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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026



March 22 - 5th Sunday in Lent

“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’” John 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren’t going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God’s active presence in our daily lives and we become “partakers of the divine nature.”

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LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	\$1675.00
Loose	430.35
Other	40.00
TOTAL	\$2145.25

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, Elowyn Lyftogt

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	March 21	5 pm	Metro Huculak
SUN	March 22	10:30 AM	De los Reyes Family (thanksgiving)
		1:00 PM	Meghan Fausto (birthday)
MON	March 23	9 AM	+Nemesio S.R. Barbin Jr. Johanna Strahl (birthday)
TUE	March 17	7 pm	Patti & Max Anderson (thanksgiving)
WED	March 24	9 am	Liturgy of the Word
THU	March 25	9 AM	+Roderick C. Fuentes
FRI	March 26	9 AM	Ellen & Steve Cadiz (thanksgiving) Jack Striker (birthday)
SAT	March 27	5 pm	+Mat & Theresa Denis

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 each Wednesday until March 25th.

Thank You Note

Thank you, St. Anthony's parish, for your friendly welcome to our Agassiz Churches Refugee Committee's newcomer family. The Yousef family fled religious persecution in Pakistan when their youngest of three children was three. After living in Malaysian refugee camps for 11 years, they arrived in Chilliwack last summer.

Thank you for the parish financial donation, which was greatly appreciated. The father, Parvez, will use it to cover partial costs of completing his BC Teacher Certification application.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S

PREP

On Spring Break

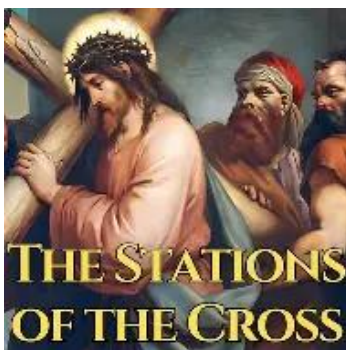
RCIA

Thursday at 6 pm

Stations of the Cross

All Fridays during Lent

5 pm



Families of Canadians who received MAID talk of rushed assessment, not being told of decision:

Canada's assisted-death law focuses on the rights of people to choose when to end their lives, but many families said they should be included in the profound decision

Read in National Post

<https://apple.news/Au2Pt2EX8RQCfxM5YiZqczg>

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm

Good Friday

Outdoor Stations of Cross

11:00 am

Passion of the Lord

3:00 pm

Holy Saturday

Lighting of the Fire

9 pm

Reception follows the Vigil

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



PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO DISCOVER DISCIPLESHIP

Saturdays @ 10 am

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!

The Scrutinies

As we move on our Lenten journey, the Fifth Sunday of Lent marks the third of a series of three scrutinies that we celebrate with the Elect.

These rites are the most comforting moments of the entire Lenten journey for our elect. The purpose of the scrutinies is twofold:

- To reveal what is weak, sick and sinful in the hearts of the elect that it can be healed and
- To reveal what is honorable, strong and holy, so that it can be strengthened (RCIA,141)

Let us continue to pray for *Averia LeBungie*, our Elect, as she continues this journey responding to the personal invitation to welcome Christ into her life.

This Solidarity Sunday, March 22, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Share Lent Second Collection. Your gift supports struggling communities in the Global South, with a special focus this year on those affected by mining and industrial pollution in Brazil along the Carajás railway.

Please give generously: rcav.org/share-lent



Would you like to contribute towards the Altar Floral Displays for Easter?



If so, you may simply put your donation into an envelope with the name(s) of the people you would like to have honored with this gift.

Thank you for your kindness!!



The Good Friday Collection helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere.

Good Friday celebration on April 3, 2026. You may also contribute online if you wish at: www.commissariat.ca, in the "Support Us" link.

Take Action to Support Bill C-218

Write your Member of Parliament Today!
Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca

You're invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act), which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

Chances are you know someone struggling with mental illness — a family member, friend, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable.

Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218