

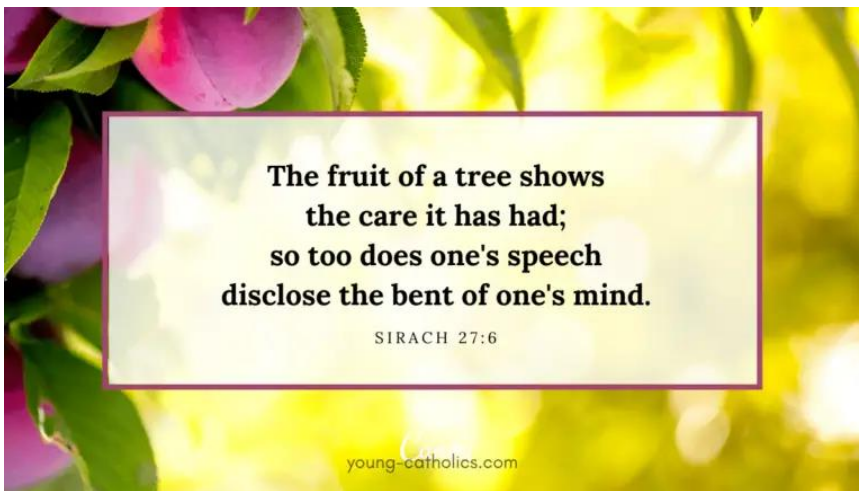


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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025



The fruit of a tree shows
the care it has had;
so too does one's speech
disclose the bent of one's mind.

SIRACH 27:6

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“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” (Luke 6:43)

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	\$1545.00
Loose	435.75
Other	50.00
TOTAL	\$2030.75

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, Bev Sargent

Please pray for the most recently deceased:

Octave LeClair

Mission Statement

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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	March 1	5 PM	+Susan Pergel +Ma Elena Aliniaban +Dominidor Aliniaban Sr.
SUN	March 2	10:00 AM	+Marilyn Struys
		1:00 PM	+Nancy Martin
MON	March 3	9 AM	+Jody Bain
TUE	March 4	7 PM	+Walter & Alec Thompson
WED	March 5	9 AM	+Elena Veloso
		7 PM	+Tony & Johanna Struys
THU	March 6	9 AM	++Luis Del Socorro
FRI	March 7	9 AM	+De Los Reyes Family
SAT	March 8	5 PM	+Arnold Adlawan



2025 Jubilee of Hope

How will our parish be celebrating this special year? As you know, we have been designated as one of three Pilgrimage Sites in the Archdiocese of Vancouver! What a privilege. Many pilgrims are coming each day from all over, and several group pilgrimages have been planned already.

Our Pastoral Council has agreed to have monthly events to mark this event.

Upcoming at St. Anthony's

NO SESSION for PREP & RCIA:

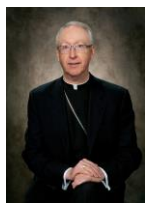
Thursday Mar. 6 - Sister Lilia and Sister Olive will join other Religious Men and Women to welcome the new Archbishop Richard Smith on Thursday, Mar. 6 at the Pastoral Center in Vancouver.

PREP Spring Break: Mar. 20 & 27.

RCIA: Thursdays Cancelled this week

Stations of the Cross: 5 pm

Coffee after Mass: Sunday, March 9



**Appointment of
The Most Reverend
Richard W. Smith
as Twelfth Archbishop of
Vancouver**

Early on Tuesday morning, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Richard W. Smith, currently Archbishop of Edmonton, as the next Archbishop of Vancouver. Archbishop Smith will succeed Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB who has served the archdiocese since 2009. Plans for the installation of the new archbishop are not yet finalized, but it will likely take place in late May. During this time of transition, we give thanks for Archbishop Miller and his service to the Church and welcome Archbishop Smith, who will be joining our community very soon. Please continue to keep these shepherds close in prayer in the months ahead.

Karen Dumas & Beccie Bokenfohr accepted the responsibility to record and display our Parish Archives. They need your help! If you have anything in your collection(s) that you feel are of significance to our parish history, they would appreciate hearing from you. Please share your stories with them. They expect to have this completed by our **Feast Day on June 13th.**

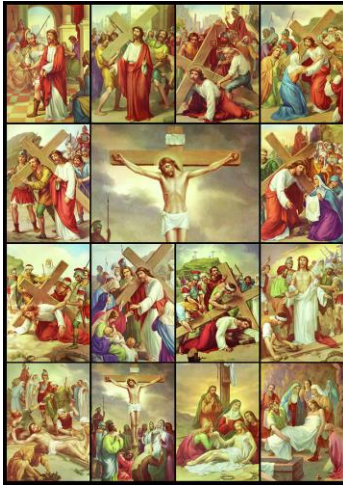
“RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS”

is **SYMBOLIC!**

We invite couples in our parish community to celebrate and bless the ongoing commitment of marriage in the sense of revitalizing or reinvigorating it. This is a powerful reminder for the couple and for all present of the significance of the sacrament and how the power of God has brought the couple to such a milestone.

If you are celebrating a milestone this year such as: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 ... 50 years of togetherness, please inform the parish office. This will be held during Mass on **May 4th at 10:00 a.m.**

Ash Wednesday
Mass Times: 9 am & 7 pm
March 5, 2025



Stations of the Cross
All Fridays during Lent at 5 pm

Prepare for Lent

You may have more on your plate than you can manage, and so thinking about Lent ahead of time may be completely off your radar. Yet now is precisely the time to think about it so that you can take full advantage of those 40 precious days marked out by the Church for your benefit. Lent is a sacred time during which we are invited to reflect, re-evaluate and renew our faith and relationship with God. But all that takes time and effort that we might think we do not have.

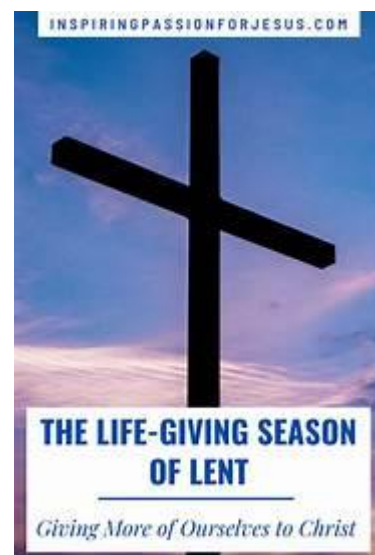
The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing

(charitable and missionary works). (CCC 1438)

Before we jump headlong into these practices, we first need to bring ourselves into the correct disposition to conduct Lenten practices. We also need to think carefully about which practices we should adhere to and how best to go about it. The Church universally requires us to fast, give alms and do penance during Lent. How we fulfill those requirements — aside from the necessary fasting and abstaining from meat on Fridays — is up to us. Anything we do beyond that is our own decision.

The best example for us to follow, of course, is that of Jesus in the desert. It was there that he showed us how to remove ourselves from the world in the spirit of sacrifice and prayer so that we can learn to harden ourselves against the temptations of the devil.

If we spend our Lent focused on the mystery of Jesus in the desert and with careful preparation, it will not simply happen. Rather, it will be a time of purging anything that interferes with our relationship with God, learning more about ourselves, and growing in our love for and likeness to him. Now is the time to prepare for Lent.



Prayer for the Holy Father

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
I ask you to join me in prayer for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, as he faces challenges with his health. May the Lord grant him strength, healing, and the comfort of our prayers. (Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB)



*Almighty ever-living God,
eternal health of believers,
Who willed that our infirmities
be borne by your Only-Begotten Son
for our salvation,
listen in kindness to our prayers
for your servant Francis,
our Pope and Shepherd:
grant him, we implore you,
your merciful help,
so that he may be restored to your Church
in good health,
ever ready to serve the flock you have
entrusted to his care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen*

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.

