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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.

5th Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024



Stewardship Reflection

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

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

UPDATE!! Palm Sunday, March 24th at 4 pm

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

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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 16 - 4:00 pm

+Loretta Co

Sunday: March 17 - 10:30 am

+S. Ma Leonisa Maningas, RVM

Monday: March 18 - 9:00 am

S. Ma Elpidia Albores, RVM

Tuesday: March 19 - 7:00 pm

+Nora Vint

Wednesday: March 20 - 9:00 am

Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday: March 20 - 6:00 pm

Soup & Buns

Thursday: March 21 - 9:00 am

+Vima S. Bueno

Friday: March 22 - 9:00 am

+S. Ma Lourdes Allegado, RVM

Saturday: March 23 - 4:00 pm

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FOOD BANK SUNDAY

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



Featuring this week!

Our dear Fr. Dennis will be preaching

This is the last week for our annual Soup and Buns. Wednesday, March 20th at 6 pm.
This is a joint effort of all of the churches in Agassiz. It begins with a short prayer service,
followed by homemade soups & buns in the parish hall

Please come and be part of this ecumenical event!!!

RCIA – 3rd Scrutiny

The Third Scrutiny, through the Gospel text of the Raising of Lazarus, emphasizes that only in Jesus can they receive true “life in the face of death” Please pray for our candidates: Kyle Miller and Susan Leins

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.



Share Lent: Second Collection

This Lent, Development and Peace—Caritas Canada, the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, invites you to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities through their Create Hope: Reaping our Rights campaign. Your generosity will help support over 73 projects in 36 countries around the world, helping address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality. On Solidarity Sunday, March 17, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, please consider making a tax-deductible donation in person at the parish or online at rcav.org/share-lent.

Thank you for supporting the Cherish Life Gala!

A BIG thank you to all of you who attended our gala on March 1, 2024! Thank you, also, to those who donated, participated in our silent auction, and volunteered. And, finally, thank you to our gala sponsors who funded our event.

We are thrilled to announce that our gala raised over \$104,000! That's \$104,000 that will go to fund the programs that give vulnerable people alternatives to abortion and euthanasia.

And, for those who didn't get a chance to contribute, you can still donate toward the Cherish Life gala. Will we be able to raise \$110,000? Click the donate button below to help us raise even more



The Chilliwack Pro-Life Society is offering two \$1,500 scholarship awards to two deserving students who live in the Chilliwack area. One will go to a student who is currently in Grade 12, and the other scholarship will go to a student in their first year of college/university. Applicants will submit a pro-life essay to be judged by a committee appointed by the Society.

An application along with the award rules can also be downloaded from our website at www.chilliwackprolife.com.

UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

Lector's Workshop

Friday, March 22nd at 6:00 pm

Altar Server's Workshop:

Saturday, March 23rd at 12:30 pm

Lenten Penitential Service

Sunday, March 24th at 4:00 pm

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
OUTREACH

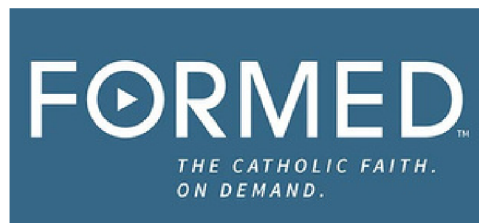
"For it is in giving that we receive." Members of the Catholic Women's League strive to reach out to those in need. Won't you help us reach further? Come and join us.

EASTER FLOWERS

Would you like to donate flowers to be placed in our Easter Altar Displays? If you wish to have them placed in honor of a loved one, simply include their name in an envelope labeled Easter Flowers along with your donation. Thank you for your generosity!

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.



Our Parish is subscribed to 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 and sign up with St Anthony of Padua. For any questions please contact Adriana Striker at adriana.striker1@gmail.com

OFFERING COLLECTIONS

Sunday, March 9, 2024

Loose: \$249.75

Envelope: \$1560

Total: \$1809.75

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!