



# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

*December 21, 2025*



### **December 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

***“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” Matthew 1:24***

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	1225.00
Loose	172.00
Other	140.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1537.00</b>

### PRAYER REQUESTS

***Please pray for those who are ill, or housebound, in our Parish***

#### **Family:**

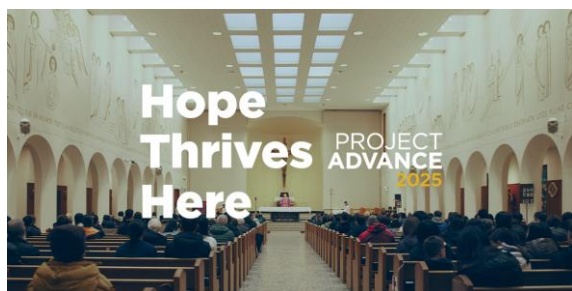
Barry Bembridge, Baby Anthony Vu,  
Joanna Black, Stella Hildebrandt,  
Clayton Jimmie, Metro Huculak

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

### 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	December 20	5 pm	+Graham & Caron Families
SUN	December 21	10:30 AM	Metro Huculak
		1:00 PM	+Borinaga Family
		6 pm	+Sanoria Family
MON	December 22	6 pm	+Cenon Teodoro
TUE	December 23	6 pm	+Elaine Cadiz Costa
WED	December 24	Midnight	+Maria & Sylvester Matuszewski
THU	December 25	10:30 am	Cadiz Family both alive & deceased Frank & Lynda VanScheyndel
FRI	December 26	9 am	De lo Reyes Family Thanksgiving
SAT	December 27	5 pm	+Demers & Storer Families



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: \$4,000

December 15 to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

## PASKO 2025 *Simbang Gabi*

**JOIN US!**  
At the Commissioning Mass that includes a parade of Christmas lanterns (parol) by participating parishes on **Dec. 13, 2025, Saturday @ 7pm** at **Holy Rosary Cathedral Vancouver**

For more info please visit [filipinoministry.ca](http://filipinoministry.ca)

**ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER BC, CANADA**

LIST OF PARTICIPATING PARISHES

All Saints, Coquitlam  
Blessed Sacrament, Vancouver  
Church of the Assumption, Powell River  
Guardian Angels, Vancouver  
Holy Family, Sechelt  
Holy Spirit, New Westminster  
Holy Trinity, North Vancouver  
Immaculate Conception, Delta  
Our Lady of Fatima, Coquitlam  
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Surrey  
Our Lady of Hungary, Vancouver  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Coquitlam  
Our Lady of Mercy, Burnaby  
Precious Blood, Cloverdale  
Saint Andrew, Vancouver  
Saint Anthony De Padua, Agassiz  
Saint Bernadette, Surrey  
Saint Edmunds, North Vancouver  
Saint Joseph, Langley  
Saint Joseph, Mission  
Saint Joseph, Squamish  
Saint Joseph, Vancouver  
Saint Jude, Vancouver  
Saint Mary, Vancouver  
Saint Mary, Chilliwack  
Saint Matthew, Surrey  
Saint Monica, Richmond  
Saint Patrick, Vancouver  
Saint Paul, North Vancouver  
Saint Peter, New Westminster  
Good Shepherd Church, White Rock  
Sacred Heart, Ladner\*  
Saint Paul, Richmond\*  
Saint Joseph The Worker, Richmond\*  
Canadian Martyr, Richmond\*  
\* Richmond Deanery

**Please check your respective parish Simbang Gabi mass times.**

  
[filipinoministry.ca](http://filipinoministry.ca)

We will begin Simbang Gabi in our parish each night with the Novena & Rosary at 5:15 pm. This is followed by the Mass.

After Mass, each night, we will have a light refreshment with a time for visiting and catching up with each other.

Will you please help with providing snacks? Emeé Wenk or Beccie Bokenfohr would love to hear from you.

Masses are all held at the Shrine, with refreshments in the Parish Hall.

## Poinsettias for Christmas



Would you like to have a Poinsettia placed in the altar decorations for Christmas in memory of a loved one?

Simply place your donation in an envelope with the name(s) of the people you would like honored along with your name  
Thank you!!!

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## Food Bank Needs your help

Here are especially needed items:  
Stove Top Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce  
Scalloped Potatoes, Gravy Mixes  
Butter, Pancake Mix  
Crackers, Canned Vegetables  
Potato Chips, Apple Juice  
Fruit Snacks, juice boxes  
Puddings  
Laundry Soap  
Tooth paste, brushes  
Hand soap, deodorant  
Jam/marmalade/honey  
Dog & Cat Food  
Hamburger Helper  
Lactose free items  
Snack Foods

## Advent Penitential Services

This Advent, take an important step in your spiritual journey by returning to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. By opening your heart to his healing mercy, you are preparing a place for his joy and peace to dwell within you this Christmas.

Find a Confession time near you  
at [rcav.org/advent](http://rcav.org/advent)

**St. Anthony of Padua Parish Confession**  
**4:00 pm December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Milestone Marriage Anniversary Mass**  
At every stage of their married life, couples form each other by guiding their husband or wife to a deeper and more intimate friendship with their partner and Lord. Come and celebrate your anniversary with other couples in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. On Sunday, February 8, 1:15 pm at St. Patrick's Parish. Learn more and register at [family.rcav.org/mam](http://family.rcav.org/mam).



**December 24, 2025**

**Christmas Midnight Mass**  
**12 Midnight**

**Reception will follow in parish hall!**

**December 25, 2025**

**Christmas Day Mass**  
**10:30 am**

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### **Decorating for Christmas**

If you are able to help out with decorating the church on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 am, please let the Parish Secretary know!

**Many hands make light work!**

**We will also need help setting up for the Midnight Mass Reception. If you are willing to bring some sweets, that would also be great!**

**Please call Emeë Wenk if you are able to help.**

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### **St. Anthony's Thrift Store Christmas Hours**

**The store will be closed from  
December 21<sup>st</sup> until January 6<sup>th</sup> when  
it will be reopening.**

**Our parish is so grateful to the many  
volunteers who commit themselves  
weekly, year round!**

**Michelle Stuyt, Rose Dennison, Willie Nelson,  
Shirley Bach, Joan Postnikoff, Lynne Whitehead,  
Neil Whitehead, Claire Turenne, Sandra Kos, Pat  
Schmid, Ed Schmid, Emeë Wenk, Leo Wenk,  
Wilma Struys, Gerald Struys, Tad Seymour, Lynda  
VanScheyndel, Alice Burnett, Grace Smiley,  
Robin McCulloch, Harvey Andrew, Brenda  
Vervoort, Monique Gratrix, Maureen Harrison,  
Metro Huculak, Ken Elphick, Pam Elphick,  
Dakota, Ria Vantol, Ria Visser, Sharon Horvath**

**There are many others who stop in to help out  
casually, and we really appreciate your help!**

**Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your  
tireless work to ensure the success of our  
Thrift Store!!**

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### **Archbishop Smith's Christmas Message 2025**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Every heart longs for hope. At Christmas, that longing is fulfilled in the child of Bethlehem — God Himself, who enters our story to remind us that we are never alone. “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14).

In that little child we see the reality of our own lives. We are vulnerable to loneliness, longing for love, searching for meaning. Yet it is precisely in our weakness that the Lord draws near with tender love and warmth.

The wonder of Christmas reminds us that God's glory shines through what is small and simple. May that beauty open our hearts to welcome Christ anew.

As we enter the final weeks of the Jubilee of Hope, I invite you to reflect on where you need hope most in your life. Christmas is the season of hope — when God reminds us that everything will be all right, that all things work together for good, because He draws near and remains with us. No matter how dark things may seem, the hope born in Bethlehem assures us that Christ's light will always prevail.

My friends, as we celebrate this season together, may the peace of Christ dwell in your heart. May His gift of hope bring light to your days. And may His love move you to serve Him with gratitude.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed and joyful Christmas,

✙ Richard W. Smith  
Archbishop of Vancouver