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Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025



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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	2165.00
Loose	946.05
Christmas	1970.00
TOTAL	5081.05

January 5, 2025 – Epiphany of the Lord

“... and they fell down and worshipped him, and opened their treasures, and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (1 Matthew 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? St. Pope Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give to God each day. Gold – as we must reflect the wisdom of Christ in all our relationships. Incense – represents our daily prayers and worship of God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices in which we unite with Jesus for the good of others.

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	Jan 4	5 PM	+Patrick Donegan
SUN	Jan 5	10:00 AM	+Vic Hergott; Nickson Singappulli (birthday)
		1:00 PM	+Barry McCormick
MON	Jan 6	9 AM	Joseph Conlon
TUE	Jan 7	7 PM	+Bartolome Ilustrisimo
WED	Jan 8	9 am	Jecris Dayondon
THU	Jan 9	9 AM	Mario Cepeda
FRI	Jan 10	11 AM	Funeral: Virgil Hergott
SAT	Jan 11	5 PM	Thelma Samson



2025 Jubilee of Hope

National Visitation of the Relics of St. Jean de Brébeuf & 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**

Upcoming at St. Anthony's

PREP: Thursdays 3:30 pm
RCIA: Thursdays 6 pm
Pastoral Council: January 7, 2025 at 7:30 pm

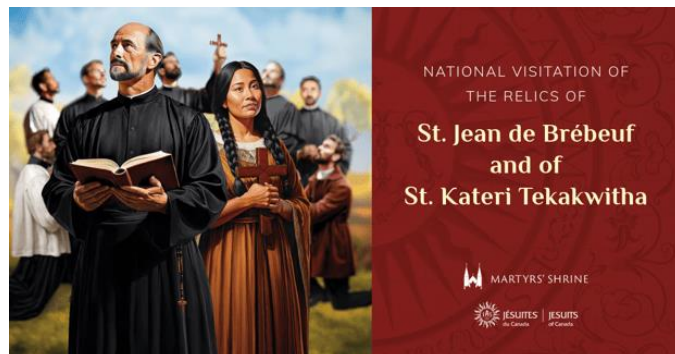
CWL News

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



NATIONAL VISITATION OF THE RELICS OF
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DECREE: Special Indulgence for the Jubilee of Hope



Pope Francis has proclaimed the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025, desiring it to be for the *entire Church a lively experience of grace and hope” and of the love of God.[1]*

The Jubilee Indulgence is a grace traditionally associated with Holy Years in the Church. Pope Francis writes that it *is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God’s mercy.’[2]*

As local places of pilgrimage in the Archdiocese of Vancouver where the Indulgence may be obtained during the Jubilee Year, I hereby designate the following churches *and shrines: Holy Rosary Cathedral, St. Jude’s Parish and Shrine, and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Agassiz, together with the adjacent Shrine of Santo Niño de Cebu.*

In a special way, Holy Rosary Cathedral should *be among the sacred places of welcome and privileged spaces for the rebirth of hope” like the other Marian Shrines Pope Francis mentions in his proclamation of the Jubilee Year.[3]*

By taking part in a pilgrimage to one of three designated churches, one can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence by devoutly participating in Holy Mass or any of the following: a celebration of the Word of God; the Liturgy of the Hours (Office of Readings, Lauds, Vespers); the Way of the Cross; the Rosary; a penitential celebration, which ends with the individual confessions of the penitents.

This Decree is effective from the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, on December 29, 2024, and concluding on the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph on December 28, 2025.

Given in the City of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on the 19th Day of December, 2024.

Are you called to be a deacon?

With strong support from Archbishop Miller, the Permanent Diaconate Program is currently starting a sixth cohort of men who will begin formation for the permanent diaconate in September 2025. The Permanent Diaconate Office is holding two Inquirers’ Sessions for those interested in the permanent diaconate. Men, with their wives, wishing to be considered for this new cohort must attend one of these sessions. They will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre from 9 am to 11 am, and on Saturday January 25, 2025, at St. Nicholas Parish, Langley, from 10 am to 12 pm. Suggested Intercessions for the Prayers of the Faithful. “That the Holy Spirit will call men to serve the Archdiocese with generosity and zeal as permanent deacons, we pray to the Lord.” “For God’s blessing on the Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese, we pray to the Lord.”

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

See the full schedule of ecumenical prayer services for January 2025 at beholdvancouver.org/events.



January 10 to 19th, 2025

Novena Schedule

January 10 to 18, 2025

Rosary: 5:15 pm

Mass: 6:00 pm

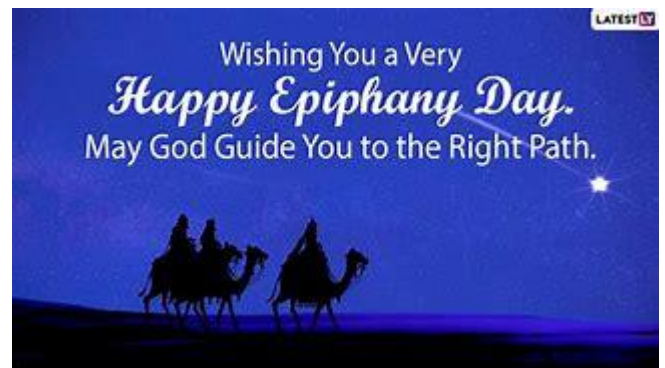
**ALL ARE IN THE SHRINE WITH THE
EXCEPTIONS OF SATURDAY
JANUARY 11 AND 18.**

**FEAST DAY MASS
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH
4:00 pm**

**Potluck Supper will be in the Parish
Hall following the Mass**

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Talk
Pope Francis declared 2025 a Jubilee Year with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. But what is a Jubilee Year? What is its origin and significance? Why do we need it now? What is the Jubilee indulgence? How do we participate in the Jubilee Year and make the most out of it? Come and join us for a talk to learn more about the Jubilee 2025!

On Friday, Jan. 10, 7:45 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish in Surrey. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.



Transformation Through Encounter
After encountering Jesus, the Magi departed by a different route, symbolising a profound change in their lives. Their journey was transformed by their encounter with Christ. Similarly, our encounter with Jesus should transform us, leading us to leave behind old ways of living and embrace a new life of faith, love, and righteousness.

The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord reminds us that God's salvation is for all people. As we celebrate this feast, let us renew our commitment to be like the star that guides others to Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.