



# 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 24, 2021 - Thirtieth 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 23 to 30, 2021**

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

Saturday	Oct. 23	9 am	+Ramon & Antonio
		5 pm	+Sedonia Ganert
Sunday	Oct. 24	9 am	St. Anthony's Parish
		11 am	+Adam Jastrzebeski
Monday	Oct. 25	9 am	+Leonardo
Tuesday	Oct. 26	7 pm	+Eileen Hennessy & David Cleary (healing)
Wednesday	Oct. 27	9 am	+Onofre
Thursday	Oct. 28	9 am	+Carmen & Cilejo
Friday	Oct. 29	9 am 12 noon Benediction	+Eileen Hennessy & for the souls of priests & religious & your own intentins
Saturday	Oct. 30	9 am	+Pilar
		5 pm	+Genoveva

### Last Sunday Collections

Loose Collection	156.90
Envelope	\$1365.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1521.90</b>

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

Please pray for the most recently deceased:

## Stewardship Reflection

October 24, 2021 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.” (Mark 10:52)*

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

**Our daily & Sunday Masses are live streamed on Facebook**

**You can find us at:**

**St. Anthony of Padua-Agassiz**

**Our parish has reinstated the monthly Food Bank Drive. It will be on the last Sunday of the month, but please remember that Food Bank Day, for many in our local community,**

**is every day.**

**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](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."

## **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.



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.

Gardens of Gethsemani  
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As we approach the month of Holy Souls, Gardens of Gethsemani would like to encourage the Catholic community to pray for the faithful departed. The Gardens is offering a free burial service called Reverently Laying to Rest at the end of November. It is for people who have urns at home that they cannot afford to bury. Please contact [aloch@rccav.org](mailto:aloch@rccav.org) if you would like more information or know of someone in need of this service.

Pope established a Year of St. Joseph, who with the Canadian Martyrs is one of Canada's patron saints, so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will." Visit [rcav.org/stjoseph](http://rcav.org/stjoseph) to learn more.



### Notice from our Knights of Columbus

There will be an October Fest Dinner and Dance, hosted by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> in our parish hall. 3:00 PM to 11 PM

Cost is \$10 per person

Drinks are extra

Tickets will be for sale by Grand Knight Marc Orr in the Gathering Area after all Masses this week and next!

**Calling all Parents of PREP Children  
PREP will be beginning soon, and if you haven't already been in touch with the Parish Office or Lucy Redmond, please call just as soon as possible so that we can arrange for your child(ren) to be registered.**

### Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph, beginning Dec. 8, 2020 and ending Dec. 8, 2021, in honour of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. The

Pastoral Council Meeting  
October 26, 2021  
7:30 PM



PRO LIFE BOOKS

There is a basket of books donated to our parish by Chilliwack Pro-Life. You are invited to borrow these books to read and to return when you're finished with them.

Note: Marilyn Struys is our parish liaison

**Pro Life Society SECRETARY**

Email a cover letter and resume to [leanne@chilliwackprolife.com](mailto:leanne@chilliwackprolife.com).

Application due date: Monday, October 18  
Expected start date: Monday, October 25  
Detailed resume is posted on bulletin board in Gathering Area