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St. Anthony's Parish

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OFFICE HOURS:

Mon - Fri: 9:30 am — 12:30 pm 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULES

SUNDAY MASS: Saturday 4:30 pm Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am

WEEKDAYS: Monday - Saturday: 9:00 am 1st Friday: 6:30 pm

CONFESSIONS: Monday - Saturday: 8:30 - 8:50 am Saturday: 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

ADORATION:

Friday: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm [**1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**] 9:30 am - 4:00 pm & **Vigil** 7:00 pm to Saturday 8:00 am

Sign-up sheets located in vestibule

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ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8TH 2024



PARISH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Mon-Sat	8:15 am — 8:30 am	MORNING PRAYERS
SAT-DEC 7	10:00 AM -11:30 AM	A RESCUE ADVENT RETREAT
Mon – Dec 9	10:00 am — 12:00	CATHOLIC FAITH COURSE (SESSION 12)
Tue – Dec 10	7:00 pm-8:00 pm	CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP
Wed- Dec 11	6:00 рм — 7:15 рм	PREP
THURS—DEC 12	1:00 рм — 3:00 рм	CRAFT GROUP
THURS—DEC 12	6:30 рм	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST
Fri— Dec 13	9:30 am— 4:00 pm	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRI-DEC 13	3:00 pm-4:00 pm	DIVINE MERCY
Sat-Dec 14	10:00-11:30 AM	MINISTRY LEADERS RETREAT

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, December 9 9:00 am - Sp. Int of Susan Wynne

Tuesday, December 10 9:00 am - Sp. Int of Karla Braunstein

Wednesday, December 11 9:00 am - † *Lone Henrichsen*

Thursday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe 9:00 am - † *Jacqueline Cummings* 6:30 pm -

Friday, December 13 9:00 am - † *Emma Hoffart*

Saturday, December 14 9:00 am - † Dorren Bluba 4:30 pm - † Giovanna Guidolin

Sunday, December 15 8:30 am - † Meredith Rennolds 10:30 am - Parishioners

PRO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Stay in touch this Christmas!

Check out our beautiful selection of Pro Life Christmas Cards.

They are available in the office **\$10 per pack**.



News in and around the Parish

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

This Year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary coincides with our second Sunday of Advent. Now, during Advent and Lent, Sundays "outrank" Solemnities. Nevertheless, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, due to its importance will be celebrated on Monday the 9th. What is the Solemnity about?

Briefly, nine months before the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8th of September), the Church celebrates the Solemnity of her Immaculate Conception. The Feast was approved in 1476 b y Pope Sixtus IV. It was extended to the universal Church by Pope Clement XI in 1708.

Acknowledging the belief held for centuries by the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, of councils and his predecessors, Pope Pius IX solemnly proclaimed the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854: "We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin" (*Ineffabilis Deus*, 1854).

Virgin most holy and immaculate, to you, the honor of our people, and the loving protector of our city, do we turn with loving trust.

You are all-beautiful, O Mary! In you there is no sin.

Awaken in all of us a renewed desire for holiness:

May the splendor of truth shine forth in our words,

the song of charity resound in our works, purity and chastity abide in our hearts and bodies,

and the full beauty of the Gospel be evident in our lives.

You are all-beautiful, O Mary! In you the Word of God became flesh.

Help us always to heed the Lord's voice: May we never be indifferent to the cry of the poor,

or untouched by the sufferings of the sick and those in need;

may we be sensitive to the loneliness of the elderly and the vulnerability of children, and always love and cherish the life of every human being.

You are all-beautiful, O Mary! In you is the fullness of joy born of life with God.

Help us never to forget the meaning of our earthly journey:

May the kindly light of faith illumine our days,

the comforting power of hope direct our steps, the contagious warmth of love stir our hearts;

and may our gaze be fixed on God, in whom true joy is found.

You are all-beautiful, O Mary! Hear our prayer, graciously hear our plea: May the beauty of God's merciful love in Jesus abide in our hearts, and may this divine beauty save us, our city and the entire world.

Amen.

(Pope Francis)

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PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

December 21st. Save the date!



Let us gather as a family for a spiritual journey together toward Christmas.

We will start with the 9am Mass followed by a spiritual meditation by a Priest from 10am.

More details to come!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING



Come one, come all. Join the St. Anthony's caroling group as we prepare to participate in the Dundarave Festival of Light
<u>BONFIRE LIGHTING</u> on

December 21st @ 8:00pm.

If interested, we look forward to you joining as many rehearsals as you are able to. The <u>rehearsal dates</u> are: **December 7th, 14th and 21st @3:00pm**



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

All are invited to the celebration of the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

6:30 PM MASS, FOLLOWED BY A MEXICAN-INSPIRED POTLUCK DINNER

Sign up sheets are in the vestibule!

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE

The Archbishop's Annual Mass for Life is a once a year pro-life event for all those involved in the pro-life movement and all Catholics and people of other faiths to pray for respect for human life from conception to its natural end.

Saturday, December 14, 12:10 p.m.

@ Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver.



Learn more at <u>beholdvancouver.org/</u>

CRAFT GROUP MESSAGE

The Craft Group at Saint Anthony's would like to thank everyone for their support of our Craft Fair this past weekend!

Your generosity and enthusiasm made the event a great success.

We are truly grateful for your time, contributions, and for helping make this community so special.



Blessings to all!

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THE GIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

Gifts due December

St. Anthony's

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Choose a **Christmas Card** hanging from the Christmas

) Tree in our Church foyer and take it home. Buy a **Gift Card** - Each Christmas Card has a sticker on

it stating a Charity and the suggested gift card.

Return the signed Christmas Card & the Gift Card to our Church's office **before December 21**^{st.}

The Christmas Cards & Gift Cards will be personally **delivered** to each Charity's center **by December 23**'^{d.}

Enjoy the spirit of giving, knowing your gift will go to someone in need. God bless you!

CHRISTIAN SILENT MEDITATION GROUP

Pre-recorded 10 minute talk by Benedictines Fr. John Main or Fr. Laurence Freeman, a 25 minute meditation followed by time for questions/ comments.

TUESDAY, DEC 10 @7PM

For information contact JoAnn or Leo at <u>ilcullen@telus.net</u> or visit <u>wccm.org</u>



CATHOLIC FAITH COURSE

Learn about the rich teachings and practices of our Catholic Faith from **Fr. Vincent Hawkswell** and **Maureen Creelman**

SESSION 12: DIVINE REVELATION

DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 TIME: 10:00AM - 12:00 PM WHERE: PARISH HALL

ESAG VISIT TO ST. ANTHONY'S

The <u>Epiphany Sacred Arts</u> <u>Guild (</u>ESAG) an association of Catholic arts, will visit St. Anthony's on

> Saturday, Dec 7 for the 4:30pm Mass, &

Sunday, December 8 for the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses.



Our mission is to create, teach, and promote Catholic sacred art in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. We will bring items of Sacred Art and religious items for sale and look forward to meeting and talking with you about our work.

PROJECT ADVANCE

"Let us ask ourselves how and for whom we spend our lives." Fr. Arsène: Dec 1/24

With three weeks remaining in the year, we are in the closing phase of our parish's 2024 Project Advance Appeal. We remember the words of Father Arsene noted above, that Advent is a time of both reflection and preparation. Project Advance provides us an opportunity to give thanks, in a tangible way, for the many gifts we have received by helping people in need and supporting our parish's projects.

Our community thanks our donors for their generosity and everyone for their prayers in support of this year's appeal. To date, we have raised **\$68,756**. Every donation, regardless of the amount, strengthens our parish. Donations can be made online at support.rvac.org/projectadvance/ or through the parish office or by placing an envelope marked :Project Advance" in the Sunday collection. We will have our final table to receive donations in the vestibule this weekend. All donations to this year's appeal, received before December 31. will be eligible for a 2024 tax receipt.

May God bless everyone.



Building our Parish Community Project Advance provides an excellent opportunity for everyone to give thanks and to support our parish and Archdiocese.

LEARN MORE <u>rcav.org/project-advance</u>



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