

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15TH 2024

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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

Gaudete Sunday

Joy



PARISH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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MON—SAT	8:15 AM — 8:30 AM	MORNING PRAYERS
SAT—DEC 14	10:00 AM — 11:30 AM	MINISTRY LEADERS RETREAT
MON — DEC 16	10:00 AM — 12:00PM	CATHOLIC FAITH COURSE (SESSION 13)
TUE — DEC 17	7:00 PM—8:00 PM	CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP
WED— DEC 18	6:00 PM — 7:15 PM	PREP
FRI— DEC 20	9:30 AM— 4:00 PM	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRI— DEC 20	3:00 PM—4:00 PM	DIVINE MERCY
SAT—DEC 21	10:00 AM — 11:30 AM	PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, December 16

9:00 am - *Sp. Int of Berenice & Rick Crowe*

Tuesday, December 17

9:00 am - *Sp. Int of Anna Grant (41st Wedding Anniversary)*

Wednesday, December 18

9:00 am - † Shn-Chi & Le-Chiao Lin

Thursday, December 19

9:00 am - † Justin, Dustin & Kim Loni

Friday, December 20

9:00 am - *Sp. Int of Margarret Langero*

Saturday, December 21

9:00 am - St. Philomena

4:30 pm - *Sp. Int of Frances Watson*

Sunday, December 22

8:30 am - Parishioners

10:30 am - † Jaroslaw & Anna Domanski

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Christmas is near and on this Sunday the Church is inviting us to rejoice. The third Sunday of Advent is called GAUDETE for that reason. I would like to share with you this wonderful meditation by Pope Benedict XVI on this special Sunday of Advent.

"Gaudete in Domino semper - Rejoice in the Lord always (Phil 4: 4). Holy Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent opens with these words of St Paul and is therefore called "*gaudete*" Sunday. The Apostle urges Christians to rejoice because the Lord's coming, that is, his glorious return, is certain and will not be delayed. The Church makes this invitation her own while she prepares to celebrate Christmas and her gaze is focused ever more intently on Bethlehem. Indeed, we wait with hope, certain of Christ's second coming because we have experienced his first. The mystery of Bethlehem reveals to us God-with-us, the God close to us and not merely in the spatial and temporal sense; he is close to us because he has, as it were, "espoused" our humanity; he has taken our condition upon himself, choosing to be like us in all things save sin in order to make us become like him. Christian joy thus springs from this certainty: God is close, he is with me, he is with us, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as a friend and faithful spouse. And this joy endures, even in trials, in suffering itself. It does not remain only on the surface; it dwells in the depths of the person who entrusts himself to God and trusts in him.

Some people ask: but is this joy still possible today? Men and women of every age and social condition, happy to dedicate their existence to others, give us the answer with their lives! Was not Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta an unforgettable witness of true Gospel joy in our time? She lived in touch daily with wretchedness, human degradation and death. Her soul knew the trials of the dark night of faith, yet she gave everyone God's smile. In one of her writings, we read: "We wait impatiently for paradise, where God is, but it is in our power to be in paradise even here on earth and from this moment. Being happy with God means loving like him, helping like him, giving like him, serving like him" (*The Joy of Giving to Others*, 1987, p. 143). Yes, joy enters the hearts of those who put themselves at the service of the lowly and poor.

God abides in those who love like this and their souls rejoice. If, instead, people make an idol of happiness, they lose their way and it is truly hard for them to find the joy of which Jesus speaks. Unfortunately, this is what is proposed by cultures that replace God by individual happiness, mindsets that find their emblematic effect in seeking pleasure at all costs, in spreading drug use as an escape, a refuge in artificial paradises that later prove to be entirely deceptive.

Dear brothers and sisters, one can lose the way even at Christmas, one can exchange the true celebration for one that does not open the heart to Christ's joy. May the Virgin Mary help all Christians and people in search of God to reach Bethlehem, to encounter the Child who was born for us, for salvation and for the happiness of all humanity. **(Pope Benedict XVI, 2007)**

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PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

Join us!
December 21st.



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 from 10am.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

This Advent, take an important step in your spiritual journey by returning to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. By opening your heart to his healing mercy, you are preparing a place for his joy and peace to dwell within you this Christmas.

Penitential services on the North Shore:

Dec 18: St. Stephen's, North Vancouver – 10:30 am

Dec 19: Christ the Redeemer, West Vancouver – 7:00 pm

See a full list of Advent Penitential Services at <https://www2.rcav.org/e/897551/advent/3qlqbx/3221064966/h/IHJzcuJuQ7s2Qx2aX2wnpuUJqjijXJH4Krh5UePhuans> or browse regular weekly confession times at rcav.org/confession.

FIAT SNOWSHOE

Spend quality time with young Catholic women and have fun outdoors with religious Sisters of the Archdiocese. All women aged 18-30 are welcome!

Meet for 9:00 am Mass at St. Anthony on Saturday, January 4.
Drive to Cypress and hike Black Mountain's 5.3 km snowshoe trail.

Register by January 1 at beholdvancouver.org/events



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT AND MASS



We are looking for children to participate in our **Christmas Eve Pageant!** If your child wants to be part of our special Christmas tradition, we'd love to have them involved. There's a role for everyone!

Date of Pageant: Christmas Eve - December 24

Rehearsal: 3:45 pm

Mass: 4:30 pm

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Church. Sign up today and be part of this magical celebration of the season!

For more information, contact our Parish office:
parish.sawv@rcav.org
or call: (604) 926-6681

Let's make this Christmas Eve unforgettable!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING



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

December 21st @ 8:00pm.

If interested, we look forward to you joining as many rehearsals as you are able to. The rehearsal dates are:

December 14th and 21st @ 3:00pm



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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

As we approach the joyful season of Christmas, we invite you to come together in faith and celebrate the birth of our Savior at St. Anthony's.

Please join us for our **Christmas Mass services** as we share in the love, joy, and hope that this holy season brings. We invite you to celebrate these sacred times with us and to bring your family and friends to experience the peace and love of Christ's birth. Whether you are attending Mass for the first time or have been with us for years, we welcome you with open arms.

Christmas Eve (December 24th)

4:30 PM
10:00 PM

Christmas Day (December 25th)

8:30 AM
10:30 AM



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CWL CORNER

CWL 2025 Membership Drive: After Masses January 4, 5, 11 & 12, 2025.

\$45 (or \$60 including DAS membership) CASH or Cheque.

Thank you for your support!

CWL Executive Election: Nomination forms on the bulletin board outside the office. Deadline: January 7, 2025.

CATHOLIC FAITH COURSE



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

SESSION 13:

UNITY AND TRINITY

DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

TIME: 10:00AM - 12:00 PM

WHERE: PARISH HALL

SIMBANG GABI; NOVENA MASSES

Simbang Gabi is a devotional Filipino tradition that involves a nine-day series of novena Masses in anticipation of Christmas and in honour of Mother Mary

Masses will be celebrated at different participating parishes between **December 15 and 24.**

Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/



HOLY HOUR, HAPPY HOUR

This young adult event begins with an hour of adoration followed by fellowship at a local pub. It occurs every third



Friday of the month @ **Holy Rosary Cathedral**, beginning **December 20, 8:00 p.m.**

Learn more at beholdvancouver/events.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH TO THE HOMELESS

Spend Christmas day with Catholic Street Missionaries (CSM) and reach out to our less privileged brothers and sisters on the streets of Vancouver.

Wednesday, **December 25 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral.** Register at beholdvancouver/events



CATHOLIC CHARITIES MEN'S SHELTER

This past Saturday we took our usual car load of monthly hot meals, sandwiches and baked goods from St. Anthony's to the shelter as well as another car full of the many new and used items including warm gloves, hats, and socks donated by our parishioners.

Many thanks to all for your generosity during this Advent Season!



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 17 @7PM

For information contact JoAnn or Leo at jlucullen@telus.net or visit wccm.org

