



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.

3rd Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022



Dec. 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

An elder Mexican man makes his way to Mass in the early morning twilight of December 9, 1531. He is a peasant, a simple farmer and laborer, and he has no education. Born under Aztec rule, he is a convert to Catholicism, and each step he takes this morning is a step into history. The morning quiet is broken by a strange music that he will later describe as the beautiful sound of birds. Diverting his path to investigate the sound, Juan Diego comes face to face with a radiant apparition of the Virgin Mary.

Juan Diego is 57 years old. He has just encountered the Virgin Mary on Tepeyac Hill, the site of a former Aztec Temple. His wife has died two years earlier, and he lives with his elder uncle, scratching his living from the earth as a humble peasant farmer. Why should this unlearned, man be chosen by Our Lady to carry a message to the Bishop? Perhaps because she would find none other as humble as Juan Diego.

Juan Diego is dazzled by the incredible beauty and miraculous nature of Our Lady's appearance. She appears as a native princess to him, and her words sound more beautiful than the sweetest music ever made.



Stewardship Reflection

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." - JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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

Simbang Gabi, Mass Time Changes

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: December 10th - 4:00 pm

+Wauthy Family members

Sunday: December 11th - 10:30 am

+John Lejeune

Bergsma Family

Monday: December 12th - 9:00 am

+Mike McLaughlin

Nimalka Yatinella (Healing)

Tuesday: December 13th - 7:00 pm

+John Lejeune

+Maria Matuszewska

Wednesday: December 14th - 9:00 am

Liturgy of the Word

Thursday: December 15th - 6:00 pm

Mike Walsh (Healing)

Friday: December 16th - 6:00 pm

+John Lejeune

The souls who especially venerate &

glorify my mercy

Your own intentions

Saturday: December 17th - 4:00 pm

+Remedios Alejandro

Please pray for the recently deceased

Joan Vowles
John Lejeune



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,



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!

Christmas Mass Times

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

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

Advent Penitential Services

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

THANK
you

We want to thank our very own Brenda Vervoort for restoring the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe! It's absolutely beautiful --- Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



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.

Please come and pray with us during this Novena, preparing us for the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas



OFFERING COLLECTIONS

Sunday, December 4th, 2022

Envelope: \$1680.00

Loose: \$124.00

Other: \$490.00

Total: \$2294.00