



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.

October 31, 2021 – Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Mass of Anticipation (5 pm)

Sunday: 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

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

Confession: 20 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Mass Intentions: October 31 to November 30, 2021

Novena & Rosary begins 30 minutes prior to Mass

Saturday	Oct 30	9 am	+Pilar
		5 pm	+Genoveva
Sunday	Oct. 31	9 am	+Terry Black
		11 am	+Marcella Kempf
Monday	Nov 1	9 am	+Jim Waight
Tuesday	Nov 2	9 am	+Angel & Alma Concepcion Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	Nov 3	9 am	+Mercedes Ruess
Thursday	Nov 4	9 am	Scott Batey
Friday	Nov 5	9 am 12 noon Benediction	+Johnny Calubaquib & all devout & & faithful souls, your own intentions
Saturday	Nov 6	9 am	+Yolanda Atkinson
		5 pm	St. Anthony's Parish

Last Sunday Collections

Loose Collection	\$318
Envelope	\$1555
Other	\$595
Total	\$2468

Please pray for those who are ill or housebound in our

Parish family: Cheryl Yaretz, Lyn Milburn, Ralph and Jeanette Watson, Janet Quinn, Paul Van Scheyndel, Joan Vowles, Stella Hildebrandt, Adriana Striker, Dan McIntyre

Please pray for the most recently deceased:

Stewardship Reflection

October 31, 2021 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.” (Mark 12:33)

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

Our daily & Sunday Masses are live streamed on Facebook

You can find us at:

St. Anthony of Padua-Agassiz

This Sunday is Food Bank Sunday in our Parish

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Project Advance 2021

Your gift will grow your parish and expand the reach of Christ's love to those who need it most.

**It will fund important works such as:
Ministry to youth and young adults in our parishes**

**The construction of new Catholic schools
Programs that support healthy families**

- **Feeding the homeless and vulnerable in the Downtown Eastside**
- **Pastoral ministry and support for the hospitalized**

Once your parish goal is met, all additional funds raised will be directed back to parish projects identified your Pastor and parish team.

Ethical Concerns Related to Vaccines

Catholics are invited to be vaccinated, both in keeping with the dictates of their conscience and in contributing to the common good by promoting the health and safety of others. All COVID-19 vaccines that are medically approved by the relevant health authorities may be licitly received by Catholics. Since there is currently no choice of vaccine being offered, Catholics in good conscience, may receive the vaccine that is available and offered to them. Read more at rcav.org/coronavirus.

Archbishop Miller: Masks Required at Mass

Please be reminded that per [Archbishop Miller's August 25th instruction](#), masks are required at Mass:

"I regard it as prudent that, as in all other indoor gatherings in BC, the wearing of masks will be required when attending Mass in the churches of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

All other parish gatherings indoors, such as meetings, prayer groups, PREP, etc., are covered by the BC mask mandate, and all those aged 12 and older must wear masks."

All Souls Day – November 2, 2021 – What it means, and why it matters.....

Every year in the month of November, Christians would take a day or two to clean the graves of their dearly departed. Come the second day of the month, thousands of people flock to cemeteries to visit, offer flowers, and pray for their departed loved ones. This holiday is called All Souls Day.

Would you believe that in 2019, over 340,000 people visited one cemetery in Manila? Yes, that's for one cemetery alone. Imagine the road closures and terrible traffic it brought. The question is, why do people go through all that for the All Souls Day celebration?

On the first two days of November, Christians, especially Catholics, are remembering their departed loved ones by going to cemeteries and offering prayers, flowers, and candles. These are called All Saints Day and All Souls Day, but some are not clear about its difference.

All Saints' Day is meant to honor the saints, while All Souls Day meaning is a commemoration to pray for the dead and for the repose of the souls in purgatory.

The Church acknowledges the need and duty of praying for the dead but any offering for the repose of the souls was left to the discretion of the people.

All Souls Day celebration may be about commemorating the departed loved ones but for many, it's also a day where the family becomes complete again and shares meals together. Whether you are celebrating All Souls Day 2021 at the cemetery or not, the most important thing is to pray for the Souls of the departed.

There will only be one Mass here on All Souls Day, Tuesday, November 2nd, at 9 am.

Following the Mass, we will take a trip to the cemetery to visit our loved ones and to bless the grave sites. There will be hot drinks and goodies at the church upon our return after our visit.

Please enter the names of your loved ones into the Book of Life that is in the Gathering Area, and there are envelopes there as well for you to have Mass Intentions offered as you indicate.

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Vancouver have also generously given all parishes a Prayer Book for the month of November. Please pick one up for your prayers at home.