



# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026



### May 12, 2026 - The Ascension of the Lord

“I am praying for them...” John 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our faith and the foundation of stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

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### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$1215.00
<b>Loose</b>	511.00
<b>Other</b>	\$125.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$1851.00

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Barry Bembridge, Joanna Black, Stella Hildebrandt, Metro Huculak, Marguerite Rocheleau, Russ C, Elowyn Lyftogt, Cheryl Yaretz,

**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	May 16	5 pm	+Eddy Anwar
SUN	May 17	10:30 AM	+Heather Stomp
		1:00 PM	+Tan Thiam Hok
MON	May 18	9 AM	+Bert Duncan
TUE	May 19	7 pm	NO MASS
WED	May 20	9 am	Liturgy of the Word
THU	May 21	9 am	NO MASS
FRI	May 22	9 am	NO MASS
SAT	May 23	5 pm	+Mercedes & Domingo Dilo

### Formation for Lay Ministry Scholarship

Are you serving in your parish or a Catholic ministry and feel called to grow deeper in your faith and leadership? The Formation for Lay Ministry Scholarship is for lay leaders already involved in ministry who want to be better equipped to serve. Through graduate-level courses in theology and pastoral ministry, you will grow in understanding, confidence, and effectiveness in your mission. The scholarship covers tuition for three courses, with online classes held one evening per week, allowing you to study from anywhere.

Applications close May 15, 2026, with courses beginning in September (or as early as July). Learn more and apply at [stmarkscollege.ca/scholarships-and-financial-aid/#GraduateScholarships](http://stmarkscollege.ca/scholarships-and-financial-aid/#GraduateScholarships)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S

### PREP

3:30 pm Thursday

### Upcoming in our Parish

*Confirmation: May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am*

*First Communion: June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am*

*St. Anthony of Padua Feast Day*

*June 13<sup>th</sup>*

*(watch upcoming bulletins for further details)*

### Permanent Pastoral Synod

Come hear Bishop Gary Gordon, the Bishop of Victoria, share about their Permanent Pastoral Synod and how other communities can begin this journey of fostering a "listening church"? His address will take place on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 7:30pm at St. Patrick's Church hall, 2881 Main St., Vancouver, BC. Free tickets and open to all! Register for in-person and online option here: [www.theccm.ca/sherlock-lecture](http://www.theccm.ca/sherlock-lecture)

## Knights of Columbus BBQ Fund Raiser Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 12 NOON

**\$10 per person**  
**10 years and under are Free**

### Help Not Harm Canada

You're invited to visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](http://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](http://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

Fr. Dennis will be on his annual retreat from May 18<sup>th</sup> to May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Let's all pray for him that he will be renewed and energized through this time of prayer and rest. The parish office will be open as regularly scheduled:

Tuesday – Friday 9 am to noon.

If there are any emergencies, please contact ***Sister Olive at 780 984 5116***

### Stronger Together - Project Advance 2026

For over 45 years, Project Advance has been an important part in the life of our Archdiocese. Through your generosity, new churches and Catholic schools have been built, parish communities have grown, and the message of God's love continues to touch hearts. Because of you, the mission of the Church extends far beyond the walls of your parish. The sick are comforted and cared for. Students and young people are discovering faith and purpose. Families are supported in marriage, healing, and times of loss. And those who are struggling are met with compassion and hope. Through these ministries, people are encountering Jesus Christ. All of this is possible when we

work together – and our parishes and communities are stronger together.

Learn more and give at [projectadvance.ca](http://projectadvance.ca)



**THIS YEAR, THE ARCHDIOCESE HAS GIVEN OUR PARISH A GOAL OF**

**\$10,500.**

**All funds that are collected over that amount will be returned to us, without assessment.**

**Thank you for your support in helping to achieve this goal!**

### AGASSIZ-HARRISON MUSEUM

**Join us for the Senior's Knowledge Exchange**

***Learn what's behind the scenes at the museum***

***Share your knowledge***

***Meet new friends and enjoy a free catered lunch***

**Every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month beginning May 2<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**For more information:**

**Maria at 604 796 3545**

**[manager@agassizharrisonmuseum.org](mailto:manager@agassizharrisonmuseum.org)**

**[agassizharrisonmuseum.org](http://agassizharrisonmuseum.org)**



Would you like to have a free table(s)?  
There are around 25 to choose from

We are offering them to our parishioners first, so if you wish to have one, please let Fr. Dennis or the parish secretary know soon. It's first come, first served!



## St. Anthony's Feast Day

June 13, 2026

The novena will begin on June 4<sup>th</sup> with the Novena Prayers at 5:30 pm, followed by the Rosary and Mass. There are potluck snacks following each night.

The Feast Day Dinner will be immediately following the 5 pm Mass on June 13.

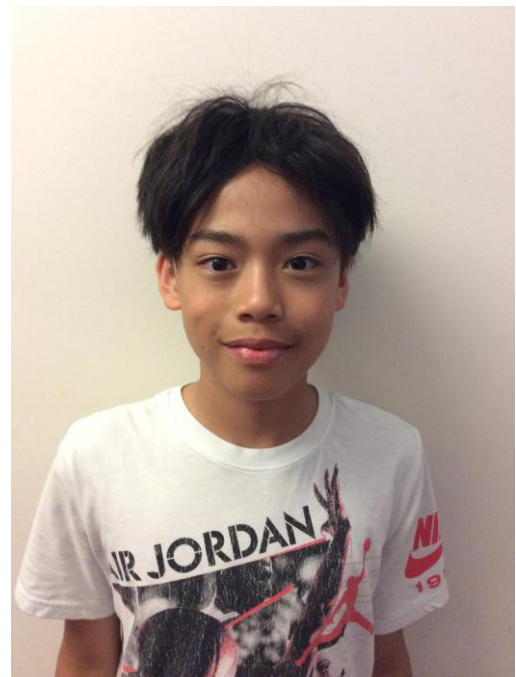
Everyone is most welcome and invited to attend the Barbeque Dinner. ***Please sign up on the sheet on the Gathering Area bulletin board***

The Meat with all the fixin's will be provided by the Parish, and you are asked to bring a dessert to share with everyone.

## Our Confirmands



Wade Peters



Loufie Badua