



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

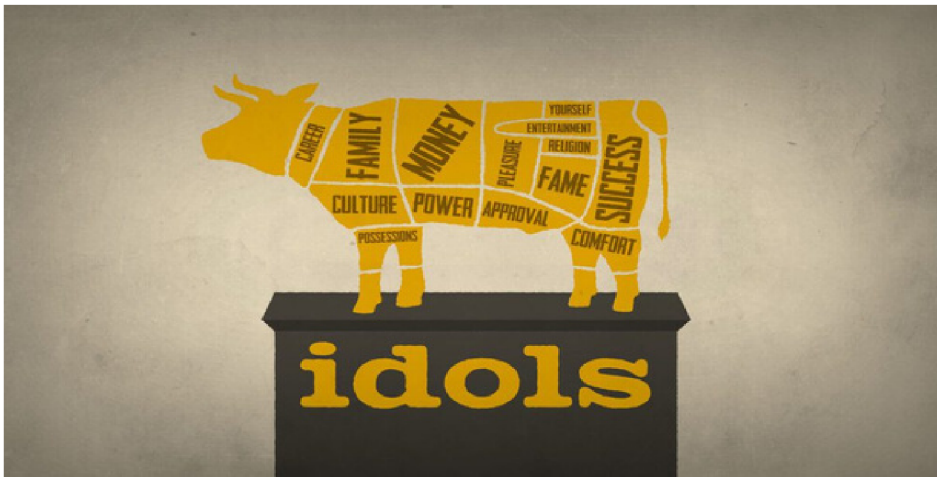
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We, the Catholic community of St. Anthony of Padua, relying on the wisdom and the grace of God, unite ourselves to the call for renewal and transformation of our spiritual, social and economic life.

## 3rd Sunday of Lent March 3, 2024



### Stewardship Reflection

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..."*  
- Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

### Prayer Requests

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

Baby Anthony, Bridget Ridgers, Patrick Donegan, Sandra Kos, Dan McIntyre, Louie Yaretz, 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,



Good Bye to our Laurie Martin. We have loved having you in our parish for the past few years, and we are so grateful for all that you have been involved with since you were here! May God richly bless you and your husband, Randy, as you start a new adventure in Calgary! Please stay in touch and visit us when you can!

### 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:** March 2 - 4:00 pm

+Dale Milton Hughes

**Sunday:** March 3 - 10:30 am

+John Dumas

+Venerable Mother Ignaciade Espiritu Santo

**Monday:** March 4 - 9:00 am

Paul McKenzie (healing)

**Tuesday:** March 5 - 7:00 pm

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**Wednesday:** March 6 - 9:00 am

Liturgy of the Word

**Wednesday:** March 6 - 6:00 pm

Soup & Buns

**Thursday:** March 7 - 9:00 am

+Floyd & Marie Robbins

**Friday:** March 8 - 9:00 am

Special Intention

**Saturday:** March 9 - 4:00 pm

+Odon Pacis III

### FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Please bring non perishable food items for the last Sunday of the month.

## TODAY, WE HAVE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SCRUTINY FOR OUR RCIA CANDIDATES.

Why are the RCIA Scrutinies Celebrated? The Scrutinies are celebrated for the Elect (unbaptized) on the 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup>, and 5<sup>TH</sup> Sundays of Lent. These Rites are celebrated to help deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The Scrutinies uncover what is weak and sinful and strengthen what is good and upright in the elect. Through them, "the Elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered..."

How might the Scrutinies of the RCIA process help the parish as a whole? The celebrations of the Scrutinies also remind the whole parish community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God's help. The universal Church hears the stories of the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. These readings were chosen to be the driving force of prayerful introspection, surrender, and conversion. They offer powerful images of surrender, sin, conversion, faith, and healing. In our faith journey with those seeking Baptism, we must stir our souls, as if they were dying campfires, to expose any parts of ourselves that have not been purified by the burning love of the Holy Spirit. We are challenged with the Samaritan woman at the well when we thirst for the Lord, who knows what we need and provides it; we beg, with the man born blind, to see Jesus, who is the light and gives us sight; and finally we lie with Lazarus within the tomb of oblivion and death, built with the stones of our own sins, until Jesus reaches out his hand and pulls us from the pit. Take this gift of the Church and use this group of readings as Lenten reflections.

# Soup & Buns



Soup and Buns is being held in our parish from Wednesday, February 21st until March 20th at 6 pm. This is a joint effort of all of the churches in Agassiz, and we are so proud that we can host this annual event in our parish, welcoming many of our local friends and neighbors. Please put this on your calendar and plan to join in each week. It begins with a short prayer service, followed by homemade soups & buns in the parish hall!

### THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO CAME FORWARD TO HELP OUT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME PLEASE

1. Lenten Soup and Buns on Wednesdays, 6 pm, Feb 21-March 20
2. 5 - 6 pm Set up
3. 6:30 - 7:30 pm Clean up
4. Four parishioners needed to prepare soup for March 20
5. Fellowship Coffee after Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month
6. 9 - 10 am Set up
7. 12 - 1 pm Clean up
8. More parishioners needed to bring snacks to share with others!



## THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Thank you to Aaron & Jennifer Sask for assuming the ministry as Pro-Life Liaisons in our Parish! God bless you and your family!



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us every Friday during lent at 5 pm to pray the stations of the cross. Praying these prayers can offer strength in times of suffering, they can instill in us a compassion for those who suffer, they can remind us of the vast love of God, they can give us a sign of great hope, and they can enable us to feel Jesus' suffering.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KofC meeting

Thursday March 7th @ 7:00 pm

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

### CWL Word of the Week

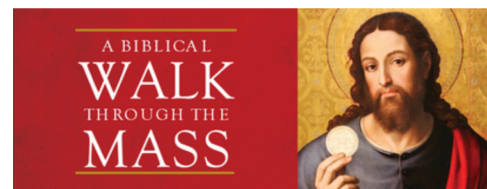
#### MEANING

Life has meaning when you recognize your God-given gifts and share them with others.

Join the Catholic Women's League and celebrate the meaning of life as you share your gifts.



Our Parish is subscribed to [formed.org](http://formed.org), a website with Catholic videos, audiobooks, and e-books. Every parishioner has 24/7 access to the best Catholic content from home. To access this website go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and sign up with St Anthony of Padua. For any questions please contact Adriana Striker at [adriana.striker1@gmail.com](mailto:adriana.striker1@gmail.com)



Sister Olive is hosting a weekly presentation through Lent on the Mass. It will start on Thursday the 15th after Mass and continue every Thursday. There will be a discussion period with Sr Olive and Fr Dennis after the video portion, along with coffee and tea provided by the CWL.

### OFFERING COLLECTIONS

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Loose: \$241.75  
Envelope: \$1265.00  
Other: \$40.00  
Total: \$1546.75

