

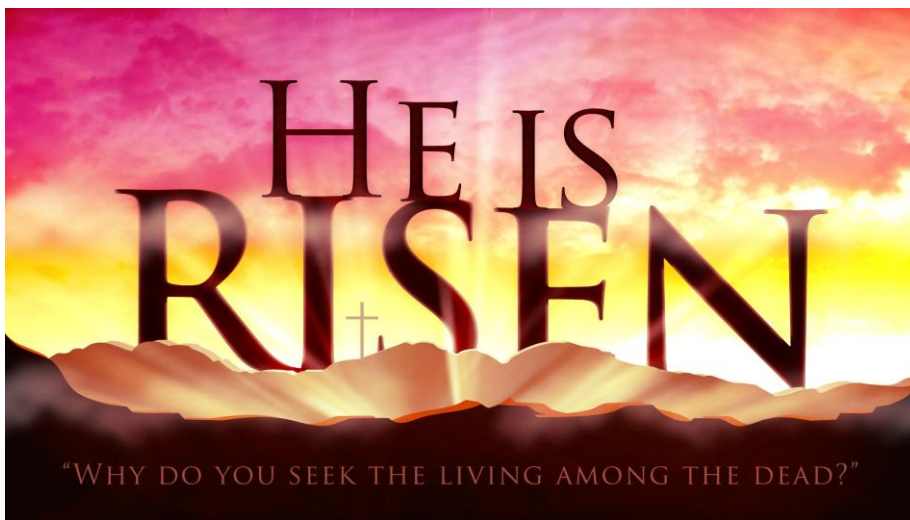


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Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026



April 5 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any gods before me.

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LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	\$1660.00
Loose	786.00
Other	1295.00
TOTAL	\$3741.00

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, Elowyn Lyftogt, Cliff Dumont

Please pray for the most recently deceased: Gerri Dumont

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	April 4	9 pm	+Patrick Donegan Nida Barnes
SUN	April 5	10:30 AM	+Sofia Sta. Roman Cruz +Patrick Donegan
		1:00 PM	+Sarah Beckett
MON	April 6	9 AM	+Cecilia & Bette Denis
TUE	April 7	7 pm	+John Yaretz
WED	April 8	9 am	Liturgy of the Word
THU	April 9	9 am	Alaya Thompson 2nd Birthday
FRI	April 10	9 am	+Eileen Yaretz
SAT	April 11	5 pm	Zaylen Kai Soriano (birthday) Marguerite Rocheleau Bryan Strahl (birthday)



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.

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

Through Discovery: Give Jesus a chance!

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S

PREP

3:30 pm Thursday

RCIA

6:00 pm Thursday

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>

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

Way of Light: Sign-up for Daily Prayers During Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2026



The Divine Mercy Novena is a nine-day prayer devotion revealed to Saint Faustina Kowalska, intended to bring souls to the fountain of God's mercy and obtain graces for all humanity.

Overview

The Divine Mercy Novena is a special nine-day prayer devotion that Jesus revealed to Saint Faustina Kowalska. It is traditionally prayed from Good Friday through the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday, but it can be prayed at any time of the year. The novena focuses on bringing different groups of souls to the mercy of God each day, asking for strength, refreshment, and graces, especially at the hour of death.

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.

Catholic Youth Conference “Called, Chosen, Sent”

CYC welcomes high school youth in grades 8-12 and the adults who are journeying with them as their parish youth ministry leaders, teachers, and mentors. This full-day event will include a keynote speaker, smaller breakout sessions, time for prayer, praise & worship music, food, and opportunities for you to interact with other youth from around our Archdiocese. May 2, 10:00 am to 9:00 pm at Archbishop Carney Secondary School, Port Coquitlam. This event

only accepts group registrations. Register by April 17 and receive free t-shirts. Volunteer opportunities available. Learn more at cyc.rcav.org.



Mass Wedding for Civilly Married Couples Information Session

Are you civilly married, but not yet sacramentally married? Explore the wonderful opportunity to open your heart to God's grace and receive the full blessing of the Church.

This information session prepares you to participate in the Mass Wedding for Civilly Married couples in September, celebrated by Archbishop Smith. Saturday, April 11, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish, Richmond. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Thank you
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Easter Flower Altar Display



**Easter Message from
 Archbishop Smith**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Today the Church rejoices, for Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death. The Resurrection of the Lord is the heart of our faith and the source of our hope.

The joy of Easter does not ignore the reality of suffering in our world. We know well the weight of grief, anxiety, violence, and loss. Yet the Resurrection speaks a truth the world needs to hear: death does not have the final word.

This does not remove the trials we face in this life. But it does mean that sorrow is not final, darkness is not ultimate, and death is not the end. The risen Lord draws near to us and speaks His peace to our hearts. He reminds us that He is with us, that He is faithful, and that nothing (not even death) can separate us from His love.

My prayer for you this Easter is that the truth of the Resurrection will take deeper root in your hearts. If you are carrying burdens, may the risen Lord console you. If you are weary, may He strengthen you. If you are afraid, may He renew in you the confidence that comes from knowing He has triumphed over death.

May the peace of the risen Christ fill your hearts and homes this Easter.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

**✠ Richard W. Smith
 Archbishop of Vancouver**

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