

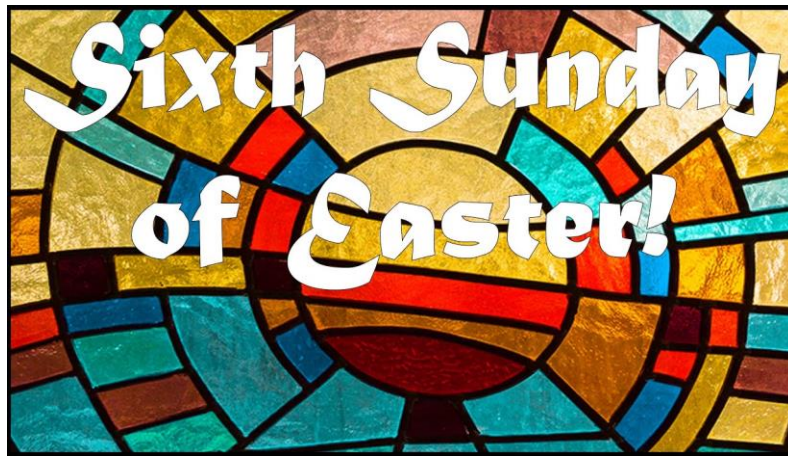


# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025



### May 25 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

*"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27)*

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

### 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	\$1740.00
Loose	\$454.00
Other	\$120.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2314.00</b>

### 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, Prudence Donfack,  
Clayton Jimmie

**Please pray for the most recently deceased:**  
Paul McKenzie

<b>SAT</b>	May 24	5 pm	Carlo Jan Orquia
<b>SUN</b>	May 25	10:00 AM	Eric & Rose de Los Reyes (wedding anniversary)
		1:00 PM	+Paul McKenzie
<b>MON</b>	May 26	9 AM	+Dr. Philip Ney
<b>TUE</b>	May 27	7 PM	Fr. John Eason
<b>WED</b>	May 28	9 AM	+Annemarie Belgardt Marge & Jojo Armero (20 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary)
<b>THU</b>	May 29	9 AM	Fr. John Eason
<b>FRI</b>	May 30	9 AM	+Paul McKenzie
<b>SAT</b>	May 31	5 PM	Stella Hildebrandt

### *Upcoming at St. Anthony's*

#### **Confirmation Class Day of Recollection: Saturday, May 31st**

**\* The B.C. Catholic Delivery Disruption Due to the upcoming Canada Post strike, this week's B.C. Catholic newspaper will not be delivered by mail.**

**To stay connected, you can:**

- Read the digital edition anytime: [digital.bccatholic.ca](https://digital.bccatholic.ca)
- Sign up for free digital access and email updates: [bccatholic.ca/subscribe](https://bccatholic.ca/subscribe)

Join the local Catholic community, invite other families and even your priest to attend, come and meet the seminarians and the various communities of religious sisters. Registration includes a BBQ dinner, interactive games, bouncy castles, fun activities for all ages including a competitive soccer game with the "Men in Black" team of priests and seminarians. On Saturday, June 7, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Pacific Academy, Surrey. Register by June 2 at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## **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 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)

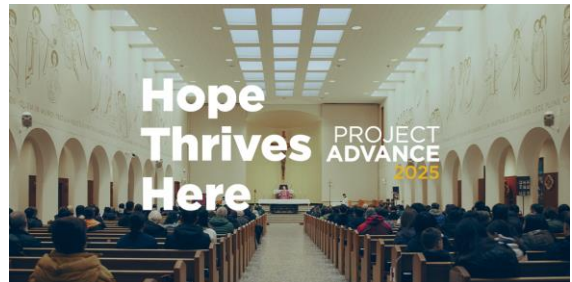
Destinations in Italy, France,  
Spain and Portugal.

Contact: Royale Orchid Tours

email: [info@royaleorchidtours.com](mailto:info@royaleorchidtours.com) OR Brian  
Andrade – 778 669 6999

**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!**

**Mass Wedding for Civilly Married Couples**  
 Civilly married couples are invited to deepen your journey in Christ by celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage. This special Marriage Mass for civilly married couples is a wonderful opportunity to open your heart to God's grace and receive the full blessing of the Church. The Archbishop will preside over a Wedding Mass on Saturday, September 6, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish in Richmond. Register by July 20 at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).



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**



**We were pleased to host 20 pilgrims from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Praesidium Legion of Mary St. Edmond's Parish of North Vancouver Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>!**

## **Gospel Reflection for the 6th Sunday of Easter**

**Parting is such sweet sorrow**

Having experienced the pain and sorrow of the crucifixion, then the joy and new life of the resurrection, the followers of Jesus now have to *face the reality of the Risen Lord's departure* – again. He senses their confusion, pain and sense of loss. But before he leaves them, he gives those two parting gifts; **The Holy Spirit and his own Peace.**

*He doesn't give them all the answers to the questions they have. He knows that they will have to face difficulties, disagreements and differences. So he prepares them for the road ahead by strengthening and encouraging them with His risen life through the **gifts of the Holy Spirit and his own inner Peace.*** He is sending them out to proclaim the good news, but he does not expect them to do it on their own.

Encouraged by His presence they will never be alone or helpless and neither are we, who are the community of believers today. We are asked to face our daily reality and lives not just with optimism but with faith and hope in the risen Jesus and each other. Through celebrating and sharing in the resurrection, each of us also shares in and experiences **the Peace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.** As we continue our journey through Easter, we will be blest with *the gifts of Christ's Peace* and encouraged by the power of the **Holy Spirit**