



# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## The Epiphany of The Lord

*January 4, 2026*



### *January 4 - Epiphany of the Lord*

***“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11***

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

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### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	2776.75
Loose	456.75
Other	250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2746.75</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>\$2263.55</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.  
Marguerite Rocheleau

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

### 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.

<b>SAT</b>	January 3	5 pm	<b>Metro Huculak</b>
<b>SUN</b>	January 4	10:30 AM	+Kendra Julien De los Reyes Family (thanksgiving)
		1:00 PM	Abbi Ku Cadiz (birthday)
<b>MON</b>	January 5	9 am	Margaret Javier
<b>TUE</b>	January 6	7 pm	Bailon Family
<b>WED</b>	January 7	9 am	Liturgy of Word
<b>THU</b>	January 8	9 am	Joanna Kong
<b>FRI</b>	January 9	4 pm	Jasmin & Glen Mornilo
<b>SAT</b>	January 10	5 pm	J. Tudtud (thanksgiving)

the “countdown” for the sealing of the bronze porticos.

The closure of the **Holy Door** will symbolically denote the end of the **Holy Year**, yet the message of grace and reconciliation of the Jubilee will endure in the Church and within the hearts of the faithful. This act extends an invitation to all believers to persevere in their spiritual journey with renewed faith, having passed through the Holy Door as a symbol of conversion and hope.

*The Jubilee Year concludes with the closing of the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica Jan. 6, 2026, on the feast of the Epiphany. However, the Holy Doors at Rome’s other major basilicas will close Dec. 28, 2025, the same day dioceses are to end local celebrations of the Holy Year.*

**Closing Prayer:**

O God, our Father, you accompany and sustain your Church in its pilgrim journey; through the light and the strength of your spirit, stir up in us a living hope, so that we may recognize the signs of your presence in the events of our world.

Grateful for all the graces received during this Holy Year, we have journeyed here as Pilgrims of Hope to experience the outpouring of mercy from the heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, the door of our salvation. It is he whom the Church is called to proclaim always, everywhere and to all people and nations as our hope.

Be near to those who call on you, O Lord, and graciously grant your protection to all who place their hope in your mercy, that they may remain faithful in holiness of life and, become bearers of hope, reconciliation, freedom, and justice, through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY’S

**Thrift Store REOPENS**

**Tuesday – 10 am to 2 pm**

**Pastoral Council Meeting**

Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

**PREP**

Thursday at 3:30 pm



**The Jubilee of Hope**, inaugurated by Pope Francis on Christmas Eve 2024, will come to an end with a series of solemn ceremonies in the main basilicas

of Rome, culminating in a historic act presided over by Pope Leo XIV in St. Peter’s Basilica.

After twelve months of pilgrimage, in which it is estimated that nearly 30 million faithful have crossed the sacred thresholds in search of plenary indulgence, the Vatican has formalized

# **Sto. Niño Novena**

**January 9 to 17, 2026**



The Sto. Niño Novena beginning on January 9<sup>th</sup> in our Shrine is a significant event in the celebration of the Holy Child Jesus, known as Sto. Niño de Cebu. The Novena and Rosary begin at 4:15 pm each evening, concluding with the Mass at 5 pm.

The Novena is a nine-day period of prayer and reflection, culminating with the Feast of Sto. Niño Mass on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

There will be a potluck following the Mass in the parish hall, and everyone is most welcome and especially invited!!!



## **Wise Men and the Light**

The Epiphany of Our Lord is a feast that celebrates Jesus being made known to the world. It remembers the visit of the magi, also called wise men, who traveled from far away to find the newborn King. They followed a star that led them to Jesus.

This story reminds us that Jesus came for all people. The magi were not Jewish, but they were still welcomed. They brought gifts and knelt before Jesus. This shows that anyone who seeks the truth can come to Him.

The Epiphany of Our Lord is about light shining in the darkness. It shows how God calls people from every place and nation. The magi followed the light, and they found joy. We are invited to do the same.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## Reflecting on Pope Leo's call for an unarmed peace for a wounded world

As the Church marked the World Day of Peace on January 1st, Pope Leo XIV's first message for the occasion is centred on the call for an “unarmed and disarming” peace. It also refers to a peace that is “humble and persevering”, and it places Gospel nonviolence at the heart of the Church's response to a world increasingly marked by conflict, fear, and fragmentation.

Speaking with Vatican News, the director of Pax Christi's Catholic Institute for Nonviolence, describes the Pope's message as deeply coherent with the direction Pope Leo XIV has charted since the earliest moments of his papacy.

“It is so entirely consistent with what Pope Leo has been saying from the very beginning,” she says. “His immediate reference to peace - peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering.” An “unarmed” peace, she says, does not depend on coercion, military force, or the accumulation of weapons, pointing to Pope Leo's explicit reference to the enormous global investment in war and preparations for war. “It does not rely on that kind of preparation—or on violence itself.”

## Parish Coffee

Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 am Mass. Remember to bring a light snack to share with each other

