



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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*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.*

## February 28, 2021 – Second Sunday in Lent

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**Sunday Mass Times:** 9 am and 11 am

**Weekday Mass Times:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday – 9 am; Tuesday – 7 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 20 minutes prior to Mass

Important Notice regarding Mass Registration

Please make sure that you register by phone or email for the Mass that you and your family would like to attend. There are 4 Sunday Masses in our parish. All of the Masses are full with the exception of the newly instituted Mass of 5 PM on Sundays. Please attend the Mass that you have registered for and avoid jumping from one Mass to another.

If you have any questions, please speak to Fr. Dennis or call the parish office. Let's keep our place of worship a safe place

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:** All Fridays 9:30 am until Benediction at 12 noon

Confession: 20 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

### Last Sunday Collections

Loose Collection	0.00
Envelope	\$1,840
Other	\$430
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2270</b>

Please pray for those who are ill or housebound in our

**Parish family:** Peggy Turner, Cheryl Yaretz, Lyn Milburn, Ralph and Jeanette Watson, Janet Quinn, Paul Van Scheyndel, Wayne Turner, Pat Donegan, Sr. Celine Graf, Jane Van Laerhoven, Beryl Sheard, Joan Vowles, Jean Van Tryp, Anieta Kienzle, Helene Juzda

Please pray for the most recently deceased: Susan Pergel

## Stewardship Reflection

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"Here I am!" he answered."- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support?

Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us.

Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

### Mass Intentions February 28 to March 6, 2021

Saturday	Feb 27	5 pm	Cancelled
Sunday	Feb 28	9 am	Dianne Van Leeuwen+
		11 am	Cancelled
		5 pm	Cancelled
Monday	Mar 1	9 am	Alois Schöpf+
Tuesday	Mar 2	7 pm	Susan Pergel+
Wednesday	Mar 3	9 am	Sr. Celine Graf, OSU
Thursday	Mar 4	9 am	Susan Pergel+
Friday	Mar 5	9 am	Cecile Lemyre+, souls who have become lukewarm, your own intentions
Saturday	Mar 6	9 am	Jeannine Wauthy+

**Masses are closed for in-service worship, waiting for further lifting of provincial restrictions. Please find us online on Facebook. The church is open for private prayer until 5 pm daily. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held each Friday from 10 am to 12 noon. Please consider spending some time with our Lord during this very difficult time.**

Our daily weekday Masses and Sunday Mass are live on Facebook for you to see each day. Please find us on our Facebook page: **St Anthony of Padua-Agassiz. Rosary begins 30 minutes**  
**Prior to the regular Mass schedule and is livestreamed**



February 24, 2021

Archbishop asks health officials to reconsider B.C. public worship ban

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I pray that your Lenten Season has begun well and that it will be a source of many blessings for you and your family.

As you know, on November 19, 2020, the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, issued an Order which included a prohibition on religious gatherings for a period of nearly three weeks. This Order was extended in December and again in January, and then, most recently, it was extended indefinitely on February 5, 2021. As a result, our priests have been unable to offer Holy Mass with a congregation, despite the precautions that we had previously taken to combat the spread of COVID-19.

As Easter approaches, I want to assure you that the Archdiocese is taking steps to advocate with the Provincial Government for a safe return to in-person attendance at Mass. It is my ardent hope that we can return from our extended "fast" from the Eucharist and join together to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection this Easter.

I am very grateful for the way that Catholics of the Archdiocese have respected the health Orders of the Provincial Government, while continuing to follow the livestreaming of Mass from our parishes. Like most British Columbians, Catholics are making a great many sacrifices to follow the Orders of the Provincial Health Officer, in order to curb the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, and will continue to do so as good citizens who care for the welfare of their neighbours.

While we respect the measures taken by Government to protect the health of British Columbians, we want to be assured that the Orders are being fairly applied to all sectors of the population. Specifically, we seek to understand why gathering

for worship in limited numbers with safety precautions is not allowed, while bars, restaurants and gyms remain open. It also seems necessary to remind the Government that religious freedom is a specifically protected right guaranteed by Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Last week, I formally requested that the Provincial Government reconsider the Order that currently limits our ability to celebrate Mass publicly in our churches. This request follows several enquiries, dating back to December 2020, from the St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Guild. They asked for information regarding the rationale for restricting religious worship, while other gatherings in BC are allowed to continue as long as they enforce the necessary safety measures. I am deeply grateful to the lawyers of the Guild for their wise counsel and their assistance in preparing the request submitted to the Government.

My request for reconsideration outlines several additional measures that the Archdiocese will implement in our parishes. Some of these go beyond measures that were in place last year. They include limiting attendance at Masses and other gatherings, at least initially, to 10% of the capacity of the church, requiring attendees to wear masks at all times, restricting indoor or outdoor social gatherings before or after Mass, and having ushers present at all Masses to ensure adherence to strict safety guidelines.

I believe that this request to the Provincial Government, and the proposed measures, are just and worthy of reconsideration. You will receive updates on developments as they unfold.

With gratitude for your support of our brothers and sisters in need of your solidarity at this trying time, and with my prayers for your families during this holy season, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ J. Michael Miller, CSB  
Archbishop of Vancouver

# Soup & Buns

2021 is going to look different this year! The

Agassiz Harrison Ministerial Association will be hosting a virtual Lenten Soup and Buns!

We will be hosting Zoom services on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7pm. They will begin Wednesday, [February 24th](#), and run until Wednesday, [March 31st](#). They will be similar to those we have hosted previously over the years; however, they will be over the computer.

**Our theme this year will be Psalm 23. We will reflect on this psalm verse by verse over the 6 weeks.**

The Ministerial Association will receive an offering to help continue the work of the association, and also to help provide scholarships to Christian students pursuing post-secondary education. *Cheques can be made payable to the Agassiz Harrison Ministerial Association and can be dropped off at our parish office. Of course, cash is always accepted.*

If anyone needs assistance with getting Zoom running on their computer please do not hesitate to contact the Parish office so that you can get online in order to take part in this weekly event.

And so, we encourage you to join us for the services and maybe even cook up a pot of soup and bake some buns to enjoy after the service!

Below you can find the link for the zoom Lenten Soup and Buns Services.

Topic: Virtual Soup and Buns – A Feast unto the Lord

Time: [Feb 24](#), 2021 06:30 PM Pacific Time

Every week on [Wed](#), 6 occurrence(s)

[Mar 3](#), 2021 06:30 PM

[Mar 10](#), 2021 06:30 PM

[Mar 17](#), 2021 06:30 PM

[Mar 24](#), 2021 06:30 PM

[Mar 31](#), 2021 06:30 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZAlc-](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZAlc-6hqjguHdFiPz6bl1oeT_7BtWTmOsgd/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGspj8tE9CWtB6CRpwIGo-gKPPwiHZbgqd7IS__VSJfMwzzAt0VEKZIJNX_)

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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84847943475?pwd=MXdmTk5jL1BZRS95T1I1ZnF1R242QT09>

Fr. Dennis

My brother Knights and Parishioners of St Anthony of Padua

It is with great pride that I announce the election of Brother Marc Orr to the chair of Grand Knight of St Anthony of Padua Knights of Columbus, Council 16364.

Over the past years, Marc's service to our council as well as to our parish through his work on getting the parish thrift store up and running has shown him to be a good and faithful example of what we as Knights stand for.

I am certain that when situations allow us to resume meetings, Marc's leadership will guide our council in helping our church and its members emerge from the year of pandemic which we have endured with God's grace.

Please join me in congratulating Marc in his new position as Grand Knight.

Anthony G Pavick  
Deputy Grand Knight  
St Anthony of Padua Knights of Columbus Council 16364