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First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026



March 1 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

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LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	1055.00
Loose	307.00
Other	440.00
TOTAL	1782.00

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Family:

Barry Bembridge, Joanna Black, Stella Hildebrandt, Clayton Jimmie, Metro Huculak, Marguerite Rocheleau, Leo Vantol, Francesca Waight, Russ C., Marion B., Trudy Stoeckly,

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	February 29	5 pm	+Editha Alcuitas Abellaneda
SUN	March 1	10:30 AM	+Editha Alcuitas Abellaneda
		1:00 PM	+Editha Alcuitas Abellaneda
MON	March 2	9 AM	+Editha Alcuitas Abellaneda
TUE	March 3	7 pm	+Editha Alcuitas Abellaneda
WED	March 4	9 am	Liturgy of the Word
THU	March 5	9 AM	+Editha Alcuitas Abellaneda
FRI	March 6	9 AM	+Editha Alcuitas Abellaneda
SAT	March 7	5 pm	Harry & Roslynn McNeilly

Lenten Soup & Buns

This year, it will again be hosted by

All Saints Anglican Church each week.

It starts in the church with a prayer service at 6 pm, followed with soup and buns in the parish hall March 25th.



THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S

Pastoral Council: Tuesday @ 7:30 pm

PREP

Thursday at 3:30 pm

RCIA

Thursday at 6 pm

Stations of the Cross

All Fridays during Lent



5 pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL CHILLIWACK PRO-LIFE FUNDRAISING DINNER

Friday, March 6, 2026

SCAN FOR TICKETS

CHERISH GALA *Every Life:* A MASTERPIECE

GUEST SPEAKER
Wendy Burpee
Executive Director of Genesis Women's Clinic in Pennsylvania

Wendy's powerful story of redemption reveals how God brought her out of domestic abuse, shame, and hopelessness—and gave her a passion for the unborn. Through her testimony, you'll witness both the devastating impact of abortion and the incredible mercy and healing power of God.

Doors open 6:30 pm
Dinner begins 7:00 pm
Main Street Church Auditorium
9325 Main Street, Chilliwack

Upcoming in our Parish

Jennifer & Aaron Sask

and

Gerald & Wilma Struys

are the parish liaisons for
Chilliwack Pro Life.

Please mark your calendar for Thursday,
March 12th at 7 pm.

We will be welcoming Marian Neels from
Cherish Project (Chilliwack Pro Life) who
will be making a presentation on

Euthanasia.

**This is a very current and important issue
Please come and be informed.**

Refreshments will be served.



**Rite of Enrolment of
First Communicants**

February 22, 2026!



Sisters Olive & Lilia accompanied the RCIA
Candidates to the Rite of Election at St.
Matthew's last Saturday. They are pictured
here with Archbishop Richard Smith.
Congratulations to our candidate: Averia
DeBungie!!!

Rite of Confirmation Commitment

**The children who are preparing for the
Sacraments of Confirmation in our Parish
will be participating in this Rite this
weekend:**

Wade Peters

Xerxes Badua

PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO DISCOVER DISCIPLESHIP

Every confirmed parishioner is invited to try
out the Discovery Faith Studies. This six-
week study for one hour a week, is
designed to meet people where they are at
in their faith journey, and help them learn
more about God and how to live an
authentic relationship with Him.

Come and experience your faith in a new
and exciting way by joining us in the
Discovery faith study. Rediscover the
essence of your faith. Through the faith
study, you will also learn simple yet
powerful tools to help you share your faith
with others.

**HOW: Sign up on the sheet in the Gathering
Area**

Through Discovery: Give yourself a chance
(to establish or enhance) your relationship
with Jesus.

Through Discovery: Give Jesus a chance!

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

This Lent, there are over 60 Penitential Services happening throughout the Archdiocese, where our priests will be available to hear confessions. You are invited to encounter God's mercy and prepare for Easter with a renewed heart.

Find a Penitential Service near you at rcav.org/lent

St. Anthony's Lenten Penitential Service is Sunday, March 22 at 4:00 PM

Pope Leo's Second Sunday of Lent Message



Pope Leo XIV's message for the second Sunday of Lent emphasizes the importance of listening and fasting as a time for conversion and renewal. He invites Catholics to place the mystery of God at the center of their lives, allowing the word of God to touch their hearts and renew their commitment to follow Christ. The message also highlights the relationship between listening and fasting, as fasting helps to recognize what one "hunger" for and what is necessary for sustenance, ultimately leading to a deeper desire for justice and a commitment to prayer and action towards one's neighbor.

Arise Youth Retreat

Youth entering Grade 9 /10 in September 2026 are invited to learn and grow in their faith through engaging activities (including outdoor recreation activities), presentations, games, skits, reflection, sharing and the opportunity to interact with each other in a faith-filled, safe environment. We will explore self-identity, how to build community connections, and how to make Jesus Christ the centre of our lives. June 29 through July 2 at Camp Jubilee, North Vancouver. Register by June 8 at beholdvancouver.org/events.

40 Days for Life Vancouver

40 Days for Life is an internationally focused pro-life campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil for the protection of life from conception to its natural end. You are invited to take part by signing up individually or with your parish group.

- Through March 29, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Daily Vigil
4818 Willow Street, Vancouver

You are also invited to [join the nightly rosary](#) online via Zoom at 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 8, 2:30 p.m.
Mid-way rally
Details TBA

- Sunday, March 29, 2:30 p.m.
Closing rally
Details TBA

Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.