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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29, 2024



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“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

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LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	2080.00
Loose	316.55
Other	
TOTAL	2396.55

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, David Lim

Please pray for the most recently deceased:

Virgil Hergott, Tammy Harris

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	Dec 28	5 PM	+Jenny Graham
SUN	Dec 29	10:00 AM	+Nathaniel Burchat
		1:00 PM	+Marti, Henk & Rita VandeRaadt
MON	Dec 30	9 AM	Steve Cadiz Family (thanksgiving)
TUE	Dec 31	7 PM	Gloria McKenzie
WED	Jan 1	10 AM	Paul McKenzie
THU	Jan 2	9 AM	Dean Phillips
FRI	Jan 3	9 AM	Joyce Soon (thanksgiving)
SAT	Jan 4	5 PM	+Pat Donegan



2025 Jubilee of Hope

December 06, 2024
Archbishop's Message on the 2025 Jubilee of

Hope

I am writing to you in anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025, which the Church will begin to celebrate in less than a month. The Jubilee Year is marked by celebrations in Rome and in dioceses around the world. As directed by the Holy Father, we will begin our Archdiocesan celebration of the Jubilee

with a Solemn Opening Mass on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral. I hope that many of you will share in this special celebration.

"Pilgrims of Hope" is the theme of the 2025 Holy Year. In the words of Pope Francis, "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

Along with Holy Rosary Cathedral, I have designated the following as local places of pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year: St. Jude's Parish and Shrine; and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Agassiz, together with the adjacent Shrine of Santo Niño de Cebú. Those making pilgrimages and pious visits to these churches and shrines may obtain the Jubilee indulgence, the details of which will be published soon.

I will be writing more to you about the Jubilee as it draws nearer. In the meantime, I ask you to join the Holy Father in praying that this Year will be for all of us "an intense experience of the love of God" that will help to awaken the sure hope of salvation in our hearts (Spes non confundit, 6).

With cordial greetings and the assurance of my prayers for you and your families during this Advent season, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB

Upcoming at St. Anthony's

PREP: Thursdays 3:30 pm

RCIA: Thursdays 6 pm

Pastoral Council: January 7, 2025 at 7:30 pm

CWL News

CWL Dues are due now. You may submit them at the parish office
\$45.00



**The Funeral for Virgil Hergott will be on
Friday, January 10th at 11 am**

**Our condolences to Ria, Maureen and their
families**

Jubilee Year 2025 Opening Mass
Join Archbishop Miller at Holy Rosary
Cathedral on Sunday, December 29, 2024, at
11:00 a.m. for the Solemn Opening Mass of
the Jubilee Year 2025. This Holy Year,
celebrated every 25 years, invites the
faithful to embrace pilgrimage, deepen
prayer, and renew relationships under the
theme “Pilgrims of Hope.”

Relic Tour - St. Jean de Brébeuf and St. Kateri Tekakwitha

As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, you are
invited to come and pray with the major
relics of the Canadian Martyrs,
including St. Jean de Brébeuf, St.
Gabriel Lalement, St. Charles Garnier,
as well as North America's first
indigenous Saint, Kateri Tekakwitha.
These first class relics are visiting from
the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario
as part of their first tour of Western
Canada.

**Saturday, Jan. 11 – St. Anthony of Padua,
Agassiz**

- **Veneration: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
- **Anticipatory Mass: 5:00 p.m.**
(celebrated by Fr. John O'Brien)
- **Confessions throughout the day**

Sunday, Jan. 12 – Holy Rosary Cathedral

- **Mass Times:**
 - **11:00 a.m. (celebrated by
Archbishop Miller)**

- **6:30 p.m. (in Spanish,
celebrated by Fr. John
O'Brien)**

• **Veneration Times:**

- **12:30–1:00 p.m.**
- **2:00–4:00 p.m.**
- **7:30–8:00 p.m.**

Monday, Jan. 13 – Holy Rosary Cathedral

- **Votive Mass of St. Jean de Brebeuf:
12:10 p.m.**
- **Veneration: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm.**

**Learn more
at beholdvancouver.org/events**

**Thank you to all of you who came out on
Christmas Eve to help decorate the
church and transform it from Advent
into Christmas!**

**We especially acknowledge Lynne and
Neil Whitehead for decorating the tree.
Emee Wenk for decorating the windows
And most especially to Fr. Japheth for
setting up the Nativity Scene in the
church! It's so beautiful!**



**Thank you to the donors of the
Poinsettias that so beautifully
graced our altar**

Archbishop Miller's Christmas Message

Donor	Honoring
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Ria VandeRaadt	Olsthoorn & VandeRaadt Family
Francesca Waight	James Waight, Mark Waight, Teddy Tope
Sid & Rose Dennison	Uncle Jim Liggins
Anna Marie & Urs Spaeti	Spaeti Family



Dear brothers and sisters:

“To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord” (Lk 2:11). Those words spoken by the Angel in the heavens above Bethlehem so long ago are just as clearly addressed to us today. That the Lord has been

born for us fills us with hope and trust because the Son of God has made his home among us. This is the good news that has changed the course of history and the life of each one of us. As we look towards the upcoming Jubilee Year of Hope, we recall that the reason for our hope is this: God is with us; he accompanies us; he is always by our side.

I encourage you in these special days to kneel before the Nativity scene to experience the joy that comes from the nearness of Jesus, the tenderness of God himself. With haste and enthusiasm, let us set out to see the Saviour lying in the poverty of the manger and adored by Mary, Joseph, the Angels, and the shepherds.

This Christmas I invite you to recognize the Child Jesus in the faces of the world’s children. From the manger, this Child directs our gaze to all children who are suffering and abused: to children killed in their mother’s womb; to children brutalized in their homes by terrorists; to children hiding underground to escape bombardment; to children at the bottom of a boat overladen with immigrants; to children who go to school hungry in our own City; to children without the blessing of a happy family home; to children who are victims of human trafficking, the pornography industry and every kind of appalling exploitation in our own Downtown Eastside.

Born of the Virgin Mary, God became man in the Child Jesus, the Saviour of the world. May he who is “the light of the world” (Jn 8:12), enter your hearts, brighten your homes, bring hope to our City, and grant peace and bring joy to the whole world.

With the assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I wish you all a blessed Christmas season.