

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1ST 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



PARISH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

MON—SAT	8:15 AM — 8:30 AM	MORNING PRAYERS
SAT NOV 30	6:30 PM	CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING
SUN DEC 1	FIRST DAY	THE GIVING CHRISTMAS TREE
MON — DEC 2	10:00 AM — 12:00	CATHOLIC FAITH COURSE (SESSION 11)
TUE — DEC 4	7:00 PM—8:00 PM	CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP
WED— DEC 5	6:00 PM — 7:15 PM	PREP
THURS—DEC 6	1:00 PM — 3:00 PM	CRAFT GROUP
FRI— DEC 7	9:30 AM— 4:00 PM	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRI—DEC 7	3:00 PM—4:00 PM	DIVINE MERCY

ONLINE GIVING OFFERTORY
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THE QR-CODE



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MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, December 2

9:00 am - *Sp. Int of Bozena & Adriana Kowalczyk*

Tuesday, December 3

9:00 am - † Ed Hauser

Wednesday, December 4

9:00 am - † *Anita McDermott*

Thursday, December 5

9:00 am - † *Clara Sulpa*

Friday, December 6

9:00 am - † *Gina Charles*
6:30 pm - † *John Wong*

Saturday, December 7

9:00 am - † *Wendie Bramlett*
4:30 pm - *Sp. Int. of Bishop Gary & family*

Sunday, December 8

8:30 am - *Sp. Int. of Mark Pillon & family*
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

I don't know if this has ever happened to you: to look for a key that is in your hand, to search for a cellphone that is on the table in front of you, to forget the name of a person in front of you while you are familiar with them... Is that a sign that in the moment this happens to someone, the person is not really focused? Maybe. What should the person do when this happens? Would taking time to "restart" be helpful? Maybe.

Sometimes we need to "pause" and "restart", especially when we believe that we need to get back to some order in our life or when we believe that things have turned into a routine in our spiritual journey.

That is why God is offering to us this Advent season, to pause and to connect more with Him. He is providing an opportunity to foresee the Joy and Consolation that the Divine Infant is to bring us soon.

"Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved" says the psalm, "...then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name." This prayer may be our cry today as we begin this Advent season and journey. Maybe we have been through a lot this year, our hope has been tested; our faith has not been nourished according to our desire. Yet we keep trusting in God's power to restore us, to protect us, to strengthen us and to walk with us on our life journey.

This season comes also with a call to be and to remain AWAKE. Advent season prepares us for Christmas. It is an invitation to open our hearts so that Jesus may visit us and stay with us. It is and invitation to watch and pray; to nourish hope, to nourish dreams of a better future. During this Advent season, let us take time to pray, to meditate and to seek the HOPE, FAITH, JOY and PEACE that we find only in Christ our Lord. Let us ask ourselves how and for whom we spend our lives.

Dear Lord Jesus, at times we feel so weary and tired as we seek to carry out our duties and tasks for each day. For this Advent season, help us, Lord, to step aside from the business of the day and to spend time simply waiting upon you. By doing so, we hope to renew our strength.

Lord, too often we try to do things on our own strength and only when we grow weary does it occur to us to take steps to consciously abide in you and to cast all our cares upon you. For this Advent season, teach us, O Lord, to truly abide in you, moment by moment, and to learn to wait for you as our first option, rather than as a last resort.

And as we wait on you, Lord, help us to cast all our burdens on you and to be a consolation for those who are burdened.

MARANATHA, come Lord Jesus!

News in and around the Parish

MEN'S SHELTER MINISTRY

We are collecting the following items at all the Masses in the month of November to support the Men's shelter

- Socks
- Hats
- Scarves
- Umbrellas
- Men's disposable underwear (Depends)



Christmas donations:

- Cookies
- Candy

There is only ONE week left to collect these items, we will deliver them with our December 7th hot meal delivery and would welcome your donations to this worthwhile cause.

There is a collection box outside the office.

For more information, email nanthomas@shaw.ca

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Join our Next Meeting:

DATE: SATURDAY, NOV 30, 2024

TIME: 6:30 PM

WHERE: PARISH HALL

All are welcome!

Oh sing to the LORD a new song: sing to the LORD all the earth!
Ps 96:1

PROJECT ADVANCE

PROJECT ADVANCE 2024

Building our Parish Community

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

LEARN MORE rcav.org/project-advance



DONATE ONLINE

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another" John 13:34

With our gratitude to our donors, we have raised **\$68,756** towards our parish **goal of \$125,000**. We have received donations from 27% from the total number of parishioners/parish families. If we all work together, giving within our own means, we can accomplish much by continuing to be good stewards, caring for others, spreading the good news of our faith and taking care of our church.

We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider a donation to this year's Project Advance appeal. Donations can be made online at support.rcav.org/project-advance/ or through the parish office or by placing an envelope marked "Project Advance" in the Sunday collection. We will also have our final table to receive donations in the vestibule on the weekend of Dec 7/8. All donations received before December 31, 2024 will be eligible for a 2024 tax receipt.

May God bless everyone.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

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

Sign up sheets will be available for food and volunteering.

BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to help women in crisis pregnancy situations?

Birthright Vancouver is currently looking for volunteers who can commit three hours a week on a weekday morning or afternoon to this mission. Training provided.

Contact:

604-687-7223 or birthrightvancouver@gmail.com.



News in and around the Parish

THE GIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

Purpose: To allow St. Anthony's parishioners the opportunity to give a Christmas gift to those who are poor, forgotten or alone.

- There is a Christmas tree placed in our Church foyer, near the Holy Water font.
- Christmas Cards will be hung on the tree from **Saturday, November 30th until Sunday, December 15th.**
- Each Christmas Card has a sticker on it stating a **Charity** and the suggested gift e.g. "Luke 15—Walmart Gift Card"
- Each parishioner is encouraged to **take a Christmas Card home, buy the gift card and return the signed Christmas Card & the gift Card to our Church office.**
- The Christmas Cards & Gift Cards will be personally **delivered** to each Charity's center **by December 23, 2024.**
- The Gift Cards will allow "the needy" to "personally" shop at stores, which gives them dignity.
- Please make sure that your Christmas Card and Gift card **reach the Church office by December 21st!**

God bless you and thank you!
- From "The Giving Tree Group"



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 beholdvancouver.org/events



SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES ON GIVING TUESDAY

This year's Giving Tuesday campaign will take place on **Tuesday, December 3rd.** All proceeds raised during this one-day campaign will go to support the various ministries run by Catholic Charities, including The Door is Open, the Men's Shelter, Refugee Ministry and others. Please help us spread the word about this campaign.

Learn more and donate at:
rcav.org/giving-tuesday.

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.

DATE: TUESDAY, DEC 3

TIME: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

WHERE: SAINT ANTHONY'S CHURCH

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



CATHOLIC FAITH COURSE

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

SESSION 11:

A PLACE FOR SCIENCE IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH

DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

TIME: 10:00AM - 12:00 PM

WHERE: PARISH HALL



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