



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.

July 14, 2024: 15th 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 July 13 to 20, 2024

Saturday	July 13	4 pm	Paul McKenzie (healing)
Sunday	July 14	10:30 am	+Mario & Estela Santa Elena Dean Philips
		1 pm	+Fr. D.D. MacDonald, OMI
Monday	July 15	9 am	<i>St. Bonaventure, Bishop</i> Stella Hildebrandt
Tuesday	July 16	7 pm	CANCELLED
Wednesday	July 17	9 am	LITURGY OF THE WORD
Thursday	July 18	9 am	Dian Lopez
Friday	July 19	9 am	+Peter Pukas +Francis & Abbi Cadiz (wedding anniversary)
Saturday	July 20	4 pm	Macy & Shane Hager (thanksgiving)

St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Feast day-July 15)

St. Bonaventure, known as "the seraphic doctor," was born at Bagnoregio, in the Lazio region of central Italy, in 1221. He received the name of Bonaventure in consequence of an exclamation of St. Francis of Assisi, when, in response to the pleading of the child's mother, the saint prayed for John's recovery from a dangerous illness, and, foreseeing the future greatness of the little John, cried out "O Buona ventura"- O good fortune!

At the age of twenty-two St. Bonaventure entered the Franciscan Order. Having made his vows, he was sent to Paris to complete his studies under the celebrated doctor Alexander of Hales, an Englishman and a Franciscan. After the latter's death he continued his course under his successor, John of Rochelle. In Paris he became the intimate friend of the great St. Thomas Aquinas. He received the degree of Doctor, together with St. Thomas Aquinas, ceding to his friend against the latter's inclination, the honor of having it first conferred upon him. Like St. Thomas Aquinas, he enjoyed the friendship of the holy King, St. Louis.

At the age of thirty-five he was chosen General of his Order and restored a perfect calm where peace had been disturbed by internal dissensions. He did much for his Order and composed The Life of St. Francis. He also assisted at the translation of the relics of St. Anthony of Padua. He was nominated Archbishop of York by Pope Clement IV, but he begged not to be forced to accept that dignity. Gregory X obliged him to take upon himself a greater one, that of Cardinal and Bishop of Albano, one of the six suffragan Sees of Rome. Before his death he abdicated his office of General of the Franciscan Order. He died while he was assisting at the Second Council of Lyons, on July 15, 1274

Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes	\$1,615.00
Loose	\$336.50
Other	\$1,090.00
TOTAL	\$3,041.50

Stewardship Reflection

July 14, 2024 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." —Mark 6:8

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things "we can't live without" in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become "slaves" to wanting to acquire more things.



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

Shrine of Sto. Niño de Cebu 2nd Anniversary Celebration

Opening Salvo: August 15th at 6 pm

President: Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB

Anniversary Celebration: August 24th at 4 pm

President: Bishop Abbet S. Uy (Tagbilaran, Philippines)

**Rosary & Novena Prayers: 5:15 pm daily
August 15th to 23rd.**

"Have you ever wanted to do the St. James pilgrimage in Spain but just haven't been able to? St. James Parish in Abbotsford is hosting a three day Camino beginning at St. Mary's Parish in Chilliwack and ending at St. James parish in Abbotsford. Tuesday, July 23 to Thursday, July 25 (the Feast of St. James the Greater). More information can be found on our Camino website: www.stjamescamino2024.com or you can contact Teresa the parish office 604-864-8800 or stjamesabbotsford@gmail.com"

(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.

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

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

Annual Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto – Mission, BC
St. Joseph's Parish (Mission) invite you to the Grotto of Our lady Of Lourdes at historic Fraser River Heritage Park (7494 Mary Street, Mission) to celebrate the Holy Eucharist in honour of Our Lady on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 1 pm.
Main Celebrant will be the Most Rev. J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver.
Confessions will be heard on site between 10 am and 1 pm. After mass, procession to the Grotto where the Rosary is prayed and then Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Time for picnic and fellowship: Please bring your own picnic lunch and chairs. Please see the official poster in the gathering area of the church.
Visit: www.MissionGrotto.com

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

Mass Finder: A Tool to Help You Find Mass and Confession Times Near You

Mass Finder makes it easy to find Mass and confession times near you. No matter where you are in the Archdiocese, you can use the tool to sort Mass times by day, time, and language. Check out Mass Finder today at massfinder.rcav.org.

15TH Sunday in Ordinary Time July 14, 2024

“Off with you, visionary.”

It is a sentiment that echoes across time and space, not just in the book of Amos: An ordinary person with a vision of change is first ridiculed, then punished, for daring to imagine something new. For bearing a message of a new kind of world, a new way of relating to others, self, and God. Instead of being met with respect or cautious curiosity, they are run out of town, usually by civic and spiritual leaders desperate to preserve the status quo. A gift from the Holy Spirit, rejected with a vengeance.

This happens to prophets throughout the scriptures, from Amos to Jesus and the early church. We see it play out again and again in our own history: Individuals try to share a truth that challenges the structures of their time, and they are met with fear, distrust, and usually violence. Protesters met with riot police. Community organizers doxed and threatened. Beloved leaders targeted, surveilled, maligned, jailed, even assassinated. MLK. Malcolm X. Mahatma Gandhi. Malala Yousafzai. Rachel Corrie. *Off with you, visionaries.* This isn't the place for your voice, your protests. This isn't the place for you.

Hindsight tends to be 20-20 for recognizing a visionary at work, but at the time, usually only the marginalized

can see them for what they are; everyone else finds them annoying at best, dangerous at worst. Oscar Romero was criticized by fellow bishops before and even after his death. Nelson Mandela was on a U.S. Terror Watch List until 2008. In an age of 24-hour news cycles and social media echo chambers, how can we discern what true visionaries look like?

Today's scriptures help us out. Visionaries do not look like kings or CEOs, military leaders or presidents, celebrities or even high-ranking clergy (most of the time). They are neighbors: shepherds like Amos, fishermen like the sons of Zebedee, homemakers like Martha, carpenters like Jesus. They look like the disciples: sent without power, building relationships with those who listen and moving on from those who don't. They do not force their way into halls of power; they do not collude with oppressive systems to impose their will; they do not seek power at all. They lean on community and trust in abundance without hoarding wealth, prestige, or influence—no money, no sack, just sandals. Sharing their vision comes at personal cost rather than personal gain. And still—like Amos, like Jesus, like the disciples—they do it.

Whom do we write off because we can't bear what they have to say? Is it, from time to time, Jesus himself?

May we release our fearful clinging to the status quo so that we, like the towns who received the disciples with welcome, may find healing in others. May we recognize the true prophets in our communities and, rather than banishing them like Amos, lend them our ears, our hands, our help. May we embrace the message of salvation that God sends visionary after visionary to teach us, a vision shared in today's psalm: where "Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss; Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.



The church grounds are so beautiful!

We owe our gratitude to so many people for their ongoing commitment to maintaining the property in such a wonderful way.

Firstly...thank you to the donors of the flowers that adorn our property!

Susan & Lloyd Leins, Karen Dumas, Allan Bokenfohr and of course to Fr. Dennis!!



Would you like to help with the daily watering? Right now, Fr. Dennis has assumed this task, but it would be nice if we could have some volunteers that could help out. Many hands make lighter work! Can you give some time?

Please let the Parish Office or Fr. Dennis know.

This week we honor another one of our faithful volunteers!

RUDY PATRIARCHA

Rudy always sees the work that needs to be done! God Bless You!!!

