



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 12, 2021 - Third 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 11 to 18, 2021

Novena & Rosary begins 30 minutes prior to Mass

Saturday	Dec 11	9 am	+Aaron
		5 pm	+VandeRaadt Family
Sunday	Dec 12	9 am	Ed Hennessy
		11 am	Ellen Thompson (healing)
Monday	Dec 13	9 am	Ed Hennessy
Tuesday	Dec 14	7 pm	+Olsthoorn Family
Wednesday	Dec 15	6 pm	+Maria & Stanislaw Kosla
Thursday	Dec 16	6 pm	+Marie Hammond
Friday	Dec 17	4 pm to 5 pm	Holy Hour with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
Friday		6 pm	Souls who have become lukewarm &+ Aleksandra & Wladyslav Chromy
Saturday	Dec 18	5 pm	+John Fitzgerald & Family

Last Sunday Collections

Loose Collection	\$239.30
Envelope	\$2205.00
Other	529.70
Total	\$2974.30

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, Cecilio Sanchez, Leo Wenk, Ellen Thompson

Please pray for the most recently deceased:

Stewardship Reflection

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“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God’s image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

Congratulations to Leo & Ria Vantol who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary last week! God Bless you, and we wish you many more happy years!!!

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.



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.

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th: 7 pm and 11 pm
Refreshments served after 11 pm

December 25th: 10 am

December 25th: Mass of Anticipation 5 pm

December 26th: 9 am and 11 am

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."

"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 15th, continuing until December 23rd.

During that time the Mass Schedule is:

Date	Day	Rosary	Mass
Dec 15	Wednesday	5:30 pm	6 pm
Dec 16	Thursday	5:30 pm	6 pm
Dec 17	Friday	5:30 pm	6 pm
Dec 18	Saturday	4:30 pm	5 pm
Dec 19	Sunday	8:30 am	9 am
	Sunday		11 am
Dec 19	Sunday	5:30 pm	6 pm
Dec 20	Monday	5:30 pm	6 pm
Dec 21	Tuesday	5:30 pm	6 pm
Dec 22	Wednesday	5:30 pm	6 pm
Dec 23	Thursday	5:30 pm	6 pm

Advent Confession Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Saturday from Dec. 4 to 17,
9:30 - 10:30 am

Friday, December 10: 10 am - 12 pm

Sunday, Dec. 12, 2 - 4 pm

Saturday, Dec. 18, 9:30 am - 12 pm

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.

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.

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 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.

A special note of thanks **to all of our volunteers** who have been helping to get the Christmas lights up.

This year, we are decorating in Blue to be in alliance with the Archdiocesan directive that we display a blue theme to recognize and remember the victims of COVID 19.

Also.... A huge thank you to **Urs Spaeti** for building a barn to house the Nativity Family at the front of our church!!! Thank you for your generosity and willingness to help !!!

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