



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.

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

God sent the son to restore us to life.

Consider that sin is the death of the soul, because this enemy of God deprives us of divine grace, which is the life of the soul. Therefore, we miserable sinners, were dead and condemned, but God through the immense love which the Father bears for us, determined to restore us to life. How did he accomplish this? He sent his only-begotten Son into the world to die, so that by his death, God might restore us to life.

Behold our Redeemer who has come "so that we might have life to the full". For this purpose, Jesus accepted death so that he might give us life. It is reasonable that we should live only in God. It is reasonable that Jesus should be the only sovereign of our heart since he has spent his blood for us.

O my God! Who would be so ungrateful a wretch as to believe that Jesus died to secure the love of sinful humanity and yet refuse to love him?



Stewardship Reflection

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

Please pray for the recently deceased

Joan Vowles

John Lejeune



TALK TO US



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MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Mass of Anticipation - 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass - 10:30 am

Weekday Mass:

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri - 9:00 am

Tuesday - 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

20 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Rosary:

Begins 30 minutes prior to Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

All Fridays - 9:30 to 10:30 am

Benediction at 10:15 am

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: December 3rd - 4:00 pm

+Johannes Van Vliet

Sunday: December 4th - 10:30 am

+Sally Harrison

+Claire Ridgers

Judy (Birthday)

Monday: December 5th - 9:00 am

Singappuli Family

Tuesday: December 6th - 5:30 pm

Vigil Prayer Service +John Lejeune

December 6th - 7:00 pm

Madilyn Claggett (Birthday)

Wednesday: December 7th - 11:00 am

Funeral Mass +John Lejeune

Thursday: December 8th - 9:00 am

+John Dumas

Friday: December 9th - 9:00 am

+Jim Pratt

Meek & humble souls, & souls of little children

Your own intentions

Saturday: December 10th - 4:00 pm

+Wauthy Family



Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are ill or housebound in our Parish family

Debbie (Frank and Lynda's daughter), Cheryl Yaretz, Lyn Milburn,
Janet Quinn, Paul Van Scheyndel, Stella Hildebrandt, Adriana Striker,
Paul McKenzie, Marilyn Struys,

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve (December 24): Midnight Mass - 12 am

Christmas Day (December 25th): 9:00am

Advent Penitential Services

St. Mary Parish - Chilliwack: December 8th at 7:00 pm

St. Ann Parish - Abbotsford: December 12th at 6:30 pm

St. Joseph Parish - Langley: December 14th at 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Good Hope Parish - Hope: December 17th at 10:00 am

St. Anthony of Padua Parish - Agassiz: December 18th at 4:00 pm

St's Joachim & Ann Parish - Aldergrove: December 19th at 7:00 pm

St. Nicholas Parish - Langley: December 20th at 6:45 pm

St. James Parish - Abbotsford: December 21st at 7:00 pm



Would you like to place a poinsettia in our Christmas Altar Display in honor/memory of a loved one? You may simply write the name of the person(s) that you wish to have honored and an envelop with a donation of your choice and place it in the Sunday collection plate, or deliver it to the parish office. Thank you!

Simbang Gabi begins on December 15th in our parish, continuing until December 23rd. Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition. It is a series of nine dawn masses on the days leading up to Christmas. Simbang Gabi is also known by its popular Spanish name, Misa de Gallo, or "Mass of the Rooster".



However, we will host this novena in the evening with the Rosary at 5:30 pm, followed by the Mass at 6:00 pm. Each night, there will be snacks immediately following the Mass.

Archbishop Miller has encouraged all of the parishes in our Archdiocese to observe this novena, and we are happy that our parish has embraced this tradition.

What is the BIG RAFFLE?

With 1000 tickets for sale and cash prizes to be won, the BIG RAFFLE is St. Mary's newest and simplest fundraiser!

As a school community, we have 100 books of raffle tickets (5 tickets at \$20 each per book) we need to sell by the end of January in an effort to raise \$10,000 for the school! St. Mary's parish is also selling 100 books to help us double our money and bring in \$20,000!

All tickets will be entered into the draw for CASH prizes, which will take place at a fun event on Saturday, February 18, 2023.



Win Cash Prizes!

1st Prize - \$1500
2nd Prize - \$500
3rd to 7th Prizes - \$100 each

Get your tickets at our parish office



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be December 6th at 7:30 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

General Meeting: Dec 8th @ 7:00 pm

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone who volunteered and attended the Christmas dinner. Thanks to you it was a great success. It was such a blessing to see the hall so full of all your smiling faces. Warmest holiday wishes to you and your families.

CHOIR FESTIVAL

The Community Choir Fest has been revived and is scheduled for Dec 8th at the Agricultural Hall. Everyone is welcome and invited to sing in the community choir. Practices are at the United Church on Wednesday nights at 7 pm for the next three weeks! Please Come!

OFFERING COLLECTIONS

Sunday, November 27th, 2022

Envelope: \$1,480

Loose: \$83

Other: \$60

Total: \$1,623