepared to give their energies to its practical implementation, would show a greater interest in politics at all levels – local, state and federal. Politics are important. But they are not enough. Education for justice, work for justice, education for peace, work for peace are simply part and parcel of the vocation to be Christian. Blessed are the merciful, blessed are the pure in heart, blessed are the peace-makers. Perhaps we should face also the final beatitude: blessed are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you.... since, unfortunately, that is often the response to those who work disinterestedly for the implementation of the Common Good, of the Kingdom of God. Long live Christ the King!

Manual Labourers Urgently Needed

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is looking for workers capable of manual labour (including lifting up to 100 lbs) and open to casual work between now and December 15 in the downtown Vancouver area. If interested please send your resume and contact information along with days and times available to: humanresources@rcav.org

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/

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	Kevin Jantzen+
Wedding Ave.	11 am	Edward Zak+
Monday	9 am	Fr. Gordon Cook (Birthday)
Tuesday	7 pm	Carl Rocheleau+
Wednesday	9 am	Marcel Gidon+
Thursday	9 am	Nora Wauthy+
Friday	9 am	Marti VandeRaadt+
Saturday	9 am	Jeannine Wauthy+

19 November 2017

Envelopes	\$992.00
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