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The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026



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“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...” Isaiah 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	1045.00
Loose	596.75
Other	100.00
TOTAL	1741.75

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.
Marguerite Rocheleau

***Please pray for the most recently
deceased: Rudy Leon, Kendra
Julien, Anieta Kienzle***

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	January 17	5 pm	Ramona Pena (surgery)
SUN	January 18	10:30 AM	+Patrick & Violet Donegan
		1:00 PM	Metro Huculak
	Sto. Niño Feast Day	4 PM	Lourdes Patenio Crisologo Patenio +Eulina Cañedo
MON	January 19	9 AM	+Gerry Richard
TUE	January 20	7 pm	Leticia M. Cadiz (birthday)
WED	January 21	9 AM	Liturgy of Word
THU	January 22	9 AM	+Jackie Turenne
FRI	January 23	9 AM	+Jocelito Jabonte
SAT	January 24	5 pm	+Turenne Family

Pit Señor!

Sto. Niño Novena

January 9 to 17, 2026

Novena/Holy Mass

9th Day, Saturday, January 17th
Rosary & Novena: 4:15 pm Mass: 5 pm

FEAST DAY
Sunday, January 18th
Mass: 4 pm

Sinulog Dance and Reception follow immediately following the Mass

Please bring food to contribute to the Potluck Supper

There will be entertainment and great food!!!

Sanctity of Life Sunday: January 18th.

It is a moment to pause and reflect on God's precious gift of life from conception to natural death.

Mourning Your Grief - Suicide and Euthanasia (MAiD) Support Group

This support group is for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one through suicide or euthanasia. The group is limited to five people, and sessions will run on Wednesdays for eight consecutive weeks, beginning Wednesday, February 4, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Parish, Langley. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S

PREP

Thursday at 3:30 pm

RCIA

Thursday at 6 pm



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18 to 25th.

The worldwide celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is both the seed and the fruit of this striving for 'unity in diversity'. This time of shared prayer, reflection, and fellowship invites Christians of different traditions to deepen our relationships and to live and witness together throughout the year. **Sunday, January 18 through Sunday, January 25.** Events and locations vary. Learn more at rcav.org/wpcu.

Arise Retreat 2026

Team member applications now open

"Arise" is a four-day overnight retreat for youth born in 2011 & 2012 and takes place at Camp Jubilee from Monday, June 29 to Thursday, July 2, 2026. We are looking for young adults and youth team members (currently in Grade 11 or 12) to plan, organize and implement Arise. Successful candidates will be given training in program planning, leadership skills, and most importantly, how to be missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. Applications due Monday, February 9. Learn more and apply at rcav.org/arise-team

February 2

Presentation of the Lord & **Blessing of Candles** (Candlemas), celebrated on February 2, marks the moment when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem, forty days after His birth, in accordance with Jewish law. There, Simeon and Anna recognized Him as the *light for revelation to the nations*" (Luke 2:32).

Because of this imagery of light, the Church developed the tradition of the Blessing of Candles on this day — giving the feast its popular name, Candlemas. Candles symbolize Christ as the Light of the World, and the faithful often bring candles from home to be blessed for use throughout the year, especially during prayer, storms, or times of illness.

Please bring your candles for blessing prior to this date. Remember to include your name(s) so that you can pick them up after the blessing is concluded.

February 3

As Catholics, practices that others might find unusual are second nature to us—and sometimes even taken for granted. We venerate relics, pray with beads, process through the streets with floats, and turn to St Anthony when something is lost.

In the same way, we celebrate the 3 February feast of St Blaise with a unique and beautiful tradition—the **blessing of throats**.

St Blaise was a 3rd-century Armenian bishop known for his deep faith, fervent love for God and his people, and a reputation for working miracles even during his lifetime. His unwavering witness to Christianity made him a target of persecution by the Romans in Cappadocia, where he was living. When his arrest was ordered, St Blaise fled to the wilderness, continuing his mission in service to God despite the challenges he faced.

St Blaise is renowned for his miraculous healing powers, particularly concerning throat ailments. According to legend, a boy suffering from a fishbone lodged in his throat—or another severe throat malady—was brought to St Blaise as a last resort. The boy was on the brink of death, with no hope of recovery. Saint Blaise prayed over him, blessed him, and miraculously, the boy was healed.

This established St Blaise as the patron saint for those afflicted with throat injuries and diseases. It is from this miraculous act of healing that the Catholic Church commemorates his feast day and has the blessing of throats on the Feast of St Blaise.

Thrift Store News

Thrift Store Staff Christmas Party

January 31st at 6 pm

Spouses are also invited!!

Unique Call of Women in the Church

Fiat Young Adult Catholic Women's Group

Join the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese of Vancouver as we dive into the unique contributions of women saints in a four-part series. The next presentation focuses on St. Joan of Arc, with discussion, reflection, and a themed dessert to follow. All Catholic women ages 18-35 discerning God's will in their lives are welcome! On Friday, January 23, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist convent (2811 Venables St. Vancouver). Register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Anointing of the Sick



There will be anointing of the Sick on the Weekend of February 7 and 8 at all Masses.

Anniversary Vows Renewal

If you will be celebrating a milestone anniversary of your marriage this year (ie..5, 10, 15, 20, 25.....or even greater) Please contact Sister Olive as soon as possible.

You will be given an opportunity to renew our marriage vows during the Masses on the weekend of February 15 at 10:30 am.



Dear brothers and sisters,

We begin our new series of catecheses on the [Second Vatican Council](#) by considering [Dei Verbum](#), the Dogmatic

Constitution on Divine Revelation. As today's Scripture reading reminds us, Jesus calls us friends because he has revealed to us everything that he has heard from the Father. It is through Revelation, which reaches its fullness in Jesus, the Word made flesh, that we are invited to share in God's life as his children in Christ. We are reminded that friendship with God is not only a gift, but also an invitation that requires a response, as in any relationship. To cultivate this friendship, we must spend time with God in prayer, both personally and especially through the Liturgy, where the community gathers to listen to the word of God with the guidance of the Church. Together, let us respond wholeheartedly to the Lord's invitation and discover in his friendship the true mystery of our salvation.

My blessing to everyone

Pope Leo XIV

