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First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025



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“I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.” (Deuteronomy 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your “first fruits” - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren’t owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God’s gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

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LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	\$1940.00
Loose	\$196.60
Other	\$70.00
TOTAL	\$2206.60

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, Prudence Donfack

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.

SAT	March 8	5 PM	+Arnold Adlawan
SUN	March 9	10:00 AM	Allianza K. Cadiz (birthday)
		1:00 PM	+Carlos Apique
MON	March 10	9 AM	Paul McKenzie
TUE	March 11	7 PM	Gloria McKenzie
WED	March 12	9 AM	Dean Philips
THU	March 13	9 AM	Stella Hildebrandt Elaine C. Costa
FRI	March 14	9 AM	+Escolastica Urbina
SAT	March	5 PM	+Valerio Adlawan

St. Anthony of Padua Archives

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.

Upcoming at St. Anthony's

PREP: 3:30 PM Thursday

PREP Spring Break: Mar. 20 & 27.

RCIA: 6 pm

Stations of the Cross: 5 pm

Coffee after Mass: Sunday, March 9

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, March 11, 7:30 pm

Rite of Election (Holy Rosary Cathedral)

Sunday, March 16 at 2:30 pm

“RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS”

is SYMBOLIC!

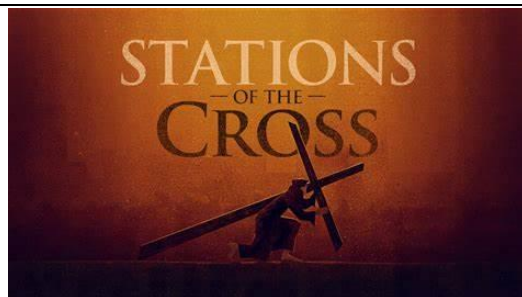
We invite couples in our parish community to celebrate and bless the ongoing commitment of marriage in the sense of revitalizing or reinvigorating it. This is a powerful reminder for the couple and for all present of the significance of the sacrament and how the power of God has brought the couple to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

Lenten Soup & Buns

This year, the Lenten Soup & Buns Services will be hosted by All Saints Anglican Church

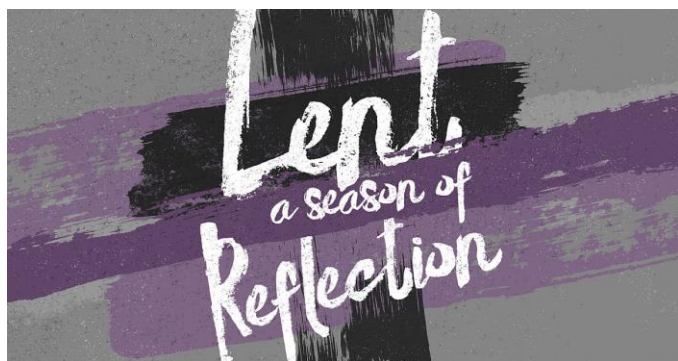
They begin at 6 pm on March 12th. Our parish is asked to provide soup for this week, and our Pastor, Fr. Dennis will be offering the reflection as well.



**Stations of the Cross
All Fridays**

Lent is a time to examine whether we are allowing temptation to make its way into our lives, bit by bit, until sin kicks us out of the holy path on which we are meant to be. When temptations to envy, pride, or greed enter our lives, sometimes we decide to entertain or accommodate them for a bit. Just a bit begets another bit. Before long, we become trapped in the web of sins. Eventually, sin may alter our entire lives. The real challenge for us this Lent is to re-examine ourselves and identify the areas, situations, or things that make us vulnerable, weak, exposed, and susceptible to falling away from God's love and grace.

The first Sunday of Lent is a time for reflection. It reminds us that temptations are universal, affecting even Jesus himself. Lent is a time to remember our baptismal vows, reject sin, and follow Jesus. It is a season to deepen our faith and commitment to living according to the Gospel. We are challenged to die to sin and rise to new life in Christ.



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*

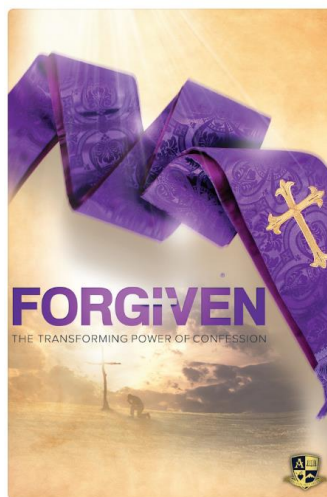
Local Pilgrimage Sites - Obtain the Jubilee 2025 Indulgence

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.

Share Lent Sunday: April 6, 2025



During the season of Lent, you are invited to a 4-part video series,

Forgiven: the Transforming Power of Confession

produced by the Augustine Institute, and featuring Dr. Edward Sri, from last years' series on the Mass, *Forgiven* explores the grace and healing offered in Confession. **Beginning Thursday, March 13 @ 10:00am.** Light refreshments served. Please join us in the meeting room.



Parking Lot Update

The paving is scheduled to be completed this Tuesday. During the paving time, there will be no driving on the parking lot.

The Thrift Store will remain closed for the day.
Thank you for your cooperation.