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The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026



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“John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?” Matthew 3:14

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

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

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| Envelopes | 1766.74 |
| Loose | 498.00 |
| Other | 360.00 |
| TOTAL | 2624.74 |
| New Year's | 1060.00 |

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***

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| SAT | January 9 | 5 pm | J. Tuditud (thanksgiving) |
| SUN | January 10 | 10:30 AM | +Cathy Trites |
| | | 1:00 PM | +Garneau Family |
| | Sto. Niño Novena Mass | 5 pm | Bailon Family |
| MON | January 11 | 5 pm | +Benito & Basilissa Cadiz |
| TUE | January 12 | 5 pm | +Fr. Caros Abesammis, SJ |
| WED | January 13 | 5 pm | Metro Huculak |
| THU | January 14 | 5 pm | +Patrick & Elizabeth Donegan |
| FRI | January 15 | 5 pm | Ramona Pena (surgery) |
| SAT | January 16 | 5 pm | Ramona Pena (surgery) |

Sto. Niño Novena

January 9 to 17, 2026

Novena/Holy Mass

1st Day, Friday, January 9th

Rosary & Novena: 4:15 pm Mass: 5 pm

2nd Day, Saturday, January 10th

Rosary & Novena: 4:15 pm Mass: 5 pm

3rd Day, Sunday, January 11th

Rosary & Novena: 4:15 pm Mass: 5 pm

4th Day, Monday, January 12th

Rosary & Novena: 4:15 pm Mass: 5 pm

5th Day, Tuesday, January 13th

Rosary & Novena: 4:15 pm Mass: 5 pm

6th Day, Wednesday, January 14th

Rosary & Novena: 4:15 pm Mass: 5 pm

7th Day, Thursday, January 15th

Rosary & Novena: 4:15 pm Mass: 5 pm

8th Day, Friday, January 16th

Rosary & Novena: 4:15 pm Mass: 5 pm

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!!!

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S

PREP

Thursday at 3:30 pm

RCIA

Thursday at 6 pm



Pit Señor!

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.

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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.

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.

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.

Parish Coffee



This Sunday, following the 10:30 am Mass, we will have a parish coffee. Please remember to bring a light snack to share with each other, and have a great visit.

Thrift Store News

We're back in business after our Christmas break. I hope all of the staff enjoyed the time for a rest. However....there were a few that didn't rest. We'd like to especially thank Ed Schmid for the renovations that he completed in our store over the holidays. The customers are so happy for the new organization and bright lights! Thank you!

Thrift Store Staff Christmas Party

January 31st at 6 pm

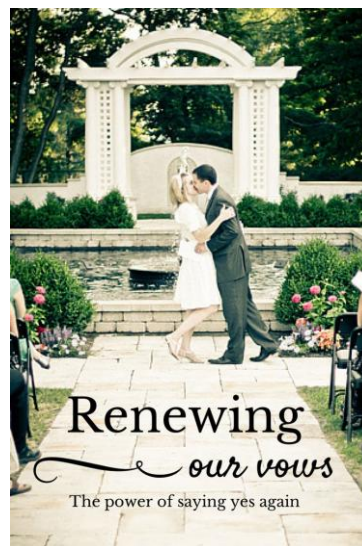
Spouses are also invited!!

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 significant 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.

Thank you for getting in touch just as soon as possible