



# 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.*

## June 23, 2024 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am

Tuesday: 7 pm

Wednesday (Liturgy of the Word): 9 am

Saturday: 4 pm (Anticipated Sunday Mass)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 20 minutes prior to Mass times and/or by appointment

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament each Friday at the Shrine immediately following the 9 am Mass. Benediction at 10:15 am**

Please pray for those who are ill or housebound in our Parish family: Barry Bembridge, Baby Anthony Vu, Joanna Black, Stella Hildebrandt, Paul McKenzie, Rutelle Bembridge, Rudy Leon, S. Olive Kingsbury, RVM

### Mass Intentions June 22 to 29, 2024

Saturday	June 22	4 pm	Stella Hildebrandt
Sunday	June 23	10:30 am	+Fournier Family
Monday	June 24	9 am	Paul McKenzie
Tuesday	June 25	7 pm	+Anne Freimark
Wednesday	June 26	9 am	Liturgy of Word
Thursday	June 27	9 am	+Marilyn Struys (birthdate)
Friday	June 28	9 am	+Baby Luke "Teddy"
Saturday	June 29	4 pm	Santos Family Intentions

### Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes	\$1375.00
Loose	\$663.60
Other	\$155.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2193.60</b>

### Stewardship Reflection

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*"Then he asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?'" -Mark 4:40*

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him every day. Move your discipleship from head knowledge to heart knowledge.

## Welcome to St. Anthony's!

New Parishioners and Visitors  
Welcome! We want to know you!



Parish Registration  
Forms are available on the brochure table in the Gathering Area of the Church.



**Our Parish Goal this year is \$8600. This means that all funds over this amount are returned to us, without assessment. SO FAR, YOU HAVE DONATED \$5150! THANK YOU...THANK YOU!**

*This year, we are again trying to collect money to pave our parking lot, so all surplus funds will be designated towards this much needed project. Your generous support for this project is so appreciated*

Let us give thanks to God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, who showed us the way to live in righteousness, and whose love endures forever.

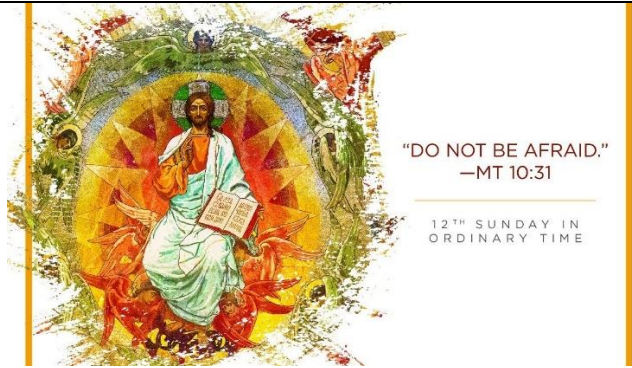
*Shrine of  
Sto. Niño de Cebu*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**Opening Salvo:** August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm  
**President:** Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB  
**Anniversary Celebration:** August 24<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm  
**President:** Bishop Abbet S. Uy (Tagbilaran, Philippines)  
**Rosary & Novena Prayers: 5:15 pm daily**  
**August 15<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



*Beginning Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, a regular celebration of the Holy Mass will be scheduled at the Shrine at 1 pm*

**Pastoral/Finance Council**  
7:30 pm Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>



**(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Would you like to know more about our faith and becoming a Catholic? Our classes will commence in September. For more information, please see Fr Dennis or inquire at the Parish Office.

**PREP NEWS**

Please spread the word to friends and relatives that we are in the process of registering students for the school year 2024 – 2025. Registration Fee is \$50 returning and new students. Cheques are payable to St. Anthony of Padua

For more information,  
call the Parish Office.

**Arise Youth Retreat**

All youth born in 2009 and 2010 (going into Grades 9 and 10 this September) are invited to the annual Arise Youth Retreat at Camp Jubilee in North Vancouver on August 26-30!

By combining practical skills, a faith perspective and spiritual development, participants will learn and grow in their faith through engaging activities, presentations, games, skits, reflection, sharing and the opportunity to interact with each other in a faith-filled, safe environment. We will explore self-identity, how to build community connections, and how to make Jesus Christ the centre of our lives.

Learn more and register as a school or parish group via [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).



### FOOD BANK NEEDS:

- Soup and healthy canned meals.
  - (ex: chunky soup/stew, chili, any canned soup, etc.)
- Canned vegetables, and fruits.
  - (especially with little or no added sugar or salt)
- Canned or bagged vegetarian protein.
  - (ex: beans, peas, lentils)
- Side dishes.
  - (ex: Hamburger helper, Rice, etc.)
- Hygiene products.
  - (ex: Toilet tissue, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste)
- Cereal.
- Crackers.

604-796-2585  
 foodbank@agassizcs.ca  
 7086 Cheam Ave Agassiz  
 Monday - Friday 9-12 and 1-4:30



## Sheltered in His Heart: A Taizé Night of Adoration in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Join us for a night of prayer, music, and Adoration in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with a reflection by Father Edmund Lo, SJ, Jesuit Vocation Director and the Canadian Coordinator of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer). We will also be accompanied by Father Nick Meisl, Pastor of St. Peter's.

On Saturday, July 6, 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish in New Westminster. While the event is targeted to young adults, we welcome attendees from all backgrounds. Refreshments will be served after the event. Please register so we can plan accordingly. Learn more and register via [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**Next Sunday is Food Bank Sunday in Our Parish. Please remember your canned goods and non-perishables for this monthly food drive for our local community.**

### Catholic Family Camp

Join us for an unforgettable journey at the first-ever Catholic Family Camp hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver. This getaway is for families of all types, ages, and sizes to come together for rest, play, fellowship and prayer.

Inspired by Pope Francis at the 9th World Meeting of Families, the time together will focus on how we are called to be beacons of God's joyous love. Your family will connect with others to strengthen this mission, living out the joy and love that God desires for every family.

Families should prepare to arrive in the late afternoon on Wednesday, August 28, at Stepping Stones Bible Camp in Deroche. Family Camp will end in the afternoon on Friday, August 30. **Registration deadline: Monday, July 29, or whenever we reach capacity.** Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

**Please pray for our dear Sister Olive. She will had her knee surgery this week, and will be away from the parish for a period of time during her recovery. May God protect and heal you Dear Sister!!**

### ALTAR SERVERS WANTED!!!

If you have received First Holy Communion and are now interested in becoming an Altar Server, you are needed! We are thankful to Simon Carton for coordinating our servers, and he would like to help train all of you to minister in our parish! If you would like to be part of this... please call the parish office or see Fr. Dennis

**The Knights of Columbus are organizing a few work bees over the next month and are looking for more volunteers who are willing to help scrape the outside of the Thrift Store. If you are willing to come lend a hand, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have tools that would be useful, please bring them. Things like eye protection, gloves, scraper, and possibly a face mask. For more information, please contact Grand Knight Tad Seymour.**



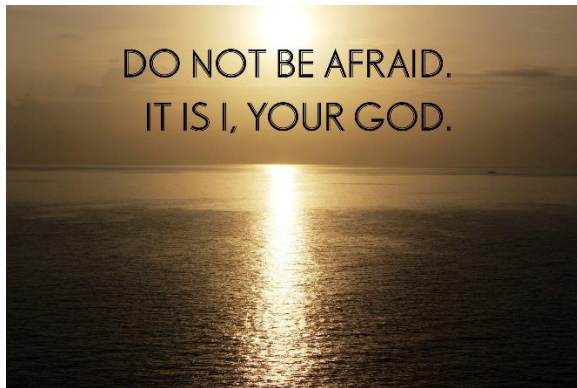
**Thank you so much to everyone who came out to celebrate the 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Ordination with Fr. Dennis last Sunday! A very special note of thanks to everyone who coordinated putting the food out and cleaning up after the party!**



## Save the Date: The Men's Retreat

Join Life Restoration Ministries for the 2024 Men's Retreat at Rockridge Canyon on September 20-24! The experience offers something for everyone—powerful presentations, prayer time, break-out sessions, sacraments, fellowship, adventure, music, rest, quiet, hiking, and the stunning beauty of Rockridge Canyon. This is the retreat you don't want to miss!

Registration opens July 13! More details soon via [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).



*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Buongiorno!*

In today's liturgy the episode of the storm calmed by Jesus (Mk 4:35-41) is told. The boat on which the disciples are crossing the lake is beaten by the wind and waves and they are afraid they will sink. Jesus is with them on the boat, yet he is in the stern asleep on the cushion. The disciples, filled with fear, cry out to him: "Teacher, do you *not care if we perish?*" (v. 38).

And quite often we too, beaten by the trials of life, have cried out to the Lord: "Why do you remain silent and do nothing for me?". **Especially when it seems we are sinking, because of love or the project in which we have laid great hopes disappears; or when we are at the mercy of the unrelenting waves of anxiety; or when we feel we are drowning in problems or lost in the middle of the sea of life, with no course and no harbour.** Or even, in the moments in which the strength to go forward fails us, **because we have no job, or an unexpected diagnosis makes us fear for our health or that of a loved one.** There are many moments in which we feel we are in a storm; we feel we are almost done in.

In these situations and in many others, **we too feel suffocated by fear and, like the disciples, risk losing sight of the most important thing. On the boat, in fact, even if he is sleeping, Jesus is there, and he shares with his own all that is happening.** His slumber, when on the one hand it surprises us, on the other it puts us to the test. **The Lord is there, present; indeed, he waits – so to speak – for us to engage him, to invoke him, to put him at the centre of**

what we are experiencing. His slumber causes us to wake up. Because to be disciples of Jesus it is not enough to believe God is there, that he exists, but we must put ourselves out there with him; we must also raise our voice with him. Hear this: we must *cry out to him*. Prayer, many times, is a cry: "Lord, save me!". I was watching, on the programme "In his image", today, the Day of Refugees, many who come in large boats and at the moment of drowning cry out: "Save us!". In our life too the same thing happens: "Lord, save us!", and prayer becomes a cry.

Today we can ask ourselves: what are the winds that beat against my life? What are the waves that hinder my navigation, and put my spiritual life, my family life, even my psychic life in danger? Let us say all this to Jesus; let us tell him everything. He wants this; he wants us to grab hold of him to find shelter from the unexpected waves of life. The Gospel recounts that the disciples approach Jesus, wake him and speak to him (cf. v. 38). **This is the beginning of our faith: to recognize that alone we are unable to stay afloat; that we need Jesus like sailors need the stars to find their course. Faith begins from believing that we are not enough for ourselves, from feeling *in need of God*.** When we overcome the temptation to close ourselves off, when we overcome the false religiosity that does not want to disturb God, when we cry out to him, he can work wonders in us. It is the gentle and extraordinary power of prayer, which works miracles.



Jesus, begged by the disciples, calms the wind and waves. And he asks them a question, a question which also pertains to us: "**Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?**" (v. 40). **The disciples were gripped with fear, because they were focused on the waves more than looking at Jesus. And fear leads us to look at the difficulties, the awful problems and not to look at the Lord, who many times is sleeping. It is this way for us too: how often we remain fixated on problems rather than going to the Lord and casting our concerns into him!** How often we leave the Lord in a corner, at the bottom of the boat of life, to wake him only in a moment of need! Today, let us ask for the grace of a faith that never tires of seeking the Lord, of knocking at the door of his Heart. May the Virgin Mary, who in her life never stopped trusting in God, reawaken in us the basic need of entrusting ourselves to him each day.