

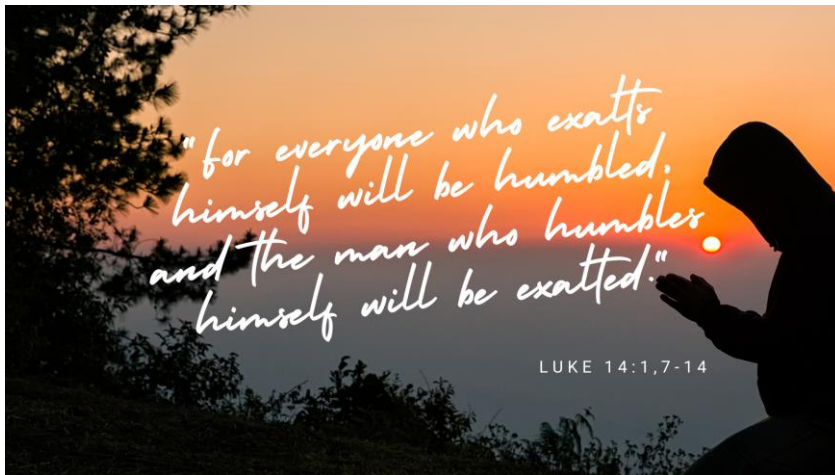


# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025



***“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” (Luke 14:13-14)***

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our “consumerist” culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it’s just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus’, renewing our covenant relationship with Him

### 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	\$1130.00
Loose	\$570.00
Other	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,800.00</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, Leo Vantol

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

**Mary Kay (Seabird Island)**

<b>SAT</b>	August 30	5 pm	Tumambing Family
<b>SUN</b>	August 31	10:00 AM	+Nena Gale
		1:00 PM	+Albert & Leila Gordon
<b>MON</b>	September 1	9 AM	St. Ana Intentions
<b>TUE</b>	September 2	7 PM	Arturo Catambing
<b>WED</b>	<b>September 3</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>LITURGY OF THE WORD</b>
<b>THU</b>	September 4	9 AM	+Rosalio Montecillo +Adelina Misa Editha, Flora, Alfred & Rufo Bohol +Ng Yunfuk
<b>FRI</b>	September 5	9 AM	+Adelina Misa +Bernard John Cadiz
<b>SAT</b>	September 6	5 PM	+Adelina Misa

Registration for Upper Room 2025 is officially open!

This two-day gathering is designed to inspire and equip parish leaders and missionary disciples like the ones in your pews—so the work of evangelization doesn't rest solely on your shoulders.

**Saturday, September 20 – Archdiocesan Inspiration Day**  
Held at Pacific Academy in Surrey, this full-day event includes:

- Mass with Archbishop Smith and his thoughts for missionary renewal
- Keynote from Peter Andrastek (Evangelical Catholic)
- Hosted by Jake and Heather Khym (Life Restoration Ministries)
- 8 hands-on workshops for parish leaders and volunteers

**Saturday, September 27 – Local Parish-Based Gatherings**

Small regional gatherings to reflect, collaborate, and discern next steps in mission, tailored to the local context.

Learn more about this year's Upper Room by visiting [upperroomvancouver.com](http://upperroomvancouver.com). Don't delay – registration closes on Friday, September 5!



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**



## 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.

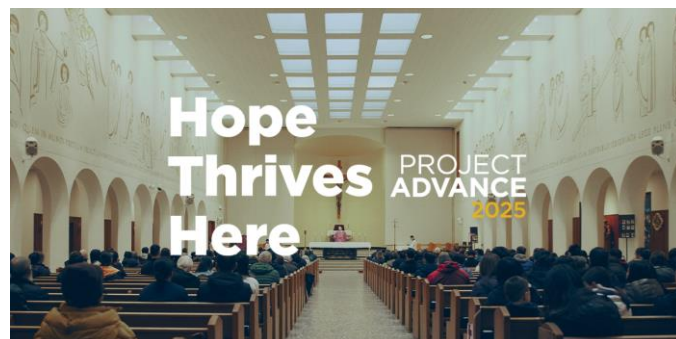


### How to receive Jubilee Indulgence

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.



**Hope is what moves you to dream of a more vibrant parish.**

**It's the hope that your Church can be a place of welcome, renewal, and growth. It is the desire to see your community thrive, not just for today but for generations to come.**

**When you support Project Advance, you turn that hope into action. You help create spaces where families gather, where faith is nurtured, and where those in need find comfort. You make it possible for ministries to grow, for schools to thrive, and for your parish to be a place where everyone feels at home.**

**Your generosity to Project Advance builds a future where faith is strong, communities are connected, and the Church continues to be a source of hope for all.**

**Our Goal is \$10,500 this year.**

**To date: \$3,160**

**Thank you for your continued support  
As always, when our goal has been met,  
All funds are returned to our parish without assessment.**

This Monday, we will welcome Fr. Medard Kamanzi from Blessed Sacrament Parish in Vancouver. He will be accompanying 50 pilgrims who will be here this weekend!



**Parish Picnic Next Sunday  
September 7<sup>th</sup>!!**

**Please come for our annual parish picnic immediately following the 10:30 am mass next Sunday!**

**Please bring a dessert or salad to share.  
The meat and drinks will be provided by the parish.**

**Remember to bring a lawn chair**

## Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament



**September 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM**

**Harrison Golf Club**

**\$45 per person (includes lunch)**

**Lunch Only \$15 per person**

**Please call Gerald Struys to sign up  
604 796 8901**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Women & Men!!**

*It'll be fun (and probably more fun) even if  
you're not a good golfer!*

## Canadian Bishops' Statement on the Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza

The members of the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) have issued a statement in response to the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The statement calls attention to the suffering population of Gaza, particularly children and the elderly, whose lives continue to be endangered due to the ongoing violence and severe deprivation, as well as to the mounting casualties on all sides. The members of the Permanent Council echo Pope Leo XIV's recent statements about the war and they remind the faithful in Canada to fast and pray for lasting peace in the Holy Land.

Read the full statement here: [cccbb.ca](http://cccbb.ca).

**Estate and Memorial Planning for Catholics**  
**September 5, 2025 | 10:00 - 11:30 AM**  
**Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Hope**

This free presentation provides general information about the importance of a Will,

choosing the right Executor, the Probate, the Power of Attorney, and the tax benefits of charitable giving, plus a few words on health care planning. You will learn about the beauty of the funeral rite and formulating pre-need and funeral arrangements. You will receive a complimentary Estate and Memorial Planning Guide, online tools, and practical resources.

### Speakers:

Georgiana Gamboa

Associate Director for Planned Giving

Development Office Archdiocese of Vancouver

Peter Nobes

Director of Catholic Cemeteries

Gardens of Gethsemani

**Register: [rcav.org/emp-seminar](http://rcav.org/emp-seminar)**

## The Fourteenth Annual Archbishop's Dinner



Join Archbishop Richard Smith on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver. This special evening will bring together Catholics from across the Archdiocese to celebrate our faith, share in fellowship, and support a new fund that empowers women facing adversity. The funds raised at this year's Dinner will launch a new fund that empowers women facing adversity to find safety, healing, and new beginnings. Register online at [rcav.org/dinner2025](http://rcav.org/dinner2025) before September 30.

*There is nothing to lose by being humble. The book of Proverbs tells us, "Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth, honor, and life" (Prov 22:4). On the contrary, pride results in defeat and shame. Any spiritual life not anchored on humility definitely will be an empty one. This is because such a Christian will only work for himself and without regard for others*