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31st SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY TIME

November 3, 2024



Stewardship Reflection November 4, 2024

"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." Mark 12:33

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgivenessHe is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness. REV. FR. DENNIS O. FLORES Pastor dflores@rcav.org

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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	1165.00
Loose	429.25
Other	45.00
TOTAL	1639.25

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are ill, or housebound, in our Parish Family:

Barry Bembridge, Baby Anthony Vu, Joanna Black, Stella Hildebrandt, Paul McKenzie, Rudy Leon, Wilma Struys, Ann Struys, Shirley Bach, Patrick Donegan

Please pray for the soul of: Kate Davies Funeral will be on November 7, at 11 am

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	Nov 2	9 AM	+Ernesto Herrera
		5 PM	+Lourdes Herrera
SUN	Nov 3	10:00 AM	Paul McKenzie
		1:00 PM	Raymond de los Reyes (birthday)
MON	Nov 4	9 AM	Mateo Ku Cadiz (thanksgiving)
TUE	Nov 5	7 PM	+Lorenzo & Evanista Cadiz
WED	Nov 6	9 AM	Dean Philips
THU	Nov 7	11 AM	Kate Davies Funeral
FRI	Nov 8	9 AM	Cadiz Family
SAT	Nov 9	4 PM	Gloria McKenzie



Thank you for your response! We have met our parish goal of \$8600 All funds given in excess of this amount will be returned to our parish for our projects and we can directly apply that to paying for the pavement in our parking lot!!!!

THANK YOU!!!!

Spirit Day 2024

Spirit Day is an annual one-day event for the Grade 7 students of our Archdiocese! It is a celebration of faith designed to awaken the Holy Spirit in young people and get them excited about receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. The event includes engaging talks from APeX Ministries, praise & worship music, Holy Mass with Archbishop Miller, CSB, as well as skits and other fun bits created and performed by local youth and young adults. Saturday, November 16, OR Sunday, November 17, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Chandos Pattison Auditorium in Surrey. Spirit Day is also open to adult chaperones. Learn more, register as a group, or explore volunteer opportunities at <u>rcav.org/spiritday.</u>

North American Congress on Mercy

The Third North American Congress on Mercy (NACOM) promises spiritually enriching presentations from inspiring, well-known speakers and powerful witnesses to God's love and mercy; Holy Mass; Eucharistic Adoration; Confession; uplifting sacred music; book signings; and time for sharing and fellowship. Friday, November 15 through Sunday, November 17 at Good Shepherd Church in Surrey. Learn more and register at <u>marian.org/events</u>.



Mark your calendar dinner. We will have a catered Christmas Dinner on December 8th at 6 pm. Don't miss out on this opportunity to celebrate with our parish family. There will be a signup sheet next Sunday in the Gathering Area of the Church. It is with sorrow that we announce that our dear friend Kate Davies has passed away last Tuesday morning. Her funeral will be at St. Anthony's on Thursday, November 7th at 11 am.

"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

Upcoming at St. Anthony's

PREP: Thursdays 3:30 pm

RCIA: Thursdays 6 pm

Pastoral Council: November 5th 7:30 PM

Christian Love

"You must love the Lord your God." This is the message of today's liturgy and the essence of Christian love. This is the greatest commandment of all (the first is love your God and the second is love your neighbor), Jesus tells us in the Gospel. In the first reading, the people of Israel confess their faith in the one and only God and, on the basis of that faith, they profess their complete and exclusive love for Yahweh. Jesus Christ, our High Priest, practices what he preaches by offering himself to the Father for the salvation of all humanity, interceding for us in heaven We will once again be decorating our church property with Christmas Lighting as we did last year. Will you join with another family or some friends to help make us ready for Christmas. The Tree Lighting will be on the First Sunday of Advent, which is December 1st. There will be a signup sheet In the Gathering Area starting next week.



Second Collection: Peter's Pence

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. Make a contribution at Mass or at support.rcav.org

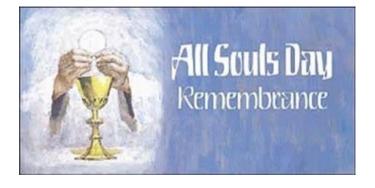
Pray for Holy Souls This November

Praying for the faithful departed pleases God, who makes use of our prayers to help purify these souls in purgatory that he Loves. You can sign up to receive daily prayers right in your inbox throughout the month of November from Gardens of Gethsemani. **Sign up now:** rcav.org/month-of-holy-souls

All Souls Day

Reflection and Remembrance All Souls' Day provides an opportunity for individuals to reflect on the fragility of life and the inevitability of death. It encourages empathy and a sense of connection with those who have gone before us. It is a time to remember the impact they had on our lives and to be grateful for their presence. While All Souls' Day is primarily a Catholic observance, many other Christian denominations and cultures also honor their departed loved ones in similar ways. The essence of this day is universal: to remember, honor, and pray for the souls of the faithful departed. All Souls' Day invites us to cherish the memories of our loved ones who have

nemories of our loved ones who have passed away and to offer our prayers for their peaceful journey. This day reminds us of the impermanence of life and the importance of maintaining a spiritual connection with our ancestors. By honoring their memory and seeking God's mercy for their souls, we keep their legacy alive and find solace in the belief of eternal life.



All Souls Day Envelopes will be available throughout the month of November. These intentions will be included throughout the year.

Pope Francis prays for peace and hope on All Souls' Day "We pray to the Lord for our dead, for all, for all: that the Lord will receive them all," Francis said. "And we pray also that the Lord will have mercy on us and give us hope: hope that we can go forward and that we can find them all together with him when he calls us. So be it."



"Memory," he explained, "of those who have gone before us, who have spent their lives, who have concluded this life" — both those who have done good and those who have failed in doing good, "but were received into the memory of God."

The pope said All Souls' Day is also a good moment to dwell on the theological virtue of hope, which he called an "everyday" virtue.

"I will call it the theological virtue of 'the kitchen,' because it is at hand and always comes to our aid," he said. "We live in this tension between memory and hope."