



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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5th Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025



May 18 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.

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.

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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	\$1620.00
Loose	\$381.15
Other	\$732.95
TOTAL	\$2734.10

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are ill, or housebound, in our Parish Family:
Barry Bembridge, Baby Anthony Vu, Joanna Black, Stella Hildebrandt, Rudy Leon, David Lim, Prudence Donfack, Anita Lall, Clayton Jimmie

Please pray for the most recently deceased:
Paul McKenzie

SAT	May 17	5 pm	Thelma Pensloo +Darwin Heileman
SUN	May 18	10:00 AM	First Communion
		1:00 PM	Avery Librada Vallejo 10 th Birthday
MON	May 19	9 AM	David & Winnie
TUE	May 20	7 PM	MASS CANCELED
WED	May 21	9 AM	MASS CANCELED
THU	May 22	9 AM	MASS CANCELED
FRI	May 23	9 AM	MASS CANCELED
SAT	May 24	5 PM	Carlo Jan Orquia

Upcoming at St. Anthony's

Confirmation Class: Thursday: 3:30 pm

**Thank you for your generous support of the
collection for the Lapu-Lapu Festival
Tragedy Victims
Because of your support, our parish was
able to contribute \$1690! Thank you!**

Congratulations to our First Communicants



**Wade Peters
Xerxes Badua
Olivier Charbonneau
Braden Marin**

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.

**A Message from our Catholic Women's
League (CWL)**



We would like to welcome ALL women
in our parish to become part of this group.
It is our League's mission to grow in faith and to
witness to the love of God through ministry and
service.

Our Core Values

- Faith - following Catholic teaching
- Service - local, national and international
- Social Justice - actively involved in society

The women in our parish are very involved in so
many different volunteer ways.

For this, our parish is very grateful.

Our league is also part of the National Catholic
Women's League. This national group is very active
in lobbying our government for bills that affect our
faith and family lives.

Our group is in the process of rebuilding and
redesigning our regular meetings.

We really need you to join us, so that we can once
again be an active and vibrant group, and can
continue serving our pastor and our parish
effectively.

Please contact the Parish Office if you're interested
in more information.

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 Pillar
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@royaleorchidtraveltours.com OR Brian
Andrade – 778 669 6999**



Brothers, sisters...

I speak to you, especially to those who no longer
believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they
think God has left.

Those who are fed up with scandals, with misused
power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes
seems more like a palace than a home.

I, too, was angry with God.

I, too, saw good people die, children suffer,
grandparents cry without medicine, and yes...there
were days when I prayed and only felt an echo.

But then I discovered something:

God doesn't shout. God whispers.

And sometimes He whispers from the mud, from pain,
from a grandmother who feeds you without having
anything.

*I don't come to offer you perfect faith. I come to tell
you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles, and
unexpected hugs.*

*I'm not asking you to believe in everything. I'm
asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to
the God who waits for you without judgment.*

*I'm just a priest who saw God in the smile of a woman
who lost her son...and yet she cooked for others.*

That changed me.

*So if you're broken, if you don't believe, if you're tired
of the lies...come anyway. With your anger, your
doubt, your dirty backpack. No one here will ask you
for a VIP card.*

Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a
home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary.

God doesn't need soldiers. He needs brothers.

And you, yes, you...are one of them."

Robert Prevost (Leo XIV)

Project Advance 2025
Our Archdiocesan Goal is \$10,500

Please see Leonne Beebe in the Gathering Area of the church to donate and/or to pick up your donation forms.



Please note that all amounts given over the amount of our Archdiocesan Goal will be returned to our parish without assessment.

**Finance Council Report on
Parking Lot Upgrade**

Our parish has been saving for this parking lot project since 2014. Additional funds, in the amount of \$25,000 were contributed by the Sto. Niño de Cebu Shrine.

Prior to the beginning of construction, our Finance Council approved a budget for \$250,000. This was also approved by Archbishop Miller.

The project is now completely paid for, and here is a breakdown of the costs:

Sam's Construction: \$145,007.78
Grandview Blacktop: \$93,987.84
Tri-Volt Electric: \$6,444.90
Everline Coatings: \$2,100.00
Total Expenditure: \$247,540.52
Less GST Rebate: (\$5893.82)
Total: \$241,647.00

We are so grateful to everyone who has supported this project and for helping to implement it.
God Bless you all!



**Rite of Christian Initiation
of Adults (RCIA)**

Are you interested in learning more about the faith and practices of the Catholic Church? Would you like to be part of journeying with the RCIA team?

Please call the Parish Office for more information, or speak to S. Olive, RVM.

Calling all PREP Parents!!!

Please enroll your children for the 2025-2026 upcoming PREP year, for both new and returning students. This will help us to make sure that we get the right number of materials for our classes.

Registration Fee is \$50 per child

