

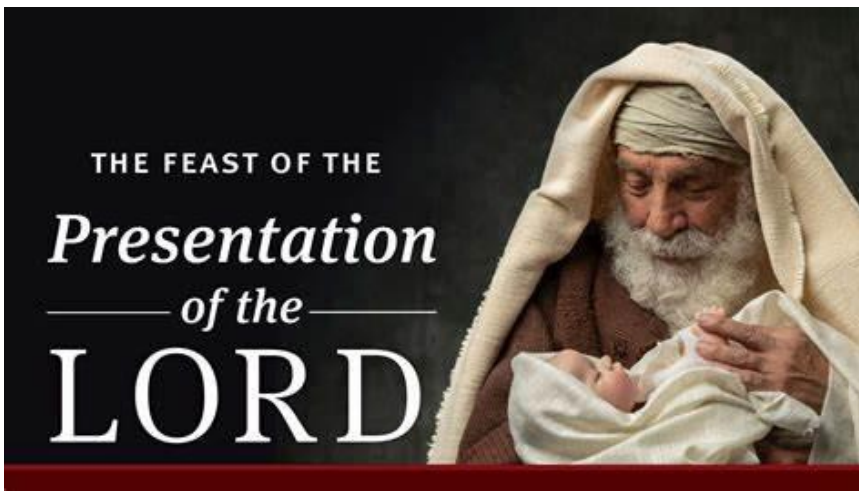


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Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025



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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	1520.00
Loose	464.60
Other	200.00
TOTAL	\$2184.60

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“Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.” (Hebrews 2:18)

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Barry Bembridge, Baby Anthony Vu, Stella Hildebrandt, Joanna Black, Paul McKenzie, Rudy Leon, David Lim

Please pray for the most recently deceased:
Octave LeClair

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	Feb 1	5 PM	+Cacnio Family
SUN	Feb 2	10:00 AM	+Catalina Mijares
		1:00 PM	+Octave LeClair
MON	Feb 3	9 AM	Cabang Family
TUE	Feb 4	7 PM	Paul McKenzie
WED	Feb 5	9 AM	Paul McKenzie
THU	Feb 6	9 AM	Gloria McKenzie
FRI	Feb 7	9 AM	Dean Phillips
SAT	Feb 8	5 PM	Stella Hildebrandt



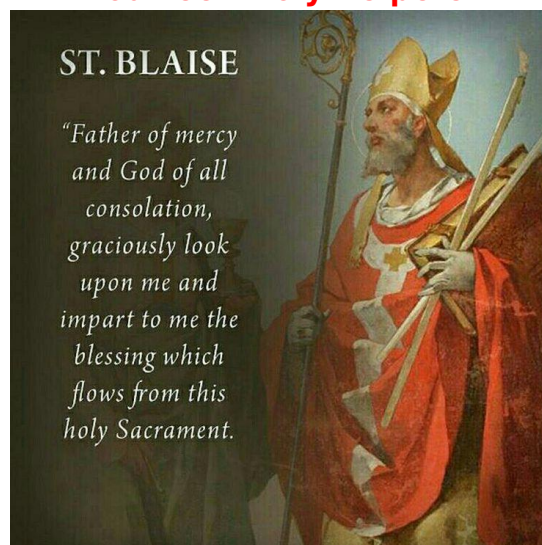
2025 Jubilee of Hope

February 3, 2025

Monday

St. Blaise Feast Day

St. Blaise was an early Christian bishop and martyr, one of the most popular medieval saints. He is venerated as the patron saint of sufferers from throat diseases and of wool combers and as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers.



Today we celebrate the feast of Saint Blaise, who was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia in the fourth century. Before being martyred, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. Since the eighth century, Saint Blaise has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. We pray in a special way today for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. The blessing of Saint Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

Upcoming at St. Anthony's

PREP: Thursdays 3:30 pm

RCIA: Thursdays 6 pm

Knights of Columbus: Thursday 7 pm

Pastoral Council: February 11th at 7:30 pm

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of February 8-9 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca



Candlemas Day

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Please bring your candles in for blessing during the Masses on

Saturday and Sunday with your name(s) on them in the receptacle in the Gathering area.



What can one person do? Over 100,000 abortions in Canada each year

Pray - for politicians, for pro-life organizations, for your local pregnancy centre. To receive prayer updates from our centre via text, text PRAY, followed by your name, to 1-807-797- 5626.

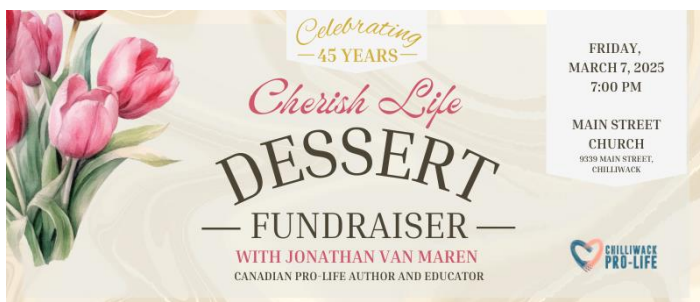
Volunteer - Contact local pro-life organizations or your church about how you can help single mothers or further the pro-life cause.

Vote - Choose politicians who have a voting record that supports life in the womb. Get educated - Listen to pro-life podcasts (like the Pro-Life Guy's podcast) or go to a Chilliwack Pro-Life education event.

Donate - Support pro-life pregnancy care centres and other pro-life organizations which rely entirely on charitable donations to fulfill their mission.

Our Parish Pro Life Representatives are Jen & Aaron Sask

Register for the Dessert Fundraiser soon. Almost all tables have now been sold.



**JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

Jubilee Year 2025

A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the universal Church every 25 years, dedicated to encouraging the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, repent of their sins, forgive others, and renew their focus on spiritual life. Learn more about this special year, stay updated with the latest news, and explore how you can participate at rcav.org/jubilee.

Knights of Columbus Student Bursary Program

The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is underway. The Knights of Columbus are privileged to offer fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia. Applications are accepted until June 30, 2025

Requests for applications should be addressed to:

Christopher Chen - State Bursary Chairman
Knights of Columbus BC Charity Foundation

#333 - 1231 Pacific Boulevard

Vancouver, BC V6Z0E2 Or

email [chrischen.kofc@gmail.com]Chrischen.kofc@gmail.com.

Deadline for requests for application is June 1.

Local Pilgrimage Sites - Obtain the Jubilee 2025 Indulgence

The Archbishop's decree designates three sacred locations in the Archdiocese where pilgrims may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence:

- Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver, which the Archbishop said should be in a special way 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;
- St. Jude's Parish and Shrine in Vancouver;
- **St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Agassiz, along with the adjacent Shrine of Santo Niño de Cebu.**

The faithful can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence by visiting one of the designated sites and devoutly participating in Holy Mass or other sacred acts, such as the celebration of the Word of God, the Liturgy of the Hours, the Way of the Cross, or the Rosary. You must also go to Confession, receive Holy Communion at any church and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, within a few days of visiting the pilgrimage site.

Second Collection for the B.C. Catholic
To support the parish in its circulation of the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. This collection is retained by the parish to defray the parish costs of distribution.

World Day of the Sick: February 11, 2025

About World Day of the Sick

Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was impetus for his designation of the day. World Day of the Sick was first observed on February 11, 1993. February 11 is also the Catholic Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which a name is given to the Virgin Mary in honor of the apparitions that were said to have been seen in and around Lourdes, France, by a young girl called Bernadette Soubirous. The Church canonized Bernadette as a saint several years later

Please watch next week's bulletin for more information on how our parish will be observing the World Day of the Sick

Available for Service and Mission

Today the Church celebrates the Lord's Presentation. The narrative is only found in Luke's gospel. It was Jewish Law that the first-born son belonged to God and had to be "bought back" from God forty days after birth. Thus, today, forty days after Christmas, Mary and Joseph, faith-filled Jews, bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Being poor, they simply offer the modest sacrifice of two turtledoves.

While they are accomplishing the prescribed ritual in the temple, two unique individuals arrive on the scene: Simeon and Anna. Both are pious, prayerful, elderly, and faith-filled people; they thank God for this unique opportunity and speak prophetic words about this special child. He is destined to be "a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel." Truly, a beautiful prophecy! Through the life of this child, "the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed."

One may validly assert that presentation implies "total consecration," giving oneself unreservedly to the Lord, committing to a life of self-sacrificing service and missionary witness. Certainly, this is manifested in Jesus' life. But we also see it in the lives of Mary and Joseph. Yes, today's feast could also be termed "the presentation of the holy family."