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Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026



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“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:7

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day. Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you. Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God. By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more “God-centred” and less “self-centred” and our lives truly reflect God’s light, love and mercy.

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LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	\$1360.00
Loose	500.40
Other	
TOTAL	\$1860.40

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 23	5 pm	+Mercedes & Domingo Dilo +Tamara Nichols
SUN	May 24	10:30 AM	+Peter Ganon +Alfredo Rivera
		1:00 PM	+Tamayo Intentions
MON	May 25	9 AM	Eric & Rose De los Reyes (anniversary) +Domingo & Mercedes Dilo
TUE	May 26	7 pm	+Thomas Tan Tien
WED	May 27	9 am	Liturgy of the Word
THU	May 28	9 am	+Anne Marie Belgardt
FRI	May 29	9 am	+Patria Arizola
SAT	May 30	5 pm	+Frederico Juan

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.thecccm.ca/sherlock-lecture

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANTHONY'S

Finance Council

7 pm Wednesday

PREP

3:30 pm Thursday

Upcoming in our Parish

First Communion: June 7th at 10:30 am

St. Anthony of Padua Feast Day

June 13th

(watch upcoming bulletins for further details)

Knights of Columbus

BBQ Fund Raiser

Sunday, May 24th at 12 NOON

\$10 per person

10 years and under are Free

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 Goal: \$10,500

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 4th with the Novena Prayers at 5:30 pm, followed by the Rosary and Mass. There are potluck snacks following each night.

Would you like to sign up to be a snack 'sponsor' for one of the nights? **Please call Beccie as soon as possible.**

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.

A Letter to the Christian Faithful on Renewal in the Archdiocese of Vancouver

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

From the beginning of my appointment, I have sensed that I was entering a current of grace already moving through the Archdiocese of Vancouver. It has been a joy to witness the vitality of this local Church and to learn of its long tradition of faithful witness to Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit has clearly been at work among us and continues to lead us forward in the joyful proclamation of the Gospel.

Over the past year, I have visited communities throughout the Archdiocese and listened to many voices. Meetings with our priests have deepened my understanding of our history and the challenges before us. Through these encounters, I have become even more convinced that God is powerfully at work among us, calling us to respond with faith, courage, and hope.

In many of these conversations, a shared desire for renewal has emerged. By renewal, we mean responding to what God is doing among us. It is not about reinventing the Church or focusing mainly on structures, strategies, or programs.

The Church is more than buildings; she is mission. Everything we do must lead people to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. The proclamation of the Gospel is the heart of renewal and must remain at the centre of all we do together.

Therefore, on this Solemnity of Pentecost, I am announcing a process of renewal for the Archdiocese of Vancouver. As we prepare for the great Jubilee of 2033, marking two thousand years since the Redemption, let us ask with renewed faith: what does the Lord desire for his Church in Vancouver, and to what is he calling us?

To guide this process, I have established several task forces to consider how renewal should unfold in different areas of Archdiocesan life and to make recommendations to me. These are: priestly life, parish life, liturgy, schools, and infrastructure. In the months ahead, many ideas, hopes, concerns, and proposals will emerge as participants reflect and pray with generosity and courage, always remembering that we are not directing this process. We are stepping into something God is already doing. This is an exciting moment in the life of our local Church.

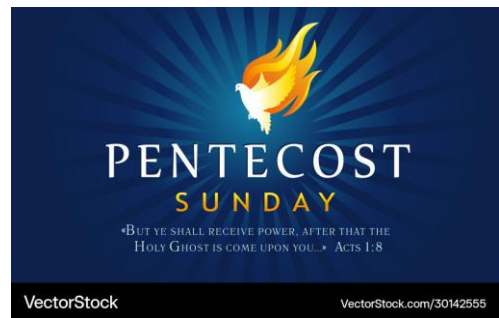
The biblical text guiding this process is the Lord's promise in the Book of Revelation: "Behold, I make all things new" (Revelation 21:5). These words assure us that Christ is renewing his Church. Our task is to listen, discern, and follow. I invite everyone to take part in this endeavour, especially through prayer. Please pray for our parishes, priests, schools, and ministries. In particular, pray that care for God's poor ones remains at the heart of our Archdiocesan renewal. In the months ahead, there will also be opportunities to share your experiences and stay connected as this process unfolds.

Please visit rcav.org/renewal to commit to praying for this renewal process and to sign up for updates.

Together, let us entrust this journey to the intercession of the Blessed Mother, our model of openness to the gentle yet powerful work of the Holy Spirit. May she who said, "Do whatever he tells you" guide us by her example and prayer to follow with joy and hope where the Lord leads.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

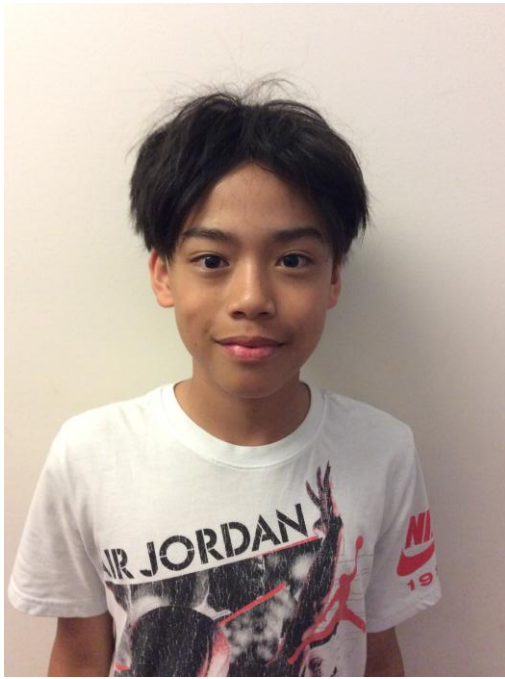
✠Richard W. Smith
Archbishop of Vancouver



Our Confirmands



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