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Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026



March 8 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we become more “God-centred” and less “self-centred.”

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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	\$1550.00
Loose	409.25
Other	799.00
TOTAL	\$2758.25

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 7	5 pm	Harry & Roslynn McNeilly
SUN	March 8	10:30 AM	Nancy & Ronnie Mathias Abbi Ku Cadiz
		1:00 PM	Georgina Couninho +Jansen Nacaytuna
MON	March 9	9 AM	Jennifer Rego Allianza Ku Cadiz
TUE	March 10	7 pm	Chris & Aurea Bailon
WED	March 11	9 am	Liturgy of the Word
THU	March 12	9 AM	Mona & Angelo Perreira Angelo & Santana Carvallio Ann Struys (birthday)
			Satya & David Matthew +Ellen Thompson 1st Death anniv.
FRI	March 13	9 AM	Satya & David Matthew +Ellen Thompson 1st Death anniv.
SAT	March 14	5 pm	Chris & Joan Remedios

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



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.

Chilliwack Pro Life Presents:

**Thursday, March 12th
at 7 pm.**

Marian Neels is the President of BC Life Network and the Education and Outreach Coordinator at the Cherish Project. With a background in education and a deep love of learning, she is passionate about equipping youth and adults with truth and compassion on life issues. Marian has served on the board of several organizations, including Chilliwack Pro-Life, Compassionate Neighbourhood Health Partners Society and the BC Conservative Party of Chilliwack North Riding Association. She is also a wife and mother of six. Marian is committed to defending life by helping others make God-honouring choices and avoid a lifetime of regret in a culture often clouded by confusion.

Canada has the world's fastest growing assisted-dying program. The euthanasia movement intends to normalize lethal injections as a means of dying in Canada. For many people it is starting to feel like an obligation. Learn more about our current reality and what you can do to protect yourself and others by attending a presentation by Marian Neels from Chilliwack Pro-Life/Cherish Project on Thursday, March 12 at 7:00. Time and guidance will be given to fill out a Do Not Euthanize form for those who want to. We will also have other materials available. This presentation is not just for the elderly but is also interesting for young people as well as children of seniors. Euthanasia is the fifth leading cause of death in Canada and is starting to affect us all. Everyone over the age of 18 is eligible and should be prepared for being faced with this decision.



Refreshments will be served.

St James's Parish invites you to a Lenten Parish Mission by Fr Emmerich Vogt OP, EWTN-featured host and author of 'The Freedom to Love: Recovery & the 7 Deadly Sins'. Make this your best Lent ever!! Join us from Mon, March 9 to Thurs, March 12. Mass each day at 9 a.m. Two options to choose from: Morning conference at 9.30 a.m. OR evening conference at 7 p.m. No registration required. St James Parish 2777 Townline Rd, Abbotsford, BC

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!

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



St. Mary's Elementary School Presents

Saint Patrick's Day

Fundraiser

March 21, 2026 – 7 pm

\$60 per ticket

St. Mary's Elementary School Gym

8909 Mary Street, Chilliwack

Doors open at 6 pm.

The Scrutinies

As we move on our Lenten journey, the Third Sunday of Lent begins the first 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.

Journey Through Lent Videos

On this Third Sunday, Bishop Miehm of Petersborough, Ontario provides a reflection on the transformative encounter of the Woman and the Well with Jesus. Watch this week's video from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops at ccc.ca/lent

Soul of Christ, Sanctify Me: 3rd Sunday of Lent

The third Sunday of Lent, also known as the "Soul of Christ, Sanctify Me," is a time for reflection and prayer. Pope Leo XIV's message for this Sunday emphasizes the importance of listening and fasting as part of the Lenten journey. He invites Catholics to open themselves to listening, fasting, and community, urging them to abstain from words of hatred to make space for words of hope and peace.

The Pope's message is a call to cultivate inner openness to listening, recognizing the cry of those who are anguished and suffering, and to act responsibly towards their neighbor.