



# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026



### May 10, 2026 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God’s will, than for doing evil.” 1 Peter 3:17

The old line says “if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, “Why me? I did everything right!” Here’s the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

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### LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTIONS

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$2,082.00
<b>Loose</b>	570.00
<b>Other</b>	\$125.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,777.00</b>

### 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 9	5 pm	+Wladyslav Chromy
SUN	May 10	10:30 AM	+Todd Stevens +Our Mothers
		1:00 PM	+Colobong Family
MON	May 11	9 AM	+Enrico Durana
TUE	May 12	7 pm	+Pidela Durana
WED	May 13	9 am	Liturgy of the Word
THU	May 14	9 am	Liturgy of the Word
FRI	May 15	9 am	+Salgado Family
SAT	May 16	5 pm	+Wladyslav Chromy

### 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)*

There will be a

Parish Coffee Fellowship right after Mass

On Sunday Morning – May 10<sup>th</sup>!!



EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME



**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.

### Here's some FAQ's

#### Key Dates in MAiD in Canada

**February 6, 2015:** Supreme Court of Canada's Carter v. Canada ruling orders legalization of assisted dying

**June 17, 2016:** First federal MAiD law (Bill C-14) receives Royal Assent

**September 11, 2019:** Quebec Superior Court's Truchon and Gladu decision strikes down Bill C-14's restriction limiting MAiD to those whose natural death was reasonably foreseeable.

**February 15, 2023:** Parliament's Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying recommends allowing MAiD for "mature minors" and permitting advance requests.

**March 17, 2027:** Planned expansion of MAiD to persons whose sole underlying medical condition is mental illness.

## MAiD in Canada: by the numbers

**Total deaths: 78,800 MAiD deaths in Canada by the end of 2024**

**Annual deaths: 16,499 MAiD deaths in 2024**

**Share of all deaths: 5.1% of all deaths in Canada**

**Monthly rate: about 1,400 MAiD deaths in 2026**

**Global comparison: Canada has one of the highest MAiD rates in the world, second only to the Netherlands.**

### MAiD in Canada: what the law allows:

**What is MAiD? Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) allows a doctor or nurse practitioner to end a patient's life, or to prescribe medication for that purpose, under conditions set out in Canadian law.**

### Two tracks:

**#1: Patients whose natural death is reasonably foreseeable.**

**#2: Patients whose natural death is not reasonably foreseeable.**

### What changed in 2021:

**Bill C-7 removed the requirement that a person's death be reasonably foreseeable, expanding eligibility and creating the two-track system.**

**What is scheduled for 2027: MAiD is set to expand to include individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.**

**What is being debated now: A private member's bill introduced by MP Tamara Jansen seeks to prohibit MAiD where mental illness is the sole underlying condition.**

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!**

### National Family and Life Week, May 10-17

Take time this week to celebrate your  
family, express gratitude, offer forgiveness,  
or share meaningful moments with loved  
ones across generations. This week is an  
opportunity to uphold the value of life and  
to live out our calling to love one another  
within our homes, communities, and the  
world.

### 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:**

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