



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

7237 Morrow Road, Agassiz, British Columbia V0M 1A0

(604) 796-9181    [www.stanthonyagassiz.ca](http://www.stanthonyagassiz.ca)

Email: [st.anthonys@shaw.ca](mailto:st.anthonys@shaw.ca); [parish.sapa@rcav.org](mailto:parish.sapa@rcav.org)

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.

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 2023



### Stewardship Reflection

*"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." – Romans 14:8*

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

### Prayer Requests

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

Dan McIntyre, Edith Hertwick, Louie Yaretz, Harley Martin, Kolt Klassen,  
Ann Struys, Joanna Black, Debbie (Frank and Lynda's daughter), Cheryl  
Yaretz, Lyn Milburn, Janet Quinn, Paul Van Scheyndel, Stella  
Hildebrandt, Adriana Striker, Paul McKenzie, Marilyn Struys,

*Please pray for those who are deceased*

Janessa Guliker, Geneva Reynen & Brian Lloyd

#### TALK TO US

**Pastor:** Fr. Dennis O. Flores  
[dflores@rcav.org](mailto:dflores@rcav.org)

**Deacon:** Jamie Meskas  
[jamiemeskas@gmail.com](mailto:jamiemeskas@gmail.com)

**Administrative Assistant:** Beccie Bokenfohr  
[stanthonys@shaw.ca](mailto:stanthonys@shaw.ca)  
(604) 796-9181

#### MASS TIMES

##### Sunday Mass:

Saturday Mass of Anticipation - 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass - 10:30 am

##### Weekday Mass:

Monday, Thursday & Friday - 9:00 am

Tuesday - 7:00 pm

##### Liturgy of the Word:

Wednesday - 9:00 am

##### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

20 minutes prior to Mass

or by appointment

##### Rosary:

Begins 30 minutes prior to Mass

##### Eucharistic Adoration:

All Fridays following Mass

Benediction at 10:15 am

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday:** September 16th - 4:00 pm  
+S. Ma Sotera Gaylou, RVM

**Sunday:** September 17th - 10:30 am  
+John Dumas

Lois Penas (healing)

**Monday:** September 18th - 9:00 am  
+Gary Graf

Mary & Jim (healing)

**Tuesday:** September 19th - 7:00 pm  
Mary & Jim (healing)

**Wednesday:** September 20th - 9:00 am  
Liturgy of the Word

**Thursday:** September 21st - 9:00 am  
Mary & Jim (healing)

**Friday:** September 22nd - 9:00 am  
+S. Ma Soledad Bersamina, RVM  
Meek and humble souls and the souls  
of little children. + your intentions

**Saturday:** September 23rd - 4:00 pm  
+S. Ma. Sotera Gaylou, RVM

## Annual Parish Picnic !!

Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy last Sunday's picnic! What a fun time we all had, and such great food. Thank you to Laurie, Rose, Gerald, Mark, Rudy and everyone else who helped out setting up and cleaning up! You're all the best!

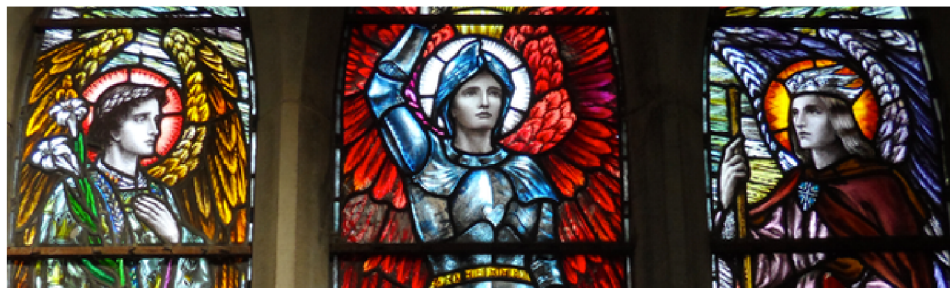
PREP has begun! It will be held on Thursdays at 3:15 pm. If you haven't already signed up, please contact S. Olive as soon as possible. Children ages of Grades 1 to 7 are invited to be here! Also, if you are interested in more information regarding the Catholic Faith and would like to join RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) this year, please contact Fr. Dennis or the Parish Office as soon as possible.



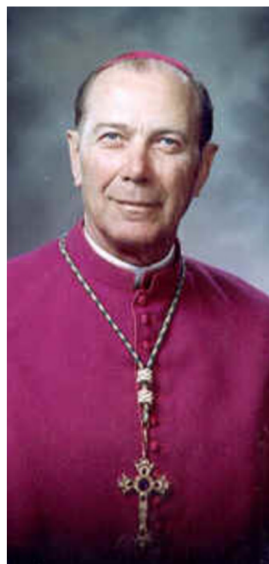
We will be having a Thanksgiving food drive the weekend of Sept 23rd and 24th.



# Thanksgiving



The Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to join us in praying a novena to Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels, starting next Thursday, September 21, until Friday, September 29.



Vancouver Archbishop J. Michael Miller said he was "deeply saddened" to learn of the death of Archbishop Adam Exner, OMI, who served as Archbishop of Vancouver from 1991 to 2004. Archbishop Exner died Tuesday morning at the age of 94 in his residence in Grayson, Sask. Archbishop Miller offered his condolences and prayers, saying his brother archbishop's life of dedication, compassion and service would be remembered. "We offer our prayers and support to his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched." Archbishop Exner, who was Vancouver's ninth archbishop, was born on Christmas Eve in 1928 to Austrian immigrants in Killaly, Sask., a tiny village 150 kilometres east of Regina. His service to the Church spanned several decades and included roles as a professor, rector, and superior at St. Charles Scholasticate in Battleford, Sask., as well as professor of moral theology at Newman Theological College in Edmonton. In 1974, he was appointed as Bishop of Kamloops and, in 1982, as the archbishop of Winnipeg. His contributions extended beyond local dioceses, as he served as a member of the Congregation for Bishops. On a national level, Archbishop Exner was an active participant in various commissions and dialogues within the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), including the Permanent Council, the Social Communications Commission, Theology and Christian Education Commissions, and the National Catholic-Lutheran dialogue. Archbishop Exner was appointed as the Archbishop of Vancouver on May 25, 1991, where he served until his retirement in January of 2004, in accordance with the mandatory retirement age for archbishops. His funeral will be held in Saskatchewan, and a memorial Mass will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver, likely next week. Details for the services will be announced.

"THEN SIMEON BLESSED THEM AND SAID TO HIS MOTHER MARY, 'THIS CHILD IS DESTINED FOR THE FALLING AND THE RISING OF MANY IN ISRAEL, AND TO BE A SIGN THAT WILL BE OPPOSED SO THAT THE INNER THOUGHTS OF MANY WILL BE REVEALED - AND A SWORD WILL PIERCE YOUR OWN SOUL TOO.'"  
~LUKE 2:34-35

The month of September is devoted to Our Lady of Sorrows.

### CATHOLIC LADIES LEAGUE



#### CWL Word of the Week COMPASSION

Do you recognize the human dignity in all people? Do you feel motivated to do something to help others? Catholic Women's League members embark on many projects that directly impact those who are disadvantaged in society. How can you help? Become a member and be part of the solution.

### OFFERING COLLECTIONS

Sunday, Sept 10, 2023

Loose: \$228.75

Envelope: \$1895.00

Total: \$2123.75

