



# 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.

## 4th Sunday of Advent December 24, 2023



### Stewardship Reflection

*"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28*

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

### 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 23rd - 4:00 pm  
+Rufino Lumandez, SR. & Ester Rumbao

**Sunday:** December 24th - 10:30 am

+Oosterlaar Family

+Richard de Lusignan

(repose of the soul)

December 24th - Midnight

+Michelle Maureen Greer

**Monday:** December 25th - 9:00 am

+Anne Marie Freimark & Sons

De los Reyes Family

Frank & Lynda VanScheyndel

Bill & Stella Hildebrandt

Ed & Marilyn Struys & Family

**Tuesday:** December 26th - 7:00 pm

+Doug & Margaret Dunlop

**Wednesday:** December 27th - 9:00 am

Liturgy of the Word

**Thursday:** December 28th - 9:00 am

S. Mary Olive Kingsbury Intentions

**Friday:** December 29th - 9:00 am

Dennis Freimark Intentions

**Saturday:** December 30th - 4:00 pm

+Rocheleau Family



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday: December 24th - Midnight**

**There will be a reception after Mass**

**Monday: December 25th - 9:00 am**

On Christmas Morning, you are invited to come at 8:30 am (prior to Mass) to see the Nativity Play that will be presented by our PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) children. Please come and support them as they help you to commemorate the Birth of Jesus Christ - children's style!

### Poinsettias for our Loved Ones

Donor	Honouring our Loved Ones
Johanna Bates	<i>Coby Kupp Van der Zeijst &amp; Dr. Allan Bates</i>
Bill & Stella Hildebrandt	<i>Karmazenski &amp; Hildebrandt Families</i>
Frank & Lynda VanScheyndel	<i>Van Scheyndel Family</i>
Trish & Harold VanVliet	<i>Johannes Van Vliet</i> <i>Erwin Belgardt</i> <i>AnneMarie Belgardt</i>
Lynne & Neil Whitehead	<i>Belinda &amp; Thomas Wood</i>
Joe and Cecilia Chromy	<i>Chromy Family</i>
Leo & Ria Vantol	<i>Vantol &amp; Adegeest Families</i>
Francesca Waight	<i>James Waight &amp; Teddy Tope</i>
Ria VandeRaadt	<i>VandeRaadt &amp; Olthoorn Families</i>
Rose & Sid Dennison	<i>John, Blanche &amp; Michael Ragot</i>
Ann Struys	<i>Johanna &amp; Tony Struys</i> <i>Sean Claggett</i> <i>Janessa Guliker &amp; family</i> <i>Struys Family &amp; Friends</i> <i>Van Laerhoven Family</i>
Karen Dumas	<i>Dumas Family</i> <i>Graham Family</i>
Pelletier Family	<i>Pelletier Family</i>
Barry & Nancy Thompson	<i>Walter &amp; Alec Thompson</i> <i>Johanna &amp; Tony Struys</i> <i>Nancy Martin</i> <i>Sean Claggett</i> <i>Xavier Aquirre</i> <i>Oosterlaar Family</i> <i>Struys Family</i> <i>Willsey Family</i> <i>Janessa Guliker</i> <i>Guliker Family</i>
Ed & Marilyn Struys	<i>Guliker Family</i> <i>Boesterd Family</i> <i>Struys Family</i> <i>Wierks Family</i>
Gerald & Wilma Struys	<i>Sean Claggett</i> <i>Van Tryp Family</i> <i>Rodger Kienle</i> <i>Edward Bayley</i>

## UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

### PREP Classes:

Will resume on Thursday Jan 11th

### Simbang Gabi:

Friday December 15th to 23rd at 6 pm

## DEAR PREP STUDENTS

Dear PREP students, parents/Guardians, Warm wishes for a blessed Christmas and may the spirit of the season fill your hearts with peace and joy!

"The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place." (Lk. 2:15)

Greetings from:

S. Ma. Olive Kingsbury, RVM

S. Ma. Alma Tayo, RVM

## PROJECT ADVANCE

We still need to meet our goal of \$8400. This week marks the deadline for all 2023 donations that will qualify for Tax Receipts. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL Word of the Week

HOPE



Hope is the essence we hold onto during times of adversity and is the beacon of light in the darkness. Anyone seeking refuge and hope can find it in the Catholic Women's League. Members find hope in one another. Join us and be a woman of hope.

## OFFERING COLLECTIONS

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

Loose: \$260.00

Envelopes: \$2145.00

**Total: \$2405.00**

**A huge thank you** to everyone who has participated in the Simbang Gabi Novena this past 9 days! Thank you especially to Emeé Wenk, Rowan Manila, and Metro Huculak for being here every night to coordinate and prepare the snacks! You're the best!

**Thank you to John Grimard** for providing the Christmas Trees for the church and for the Shrine! God bless you and your family for your caring generosity!

**Decorating the Church!!** Don't forget, right after the 10:30 am Mass this weekend, your help is needed to help transform the church from Advent into Christmas!! Many hands will make light work!

**Christmas Midnight Mass!** We will have caroling prior to Mass starting at 11:40 pm. Please come early and sing along! Also, you are cordially invited to a champagne reception in the Parish Hall immediately following the Mass. Please come and celebrate!

**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 Emeé a call to let her know your intentions.

