



# 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.*

## December 5, 2021 - Second Sunday of Advent

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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: December 5 to 11, 2021

#### **Novena & Rosary begins 30 minutes prior to Mass**

Saturday	Dec 4	9 am	+Eileen Hennessy
		5 pm	+Pavick Family
Sunday		9 am	+Remy Calubaquib
		11 am	+Pelletier & Jungwirth Family
Monday		9 am	+Karcsi Bauldauf
Tuesday		7 pm	+Eileen Hennessy
Wednesday		9 am	+Eileen Hennessy
Thursday		9 am	+Eileen Hennessy
Friday		9 am 12 noon Benediction	Emrys Lachlan Kong & souls of those who are separated from My church, and your own intentions
Saturday		9 am	+Aaron
		5 pm	+Fr. Jack Hennessy, OMI

### Last Sunday Collections

<b>Loose Collection</b>	\$500.85
<b>Envelope</b>	\$2149.00
<b>Other</b>	\$40.00
<b>Total</b>	\$2689.85

Please pray for those who are ill or housebound in our

**P parish family:** Cheryl Yaretz, Lyn Milburn, Ralph and Jeanette Watson, Janet Quinn, Paul Van Scheyndel, Joan Vowles, Stella Hildebrandt, Adriana Striker, Dan McIntyre, Cecilio Sanchez, Leo Wenk,

Please pray for the most recently deceased:

## Stewardship Reflection

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**Thank you for continuing to wear masks during Mass and in the church. Up until now, it’s been a mandate initiated by Archbishop Miller, but as of this past week, it’s now a Public Health Order. Let’s hope we can keep our churches open for worship by respecting this mandate to help the spread of COVID. Thank you for cooperation.**



On the last Sunday of the Month

Thank you for your generous response to this local need in our community!



Would you like to place a poinsettia in the Christmas Altar Display this year in honor of your family or other loved one(s)? You may drop off your donation and the name(s) clearly marked on an envelope, whom you would like honored. either at the Parish Office or simply drop it into the Offering Basket.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Attention CWL members!  
Your annual fees of \$30 are due now.  
Please submit as soon as possible.

### 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](http://rcav.org/coronavirus).

### Archbishop Miller: Masks Required at Mass

Please be reminded that per [Archbishop Miller's August 25<sup>th</sup> 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."

**"Simbang Gabi" is a tradition unlike any other. A Christmas Marian Novena of Masses, "Simbang Gabi" is a nine-day devotion that honours the Annunciation, the expectation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and culminating in the birth of Jesus. Centered on the Eucharist, it is a combination of deep prayer, community spirit, reconciliation, hope, love, and the grateful recognition of our redemption. We invite all faithful to celebrate this Promise of Salvation, by attending the Nine-Day Novena Masses ("Simbang Gabi").**

Simbang Gabi Novena and Masses begin on December 15<sup>th</sup>, continuing until December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**During that time the Mass Schedule is:**

Date	Day	Rosary	Mass
Dec 15	Wednesday	6 pm	6:30 pm
Dec 16	Thursday	6 pm	6:30 pm
Dec 17	Friday	6 pm	6:30 pm
Dec 18	Saturday	4:30 pm	5 pm
Dec 19	Sunday	8:30 am	9 am
	Sunday		11 am
	Sunday	6 pm	6:30 pm
Dec 20	Monday	6 pm	6:30 pm
Dec 21	Tuesday	6 pm	6:30 pm
Dec 22	Wednesday	6 pm	6:30 pm
Dec 22	Thursday	6 pm	6:30 pm

**The Penitential Service at St. Anthony's is December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am to 12 noon.**

## **Salamat 4: 500 Years of Christianity**

The year 2021 marks a historical year for Christians in the Philippines. It is the quincentennial celebration of the conversion of the peoples of the islands following the cross planted by Ferdinand Magellan on the island of Cebu in 1521. The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines prepared for this historic celebration as early as 2012, and the Filipino Ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver brings the celebrations to the Catholic Faithful with the culmination of the event on "Salamat 4: 500 Years of Christianity." Friday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## **Mass for the Closing of the Year of St. Joseph**

On December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Archbishop Michael will celebrate a special Mass to close the Year of St. Joseph. Please join us as we thank St. Joseph for the many blessings he has shared with us this year and continue to pray for his intercession. In preparation for this Mass, all are invited to participate in a Novena and Act of Consecration to St. Joseph which will begin on November 30th. This is an opportunity for all of us to journey with St. Joseph as we begin the Season of Advent. No registration is required for the Mass. Wednesday, December 8 at 5:10 p.m. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## **Advent 2021 Retreat for Ministry to Divorced and Separated**

Join the Archdiocese of Vancouver's Ministry to Divorced and Separated for their first in-person event, an Advent retreat with Father Mark McGuckin – "Prepare the Way of the Lord." "Advent is a time for arising. It is such a joyous season, such a loving season! Let us enter into its joy." (Servant of God, Catherine de Hueck Doherty). Saturday, December 11 at 9:30 a.m. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## **Archbishop's Mass for Life**

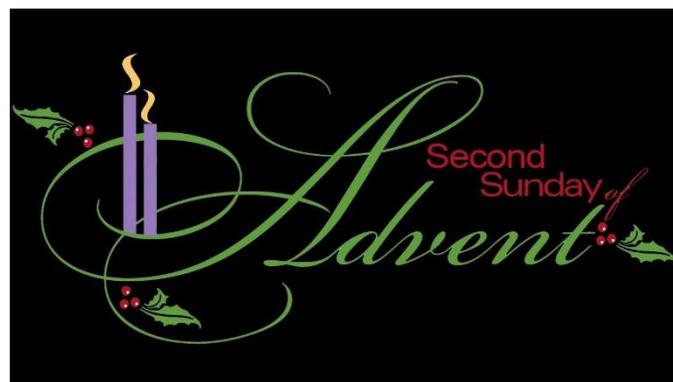
Join us as we celebrate life on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. Rosary begins at 11:30 a.m. and Mass is at 12:10 p.m. "May we defend it and promote it from conception to its *natural end*." Tuesday, December 28 at 12:10 p.m. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## **Advent Calendar Contest for Kindergarten to Grade 7**

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is holding an Advent challenge and contest for children in Kindergarten through Grade 7. For each day of Advent, children and families are invited to read a short scripture verse as written on the calendar and complete the task for each day. Mark each day's task and verse as complete by colouring in the blue star on that day. To enter the contest, have a parent/guardian send a picture of the child along with the child's name, grade, and school/parish to [christmas2021@rcav.org](mailto:christmas2021@rcav.org) no later than noon on January 4, 2022.

## **Year of the Family**

On March 19, the church celebrates five years since the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* on the beauty and joy of love in the family. Pope Francis announced that a special year dedicated to the family will launch on the same day, which will conclude on June 26, 2022 on the occasion of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father. "This special Year will be an opportunity to deepen further the content of the document *Amoris laetitia*, through proposals and pastoral tools. These will be made available to ecclesial communities and families, to accompany them on their journey." Learn more and view resources at [rcav.org/year-of-the-family](http://rcav.org/year-of-the-family).



**St. Anthony's Thrift Store will continue its Black Friday Sale until December 18<sup>th</sup>! Everything is 50% off in the entire store! Don't miss out on the great deals!**