



# 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 Lent March 10, 2024



### Stewardship Reflection

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

### Prayer Requests

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

Baby Anthony, Bridget Ridgers, Patrick Donegan, 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,

### Lenten Penitential Service

Saturday, March 23rd at 10 am

In his 1986 Angelus, Pope Saint John Paul II famously referenced Saint Augustine stating, "We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our song!" But before we can truly be the Easter people, we have to be the Lent people. During this liturgical season of Lent, we are spiritually called into the desert to unite our sufferings to Christ, reflect on our journey, and even bleakness. While the Catechism states that Catholics are required to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for serious sins **at least** once a year, we should receive penance and aim to be in a state of grace as often as possible.

### TALK TO US

**Pastor:** Fr. Dennis O. Flores

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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

+Odon Pacis III

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

+Marie Louise Coil

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

Ane (Ria Vantol's sister) Healing

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

+S. Ma. Leonisa Maningas, RVM

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

Liturgy of the Word

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

Soup & Buns

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

+Fely Dy Ang

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

+Shirley Dy Kho

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

+Loretta Co

### FOOD BANK SUNDAY

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





## 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.

### Lector's Workshop

Friday, March 22nd at 6:00 pm  
(immediately following the Stations of the Cross)

If you already are a Lector or would like to volunteer for this ministry, please attend this mandatory training. Fr. Dennis will be giving the instruction, and there will be some new things added to the responsibilities of this ministry. Please be there.

### Altar Server's Workshop

Saturday, March 23rd at 12:30 pm

Calling all boys and girls, age 7 and older for this Altar Server's training workshop. We are pleased that Simon Carten has come forward to train our Altar Servers. Please come and get trained, especially because Fr. Dennis needs extra help for the upcoming Easter Season. By the way... there will be pizza! Watch next weeks bulletin for more information!

## 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. It begins with a short prayer service, followed by homemade soups & buns in the parish hall!

1. Soup and Buns is only two more weeks: March 13 and 20th.
3. No soup contributors are needed for March 20th now.

**THERE WILL BE FELLOWSHIP COFFEE FOLLOWING THE MASS ON MARCH 10TH ONLY THIS MONTH.**

### MENTAL HEALTH AND ILLNESS IN CANADIAN CONGREGATIONS SURVEY



We are inviting you to take up to ten to fifteen minutes **this week** to fill out an anonymous online survey, to participate in a national study of mental health and illness in Canadian churches developed by **Flourishing Congregations Institute** and **Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries**.

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### UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

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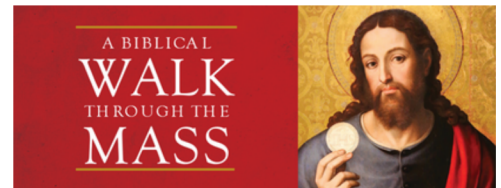
### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday:  
7pm: The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration until Midnight at the Shrine  
Good Friday:  
10am: Outdoor Stations of the Cross  
3pm: Passion of the Lord  
Easter Vigil:  
9pm: Reception will follow the Vigil in Parish Hall  
Easter Sunday:  
Regular Mass time of 10:30 am

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

#### CWL Word of the Week MENTORSHIP

Mentorship includes guidance, inspiration and encouragement. The Catholic Women's League is a sisterhood of mentors willing to walk with you. Come be part of the journey.



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, March 3, 2024  
Loose: \$281.70  
Envelope: \$1652.00  
Total: \$1933.70

