

St. Anthony's Parish

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MON - FRI: 9:30 AM — 1:30 PM
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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

CONFESIONS:

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

ONLINE GIVING OFFERTORY

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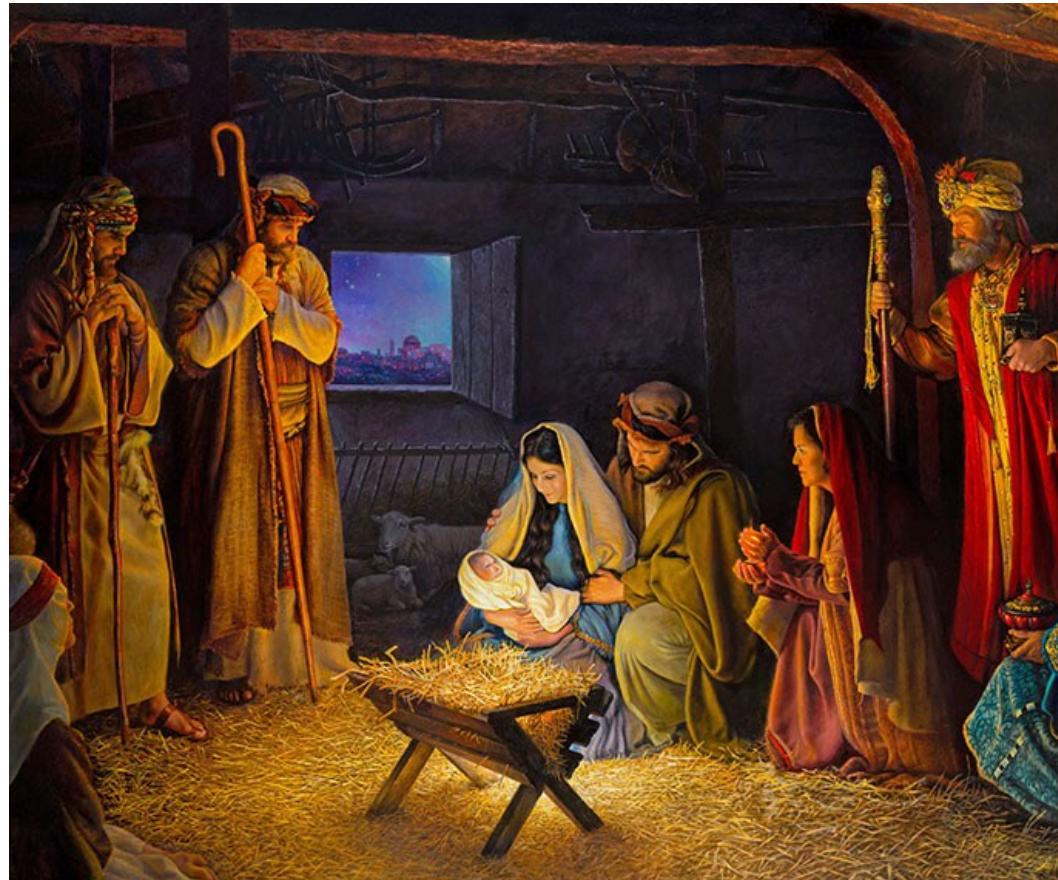


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ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21ST 2025



CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES

WED — DEC 24	3:45 PM	CHILDREN PAGEANT (REHEARSAL IN THE HALL)
WED — DEC 24	4:15 PM	CHILDREN PAGEANT IN THE CHURCH
WED — DEC 24	4:30 PM	CHRISTMAS MASS
WED — DEC 24	9:30 PM	CAROL SINGING IN THE CHURCH
WED — DEC 24	10:00 PM	CHRISTMAS MASS
THU — DEC 25	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM	CHRISTMAS MASS
SAT — DEC 27	4:30 PM	HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY
SUN — DEC 28	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM	HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY
WED — DEC 31	4:30 PM	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
THU — JAN 1	8:30 AM & 10:30 AM	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

PARISH ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

MON — SAT	8:15 AM — 8:30 AM	LITURGY OF THE HOURS & MORNING PRAYERS
FRI — DEC 26	10:00 AM — 11:45 AM	ICE SKATING PARTY @ COMMUNITY CENTER
FRI — DEC 26	10:00 AM — 3:00 PM	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRI — DEC 26	3:00 PM — 4:00 PM	DIVINE MERCY
SAT — DEC 27	3:00 PM — 4:00 PM	ST. PHILOMENA MEETING

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 22

9:00 am - † Anita McDermott

Tuesday, December 23

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Wednesday, December 24

9:00 am - Sp. Int. Marie Antoinette

4:30 pm - Sp. Int. the Andrew family

10:00 pm - Sp. Int. Ornella Vignolo

Thursday, December 25

8:30 am - *Parishioners*

10:30 am - † Maria Alice Fumagalli

Friday, December 26

9:00 am - Sp. Int. Irene Bohjalian

Saturday, December 27

9:00 am - † Gertrude Carlson

4:30 pm - † Shu Chi & Le Chiao Lin

Sunday, December 28

8:30 am - *Parishioners*

10:30 am - *Thanksgiving of Jennifer Tan*



BOXING DAY SKATING PARTY!

All parishioners are invited to the Boxing Day Skating Party
hosted by St. Anthony's Parish

Date: Friday, Dec 26 Time: 10 AM—11:45 AM

Location: The Ice Arena at West Van Community Center

This event is a great opportunity to come together
as a community and celebrate the Holiday Season
with some fun on the ice. We hope to see you there!



2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

You can now pick up your new set of envelopes for the year 2026 in the foyer of the church. Please note that a new Envelope ID Number has been assigned for each family. Please discard the remaining envelopes of 2025 that you may have.

If you want to switch from envelopes to credit card automatic donations, please contact the parish office.

Thank you for supporting our parish through your weekly donations.

ALPHA

Unpack the Christian *faith* together.



Do you know anyone who has moved away from the faith? Invite them to Alpha! Alpha is open to everyone! No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. Meet new people and explore together.

Come along, on January 15 and see what you think! For more information send an email to: elizabeth.sawv@gmail.com

Register at: <https://forms.gle/UGkc4w8iwE59rC1c8>

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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST

Thanks to all who participated in Our Lady of Guadalupe Festivity. We hope to see you again next year!



LAST WEEKEND TO HELP!

How can you participate in the Giving Tree?

Step 1: Pick an organization from the cards placed in the tree.

Step 2: Get a gift card from Walmart (or the supermarket of your choice) as much as you wish to donate.

Step 3: Bring the gift card back to the parish office. **Last day to hand in your Gift Card: Monday, December 22.**

Thanks to everyone who have made a Christmas gift to those in need.



ARCHBISHOP SMITH'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
Every heart longs for hope. At Christmas, that longing is fulfilled in the child of Bethlehem — God Himself, who enters our story to remind us that we are never alone.
"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

In that little child we see the reality of our own lives. We are vulnerable to loneliness, longing for love, searching for meaning. Yet it is precisely in our weakness that the Lord draws near with tender love and warmth.

The wonder of Christmas reminds us that God's glory shines through what is small and simple. May that beauty open our hearts to welcome Christ anew.

As we enter the final weeks of the Jubilee of Hope, I invite you to reflect on where you need hope most in your life. Christmas is the season of hope — when God reminds us that everything will be all right, that all things work together for good, because He draws near and remains with us. No matter how dark things may seem, the hope born in Bethlehem assures us that Christ's light will always prevail.

My friends, as we celebrate this season together, may the peace of Christ dwell in your heart. May His gift of hope bring light to your days. And may His love move you to serve Him with gratitude.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed and joyful Christmas,

Richard W. Smith
Archbishop of Vancouver



ST. PHILOMENA GROUP

Saturday, December 27TH

Time: after 9 am Mass

Location: Hobson Room

You are most welcome to join us for prayer. **St. Philomena, pray for us!**



2026 ABBY RETREAT WITH BISHOP EMERITUS RICHARD GAGNON

March 13 to 15, 2026

Location: Westminster Abbey

Mission, B.C.

On behalf of your CWL Executive from St. Anthony's Parish, please find the **registration form** for our 2026 Abby Retreat with Bishop Emeritus Richard Gagnon, 13-15 March pinned on the bulletin board outside the office.

St. Anthony's CWL members have priority registration until 31 December, after which registration will be offered to other women of our parish and members of other Northshore CWL Councils.

The cost is \$190 (\$170 if registered by February 18). Cheques can be postdated to 1 March 2026. Secure your spot! We are limited to 19 participants. If you have additional questions, please contact the parish office.



CHRISTMAS CARDS TO OUR SEMINARIANS (SPIRITUAL ADOPTION)

If you wish to send Christmas Cards to our dear seminarians, you can find their mail address on the bulletin board outside the office.

Merry Christmas!

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CCCB JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT (4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT VIDEO)

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has released its annual Journey Through Advent video series to help Catholics prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Watch the reflection of the 4th Sunday of Advent: cccb.ca

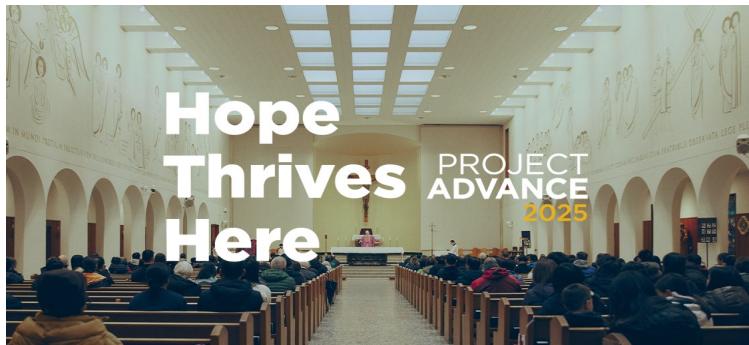


CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Envelopes for donations in the pews and on the table in the foyer.

We welcome donations to the flowers that will decorate the altar and church during the Christmas Season. **If you wish to have loved ones prayed for at the Masses on January 1, please print their names on the reverse side of the card you will find inside the envelope, and place the card in the envelope with your donation.**

If you wish to receive a tax receipt, please put your full name and address or your envelope number on the front of the envelope. Thank you for your generosity.



"Let us ask ourselves how and for whom do we spend our lives." - Fr. Arsène Dutunge.

With one and one-half weeks remaining in the year, we are in the closing phase of our parish's **2025 Project Advance appeal**. We are also close to reaching our parish goal of \$100,000. Advent is a time of reflection and preparation, and we are invited to recall the words mentioned above. Project Advance provides an opportunity to give thanks, in a tangible way, for the gifts we have received by helping people in need and supporting our parish's projects. Our community gives thanks to our donors for their generosity in supporting this year's appeal. Every donation, regardless of the amount, strengthens our parish, is important and truly makes a difference.

Donations can be made online at www.projectadvance.ca or through the parish office, or by placing an envelope marked "Project Advance" in the Sunday collection. All donations received before December 31, are eligible for a 2025 tax receipt. May God bless everyone.



Archdiocese
of Vancouver

LIVING WATERS FUND — APPLICATION NOW OPEN!

\$350,000 in project-based grants are available to Catholic organizations that accompany women in adversity.

The Archdiocese of Vancouver invites Catholic organizations to apply for the new Living Waters Fund, which supports mission-aligned projects that help women find safety, stability, and healing. Established through the generosity of supporters at the 2025 Archbishop's Dinner, the fund will award \$350,000 in project-based grants.

Learn more and apply: support.rcav.org/living-waters-fund
Applications for *Round 1* are open until Dec 31ST, 2025.



MEN'S SHELTER WINTER CLOTHING DONATIONS

The Men's Shelter is looking for men's pants and winter jackets. If you have any to donate, please bring to the parish this coming week and drop it off in front of the office. If you have any questions please contact Nan Thomas at: nanthomas30@gmail.com



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REMINDER

When: at the 4:30 PM Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24th
Rehearsal at 3:45 PM in the church hall

We are still looking for children to dress up as Shepherds, Kings and Inn Keeper.



CHRISTMAS OUTREACH TO THE HOMELESS 2025

Thursday, December 25TH
Time: from 2 pm to 5:30 pm
Location: Holy Rosary Cathedral

Spend Christmas day with Catholic Street Missionaries (CSM) and reach out to our less privileged brothers and sisters on the streets of Vancouver. All young adults aged 19-39 are welcome!

Learn more about CSM at: catholicstreetmissionaries.org