



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025



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Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	\$1600.00
Loose	366.95
Other	662.25
TOTAL	\$2,629.20

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, Clayton Jimmie, Metro Huculak

Please pray for the most recently deceased:

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 6	5 pm	+Yaretz Family
SUN	December 7	10:30 AM	+Marti VandeRaadt
		1:00 PM	+Borinaga Family
MON	December 8	9 AM	+Jean Leinweber
TUE	December 9	7 PM	Rolando B. Cadiz (birthday)
WED	December 10	9 AM	Liturgy of the Word
THU	December 11	9 am	+Henk VandeRaadt
FRI	December 12	9 AM	Frederick Arlan (thanksgiving)
SAT	December 13	5 PM	+Eugene & Germaine Turenne



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

Weekly at St. Anthony's

PREP: Thursday, 3:30 PM

RCIA: Thursday, 6:00 PM

Upcoming at St. Anthony's Please mark your calendars:

December 7th: Parish Christmas Dinner
5 PM

December 15th to 23rd:
Simbang Gabi: 6 PM each night

RCIA Christmas Dinner

December 11th

Thrift Store Christmas Party

January 30th

PREP Christmas Party December 18th

Prison Ministry Request

Would you please help?

The Prison Ministry team provide a Christmas dinner each year for the inmates, and would like to give each one of them 1 dozen cookies in a package. Can you help bake some Christmas Cookies to provide for this? Please let Betty Baldhauf know if you can help. They will be packaging them on December 22nd. Please drop them off at the Parish Office

Thank you for your help!

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

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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.


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***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?***

***Emee Wenk or Beccie Bokenfohr would
love to hear from you.***

***The first night is covered, but we need
help from then on. Thanks for helping out
with this.***

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!!!

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

Second Collection: Youth Ministry

This Sunday's Second Collection will help to support Youth Ministry efforts in the Archdiocese, including spiritual and professional formation for those who serve young people. Your contribution helps young people form a deep and lasting relationship with Jesus Christ. Give today at rcav.org/second-collection

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

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Confession

4:00 pm December 21st

CCCB Journey Through Advent

Second Sunday of Advent Video

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has released its annual Journey Through Advent video series to help Catholics prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Watch the reflection for the Second Sunday of Advent at cccb.ca.

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.

Pope Leo: 'In the poor, the Lord continues to speak to us'

Pope Leo stressed that the concert is not merely a musical event or an act of philanthropy. Quoting the Gospel of Matthew, "Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me"—he added from his own Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi te*: "This is not a matter of mere human kindness but a revelation... In the poor, he continues to speak to us."

Human dignity, he said, does not depend on possessions: "We are not our goods or our things... but rather children loved by God." For this reason, the concert gives priority to "the most fragile brothers and sisters."



Music as a path to God

Reflecting on music, Pope Leo recalled that liturgical song "is meant to elevate the soul," and cited Saint Augustine: "You must sing to Him... sing well, brothers." And lightheartedly, he said to the artists: "Please, sing well tomorrow!" Music, he added, can be "a form of love... a via pulchritudinis that leads to God."

The Pope thanked Cardinal Vicar Baldo Reina, Monsignor Marco Frisina, the Choir of the Diocese of Rome, the Orchestra, the Nova Opera Foundation, Serena Autieri, Canadian artist Michael Bubl  and his band, and all singers, musicians and partners supporting the event.