



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 17, 2023



Stewardship Reflection

*"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

Prayer Requests

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

Sandra Kos, Dan McIntyre, 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

+Teddy Tope (Francesca Waight's great grandson)

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:

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: December 16th - 4:00 pm
Stella Hildebrandt (healing)

Sunday: December 17th - 10:30 am
+Posadas Family

Monday: December 18th - 6:00 pm
Eric Jr. & Christine de los Reyes
(anniversary)

Tuesday: December 19th - 6:00 pm
+Bob Hicks

Wednesday: December 20th - 9:00 am
Liturgy of the Word - CANCELLED

December 20th - 6:00 pm

+Jessica Flores

Thursday: December 21st - 6:00 pm
+Johanna & Tony Struys

Friday: December 22nd - 9:00 am
Laurie Martin intentions

December 22nd - 6:00 pm

+Janessa Guliker

Saturday: December 23rd - 4:00 pm
Rufino Lumandaz Sr. & Ester Rumbaoa

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (Rite of Acceptance) is the first of the "threshold rites" of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), and the first public ritual. In the Rite of Acceptance, a change of identity takes place: those previously known as inquirers become catechumens. They are officially welcomed by the Church as disciples, members (albeit not yet full members) of the household of faith. The text calls this rite "the first consecration by the Church" of those seeking Christian initiation. They are literally marked with the cross of Christ as God's own.

This morning, we are happy to welcome Susan Leins and Kyle Miller through the Rite of Acceptance! May God continue to guide you as you journey

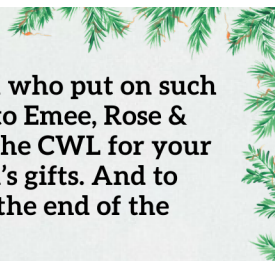


Simbang Gabi begins on December 15 th at 6 pm.

Simbang Gabi continues now each night at 6 pm until December 23rd . Please come and pray in preparation for the celebration of Jesus Christ's birthday on December 25th ! If you'd like to help out with snacks, please feel to bring some or give Emee a call to let her know your intentions.



Thank you to Metro and the entire hospitality team who put on such a lovely Christmas Dinner last week. Thank you to Emee, Rose & Laurie for setting up the parish hall! Thank you to the CWL for your generosity in helping to provide for the Children's gifts. And to everyone who stayed and helped to clean up at the end of the night.....a huge thank you!



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: December 24th - Midnight

There will be a reception after Mass

Monday: December 25th - 9:00 am



Poinsettias for our Loved Ones

If you would like to place a poinsettia in our altar display for Christmas, simply place an envelope along with the names of those whom you would like to honor and your donation. Thank you so much!



I have a passion for cleaning and organizing, and love to help create comfortable spaces to relax or host in!

Available for regular cleaning, deep cleaning, or re-organizational jobs.

For details and pricing please contact Janelle Ryan at 604-798-0800, or bcjanelleryan@gmail.com.

UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

RCIA:

Monday, December 18th at 7 pm

PREP Classes:

Thursday December 21st at 3:15 pm

Simbang Gabi:

Friday December 15th to 23rd at 6 pm

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL Word of the Week HELP



The Catholic Women's League was formed in the early 20th century to help immigrants arriving in Canada. Members continue to help the most vulnerable across the country. Come and add your helping hands to ours.

Fees for 2024 are due and are \$45

2024 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The 2024 Sunday Collection Envelopes are prepared and ready for you to pick up in the Gathering Area of the Church. If you don't already have envelopes and wish to have them, please contact the Parish Office so that we can arrange this for you.

OFFERING COLLECTIONS

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Loose: \$229.75

Envelopes: \$1155.00

Total: \$1384.75

