

# 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 25, 2020 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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.times and/or by appointment

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: First Friday of each month 9:30 am to 10:30 am

 Mass Intentions October 25 to 31, 2020

 Saturday
 Oct 24
 5 pm
 Pelletier Family

 Sunday
 Oct 25
 9 am
 Susan Shin

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Sunday	Oct 25	9 am	Susan Shin
		11 am	Susan Shin
		5 pm	Susan Shin
Monday	Oct 26	9 am	Susan Shin
Tuesday	Oct 27	7 pm	Ortega Family (thanksgiving)
Wednesday	Oct 28	9 am	Susan Shin
Thursday	Oct 29	9 am	Thomas Wood Sr. +
Friday	Oct 30	9 am To 5 pm	Souls who have become lukewarm & your own intentions Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	Oct 31	9 am	Heloise & Frances Hennessy

## Last Sunday's Collection

Loose	\$344.35
Envelopes	\$1465.00
Other	\$479.00
Total Collections	\$2291.35

## 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, Darcy Kohuch, Sr. Celine Graf, Elizabeth Ryan, Jane Van Laerhoven, Beryl Sheard, Joan Vowles, Jean Van Tryp

**Please pray for the most recently deceased**: Adam Jastrzebski, Matthew Jungwirth, Francis Feefey

## **Stewardship Reflection**

October 25, 2020 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." – Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it's not too late to put God first in all things in your life.

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## All Souls Day – November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

# But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with *Him* (*Romans* 6:8)

Catholics have a custom of remembering all the faithful departed during the month of November.

The Catholic Church teaches that Purgatory is an expression of God's love and desire to cleanse our souls of all that might keep us from experiencing the fullness of joy in Heaven. It is a comforting thought that our loved ones are on their way, with the help of God's unending forgiveness and our prayers, to

joining the company of the saints in heaven.

The Book of Life has been placed in the Gathering area where you may enter the names of your departed loved ones. This book will be taken to the altar on All Souls Day, Monday, November 2 and for the entire month of November, where our loved ones will be remembered and prayed for. Following Mass, we will have a visit to our Valley View cemetery.

November is also an ideal time to request a "Mass Intention" for your loved one. You may use one of the envelopes that are displayed in the Gathering Area and place them in the receptacle The celebration of Mass is the highest means the Church can provide for charity for the dead, but we can also relieve their sufferings and strengthen our connection with them through our prayers. When we pray for the dead, celebrating their life and death into Christ, we are strengthening our communion with them. This communion is an anticipation of the perfect unity we will have when are all face to face with Father for eternity.

## Parish Religious Education Notice (PREP)

Calling all PREP Students!!! Is your child in Grade 2 or older and is ready for classes to receive First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation? Please see Fr. Dennis or call the Parish Office as soon as possible to register.

Please mark your calendars: The RCIA candidates (Crystal Kelly and Pam Williams) who have been preparing with their classes, will be received into the Church on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm Mass. Victoria Brooks will, also, be confirmed that night. Congratulations to all of them.

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

Project Advance has some key changes this year. Archdiocesan funding priorities from this year's Appeal will be directed to a newly established Crisis Response Fund, to help vulnerable individuals and families during this time of pandemic, alongside other ministries of evangelization and outreach. The Archdiocesan goal has been reduced to \$1.625 million and St. Anthony of Padua - Agassiz's target has been reduced from \$9,500 to \$4,750.

Congratulations! We have reached our goal, with your generosity! All gifts will now be rebated to our parish for our own needs. Your support and generosity has been so appreciated throughout the pandemic. This year, given that we have been offered a 'reprieve' from the Archdiocese in the reduction of the expected goal, is a wonderful opportunity for our parish to raise funds for our parish needs. Thank you again for your generosity!

## Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Dear Parishioners:

What can we do to pray for the end of the COVID pandemic?

On all Fridays, after the 9 am Mass, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at 5 pm. You are invited and encouraged to come out to pray and to spend time with our Lord.

Consider if you could spend one hour together as a family, praying for this urgent need in our world.

A schedule will be placed in the Gathering Area of the Church for you to sign up on, and it is hoped that you will be able to commit regularly for this. You may, also, call the parish office or respond to this email if that is more convenient, and your name will be included on the schedule for the hour that you request. This will also be live-streamed each Friday for those of you who are unable to attend in person.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Dennis



## AGASSIZ PRODUCE

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Locally owned & operated Seniors' Day: Wednesday: 10% off regularly priced produce & grocery items



## **REQUEST TO PARISHES - NET Canada Missionaries**

NET Canada has partnered with RCAV and CISVA to bring 10 Catholic Missionaries into the Archdiocese to share the Gospel message with 1500 high school students located in the North Shore, Coquitlam, Abbotsford and Chilliwack areas. To make this a reality, we need your help in 2 essential ways: The NET missionaries need:

1. A place to stay: Because of COVID, and safety precautions, we are looking for empty basement suites, apartments, rectories or retreat centers that

can house the NET Missionaries from Oct 16th, 2020 - May, 30th 2021.

2. Food: Provide a meal or two, or financially contribute towards their meal budget.

If you are able to help, please email Cecilia at <u>bcschedule@netcanada.ca</u>.

Many young people leave their Catholic faith by the time they graduate from High School. NET Canada is a Catholic not-for-profit missionary organization that sends teams of missionary young adults into schools and parishes so that teenagers can have the opportunity to hear about, respond to and live for Christ. For more information, please email Cecilia at bcschedule@netcanada.ca.

### Help Evangelize 1500 Teenagers in the Archdiocese of Vancouver

NET Canada is bringing 10 joy-filled Missionaries who have volunteered a year of their life to come to the Vancouver Archdiocese to evangelize 1500 high school students. Because of COVID, we are looking for basement suites, empty apartments, rectories, or retreat centers where they can live during their time here. They are also in need of assistance with their food budget. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Cecilia at bcschedule@netcanada.ca

#### ST ANN'S DAYCARE HIRING ASSISTANT ECE OR RESPONSIBLE ADULT

St Ann's Daycare requires an Assistant ECE or Responsible Adult for part time hours. Previous experience required. Days of work are Monday to Friday preferably with some flexibility for hours of work. Please apply by emailing your resume to parishoffice@stannsabbotsford.ca Attention: Sister Suzana or mailing it to St. Ann's Daycare, 33333 Mayfair Ave., Abbotsford, BC V2S 1P4 Thank you

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

#### \* Celebrating Hallowtide as a Family Webinar

A webinar hosted by Gardens of Gethsemani with three special guests on how to engage our families (and especially children) in the Hallowtide and Holy Souls season. Jayme McKinnon is a homeschooling mother of 5 who will talk about creative and fun ways to engage children in the season. Tony Walters, a teacher, is going to share dynamic ideas on how to engage students in the richness of Hallowtide. Fr. Mark McGuckin will present some of the theological and pastoral aspects of this season: how to engage the current Halloween culture; the significance of the saints, of praying for holy souls, of coming face to face with our mortality and remembering that we are made for heaven. Join us on Monday, Oct. 19 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm on Zoom. Register online at rccav.org/events

## \* Hallowtide Prayer Vigil at Gardens of Gethsemani

Join us at Gardens of Gethsemani on Saturday, Oct. 31 for a Hallowtide candlelight procession on the vigil of All Saints' Day. Bring your kids dressed up as saints as we honor the saints and our departed loved ones. There will be singing, candles and candy for the children!

This year due to the gathering restrictions we will have two different processions starting at 6:00 pm. One at the Evangelist Chapel and one at the Holy Angels buildings. Please register in advance to attend in-person at rccav.org/events

#### \* All Souls Day Mass with Archbishop Miller

Join Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB for All Souls' Day Mass on Monday, Nov. 2 at 6:00 pm live from the Evangelist Chapel at Gardens of Gethsemani. Register to attend in-person or by livestream at rccav.org/events

#### \* Estate & Memorial Planning Webinar

This free presentation provides general information for preparing or updating your will and learning about the beauty of the funeral rite, and formulating pre-need arrangements. You'll be pointed to complementary guides, tools and practical resources. Join us on Thursday, Nov. 5 at 10:00 am on Zoom. Register online at rccav.org/events. Hosted by Gardens of Gethsemani, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.