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2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy

April 27, 2025



April 27 - Divine Mercy Sunday

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me. so I send you.’” (John 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.” Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	\$2475.00
Loose	\$1267.50
Holy Land	\$1834.50
Other	500.00
TOTAL	\$6077.00

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, Anita Lall, Clayton Jimmie

Please pray for the most recently deceased:

Sigmund Altenried, Paul Illy, Hugh Robins, Fran Hyrinkiw

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	April 26	5 pm	Jennifer Rego
SUN	April 27	10:00 AM	Angelo & Maria Perrera Family
		1:00 PM	+Anita Carino
MON	April 28	9 AM	Liticia Ricafort
TUE	April 29	7 PM	Marcing Barrera
WED	April 30	9 AM	Rowena Hernandez intentions
THU	May 1	9 AM	Thanksgiving
FRI	May 2	9 AM	Belinda C. Tapere intentions
SAT	May 3	5 PM	JB Fernandez

Upcoming at St. Anthony's
PREP May 1: 3:30 PM
RCIA: May 1: 6 pm



**“RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS”
 is SYMBOLIC!**

NEXT SUNDAY!!!

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.**

Local Pilgrimage Sites

Clarification on Holy Doors during the Jubilee of Hope

The Archdiocese of Vancouver has received many inquiries regarding Holy Doors during the Jubilee Year of Hope.

This Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has designated Holy Doors exclusively at the four major papal basilicas in Rome to highlight the unity of the universal Church and to invite Catholics worldwide to make the traditional pilgrimage to Rome. There are no Holy Doors in Vancouver, though Catholics can still obtain the Jubilee Indulgence by following the instructions below.

How to receive Jubilee Indulgence

During the Jubilee Year 2025, you can receive a plenary indulgence in the Archdiocese of Vancouver (the complete remission of the temporal punishment of sin), by completing the following:

1. Detachment from sin (even venial)
2. Visit a Jubilee Pilgrimage site:
 - Holy Rosary Cathedral, Downtown Vancouver
 - St. Jude's Parish and Shrine, East Vancouver
 - St. Anthony of Padua Parish and Shrine of Santo Niño de Cebu, Agassiz
 - Or another site dedicated by Pope Francis or the local Bishop
3. Attend Holy Mass or any of the following, ideally at the pilgrimage site:
 - Celebration of the Word of God
 - Liturgy of the Hours
 - Way of the Cross
 - Rosary
 - Penitential Celebration with individual confession
 - Confession at the same time or at least within about 20 days of visiting a pilgrimage site
4. Pray for the Pope
 - Our Father, Hail Mary etc.

The plenary indulgence is available until December 28, 2025.



In Loving Memory of Pope Francis from Archbishop Miller

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

It is with great sorrow that I join the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, and Catholics around the world, in mourning the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

Pope Francis was a tireless shepherd of the Church, a beacon of hope, and a champion of the Gospel. His deep love for the poor, unwavering commitment to peace, and *bold witness to Christ's message of love and reconciliation* have inspired millions of people everywhere. Leading with humility, he called us to a renewed closeness to Jesus and a missionary spirit that reaches to the peripheries. His vision of synodality—a Church that listens, discerns and walks together—profoundly shapes our local Church today.

The most significant legacy left to the Archdiocese of Vancouver by Pope Francis is undoubtedly his heart for evangelization. Inspired by his declaration of an Extraordinary Missionary Month in October 2019, we launched Proclaim, a movement that awakens disciples *to proclaim Jesus. The Pope's challenge to embrace missionary discipleship* continues to guide our evangelization efforts today.

O God, immortal shepherd of souls,
look on your people's prayers

and grant that your servant Pope Francis,
who presided over your Church in charity,
may, with the flock entrusted to his care,
receive from your mercy
the reward of a faithful steward.

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.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Requiescat in pace.
+ J. Michael Miller, CSB
Apostolic Administrator

Pray the Way of Light this Easter

The Via Lucis (Way of Light) commemorates the fifty days of Easter through 14 key events of Christ's life following his resurrection. Sign up to receive 14 emails, one per station, throughout the Easter season and pray the Way of Light on your own or with others at home, at the parish or at the Gardens of Gethsemani cemetery. Each email consists of a scripture reading, a reflection, and prayer. **Sign up at rccav.org/light.**

Applications Open: Youth Ministry Leadership Bursary

The Youth Ministry Leadership Bursary recognizes high school students who are making a difference in their parishes, schools, communities and homes. Two Grade 12 students will be selected to receive an award of \$500 each for their post-secondary schooling. **Application deadline: Monday, May 5.** Learn more and apply at rcav.org/youth-ministry.

Knights of Columbus Student Bursary

Applications are now open for the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursaries. The Knights of Columbus are awarding fourteen one-time bursaries of \$1,000 each to young practicing Catholic students enrolled in a recognized post-secondary institution in British Columbia. Application forms may be requested until June 1. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2025.

Request an application form by contacting:

Christopher Chen - State Bursary Chairman
Knights of Columbus BC Charity Foundation
#333 - 1231 Pacific Boulevard
Vancouver, BC V6Z0E2
chrischen.kofc@gmail.com

March for Life

The annual March for Life in Victoria, BC takes place on Thursday, May 8. The participants meet at Centennial Square and march down Government Street to a rally at the parliament building. The March is a public witness to the sanctity of human life and a message to the provincial government of the need for changing the law to protect the most vulnerable, especially the unborn and the elderly. On Thursday, May 8, at 9:00 a.m. at the BC Legislative Assembly in Victoria. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Register by May 1
to reserve a bus seat.

Marian Pilgrimage on the Jubilee Year

Father Rey Usman, Pastor of Precious Blood Parish in Surrey, invites you to this once in a lifetime Marian pilgrimage on the Year of the Jubilee, starting in Rome, Italy and visiting the major basilicas and going through the Holy Doors. Other places to be visited are the churches in Assisi and Padua, Venice, and Turin. We visit also shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat, Sagrada Familia, Our Lady of the Pilar in Barcelona and Zaragoza, Spain. Spend two nights at the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France, and continue to Salamanca and to Portugal, arriving at Fatima on the eve of the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. This pilgrimage concludes with a one-day guided sightseeing tour of Lisbon before heading back to Vancouver.

Date: September 29 to October 15, 2025
(15 days)

Destinations in Italy, France,
Spain and Portugal.

Contact: Royale Orchid Tours

email: info@royaleorchidtours.com OR Brian
Andrade – 778 669 6999

Jubilee Year Pilgrimages



We were very happy to welcome 12 young people from Vancouver who came here yesterday (Saturday) for a pilgrimage!

Each day we are so honored to welcome people to our Parish and Shrine who are taking advantage of the indulgences given to them upon completion of this Jubilee Pilgrimage



Reflect, today, upon God's infinite and unfathomable Mercy. The Divine Mercy is especially for those who struggle with sin. Jesus says, "The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy" (Diary #723). The Divine Mercy is the very tenderness and compassion of God. Run to Him, trust in Him, open your soul to Him and allow Him to pour forth an ocean of Mercy on this holy day.

Most Merciful Lord, I desire to receive the superabundance of Your Mercy poured forth from Heaven today. Please open my heart so that I will turn to You in my need. I am a sinner, dear Lord, but for that reason I am in most need of You in my life. Help me to trust in You with all my might. Jesus, I do trust in You!