

# Saint Anthony of Padua

## Parish Bulletin

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 4, 2018

### Are you ashamed of making the Sign of the Cross?

***One lesson we can draw from today's Gospel is Jesus' love for His Father. He enters the Temple in Jerusalem, and the outer court of the Temple has been misused by greedy people. It was there that people could buy animals used for sacrifice and exchange foreign currency to pay the Temple tax, but it shouldn't have been done there and these people had inflated the prices, thus robbing people of their opportunity to worship God (165, Pope Benedict, Jesus of Nazareth, Vol 2., 12). He's so angry (justly angry) that he makes a whip of cords, flips tables and drives out the animals, shouting, "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" (Jn 2:).***

He's angry because the Gentile people are being deprived of their chance to pray to the one true God, and the money changers are commercializing the faith. And the disciples remember Psalm 69 and they apply it to Jesus, "Zeal for your house will consume me" (Jn 2: ; Ps 69:9). He's zealous because He has a love for his Father (CCC 584).

Here's the message for us: Jesus loves the Father so much that He's not ashamed of witnessing to His Father. Flipping over tables was just as shocking then as it would be now. It would cause people to hate us. But Jesus is more concerned with His Father's approval rather than men's.

On a merely human level, Jesus' love reminds us that we should never be ashamed of being seen with our family or with someone who's different or unpopular. It is cowardly, it is hurtful and it is sinful. And on a spiritual level, we should never be ashamed of being seen as Christian. If, for example, it's our custom to pray before meals, why don't we do it when we're with our friends, at work or in public? Why can't we make the sign of the Cross in public?

I think many of us lack confidence and we want to be accepted so much that being seen as different scares us. I know how this is because I went through this myself. But four things motivated me to change.

1) Jesus' words: "Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this... sinful generation, of him, will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels" (Mk 8:38). This is logical: At the end of time, Jesus will deny those who deny Him (Mt 10:33). If we're too embarrassed to be seen with Jesus now, do we really want to be with Him? This idea motivated me against my fear because I didn't want to be denied by Jesus.

2) I've thought how I would look really bad in front of the saints who are watching and praying for me. I think of St. Mother Teresa, for instance. If I'm a coward or don't say something that needs to be said, she's going to get mad. She's may be only 4' 10", but she's going to rip into me!



3) I realized: "What's going to happen to me if people look down on me, if I look different? Am I only afraid because people look at me differently?" Look, if they make fun of us, it helps us grow in self-possession and humility. And, if they pull out a gun, saying, "I don't like Catholics who pray in public!" and kill us, then we go straight to heaven! We'll be martyrs! It's win-win!

4) It's a matter of love [...] My faith does mean something to me. And because it does, and I do love God, I want to change.

Let's not make excuses. Ultimately, it's a question of faith, love and confidence. I think of Muslims who have courage to pray in public and to dress differently, because they're strong in belief. I think of people in the past who were gay relationships: I very much disagree with gay relationships but I acknowledge that they have more courage than Christians, because they were ridiculed (which is also wrong). The point is: They're more zealous about their cause than we are.

Perhaps many of us aren't ready for this yet. But, with God's grace, an increase in love and prayer, it will come with time. Remember one of our Catholic high school students who told his coach that they shouldn't eat meat on Fridays? That courage came over time. During a Faith Studies conversation, one person shared how he's not scared or intimidated to talk about his faith at work. This was big for him, because he was always the opposite, but he's grown, and he's now comfortable in his skin to talk about his faith. And it's interesting: When I asked if we could include this story in today's homily, his initial reaction was: "This might be embarrassing." But then he thought about it for a few seconds: "If I'm confident enough to talk about it in person, then I'm okay with other people talking about it—it's the

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**Sunday Masses**

Saturday 5:00 pm  
 Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

**Weekday Masses**

Monday 8:15 am  
 Tuesday 7:30 pm  
 Wednesday-Friday 8:15 am  
 Saturday 9:00 am

**Lauds**

Weekday 8:00 am *except Tuesday*  
 Saturday 8:45 am  
 Sunday 7:45 am

**Confession**

Weekday 8:00 to 8:10 am *except Tuesday*  
 Saturday 9:45 am & 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm  
 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month 9:45 am to 4:30 pm and  
 6:45 pm to 9:30 pm

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am to 10:00 pm in the chapel  
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 First Friday of each month: 8:45 am to 10:00 am in the church  
 followed by Benediction.  
 First Saturday of each month: 9:30 am to 9:30 pm in the church  
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**Weekday Masses & Intentions**

Day	Feast or Memorial	Missal Page	Intention
Monday, March 5	Ferial	182	Arlene & Rob Beach
Tuesday, March 6	Ferial	185	Remembrance Tree
Wednesday, March 7	Ferial	189	Fung Ngan Shum †
Thursday, March 8	Ferial	191	Joselito & Janet Laguio
Friday, March 9	Ferial	194	Joanne MacEachern †
Saturday, March 10	Ferial	197	Simon Scully

**Prayers for the Sick** At Holy Mass we remember the sick including: Nita Carvajal, Nung Chum, Isobel Clancy, Nick De Vos, Teresa Gaio, Yvonne Kharoubeh, Molly Loui-Ying, Huguette Piché, Barney Rousseau, Therese Rozario, Filomena Sison, Liliana Taylor, and Theresa Yoshioka.

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## REMINDERS FOR LENT

- ◆ **All Fridays during Lent are special days of abstinence.** Everyone 14 years and older should refrain from eating meat. Those who are ill are freed from this obligations. Catholics can choose to substitute special acts of charity or piety on these days.
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross:** Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm.



## Daylight Savings Time next weekend!

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour so you're not late for Mass!

## Update on Preschool

We are pleased to announce that St. Anthony's Pre-school will re-open in September 2018.

Application forms are available at the school office, starting Monday, March 5 with a return deadline of Wednesday, March 28. Acceptance letters will be sent out by Friday, April 6.

Orientation date is to be announced. For more information, or questions, please email Tilly Bara at [mb391906@gmail.com](mailto:mb391906@gmail.com).



## Save the date!

Our Youth Retreat for students in Grades 8 - 12 will take place on Saturday, April 28. More details, including how to register, will be coming soon! Registration is on a first-come, first serve basis. Watch the bulletin for more details. For more information, contact Hardy Antolis, [ghardyantolis@gmail.com](mailto:ghardyantolis@gmail.com).

## Are you ashamed?

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same thing." Isn't that great? Do we see how his allowing us to hear his story strengthens our faith?

Another person shared how she would never have done 40 Days for Life a few years ago, but this year she felt she had to. It was doubly hard because she works at BC Children's Hospital and was worried if some of her co-workers would see her. But it felt so good, she said, to stand up for her faith and witness.

Over time we'll eventually have the confidence and grace to stand up when people insult Jesus or the Church.

Here are two things we can do: 1) Pray: Ask for the grace to have more self-possession and more love. Meditate on Jesus' words. 2) Just do it! Overcoming fear never comes naturally. We just force ourselves to do it, and then it gets easier.

It all comes down to love. What was going through the head of Jesus when He entered the Temple and saw the offences against God? His love was so great that He had to do the right thing. And, because of love, Jesus wasn't ashamed of us, to be associated with sinners, become one of us and die for us. Jesus says, "No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn). Our religion doesn't mean a thing if it's all talk. We have to think more about the way we treat people. Don't ever be ashamed to be seen as a Catholic.

- Excerpt from Fr. Justin's homily, March 4, 2018



## In loving memory...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our long time parishioner **Marcelina Basiga** who passed away on Monday, February 26, 2018. A funeral Mass was offered for Marcelina on Thursday, March 1st. May her soul rest in peace.

## Keeping Families in Faith

The Domestic Church in a Global Village



## Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Archbishop of Manila to visit Vancouver

Cardinal Tagle will deliver a talk on **Keeping Families in Faith: The Domestic Church in a Global Village** at the **Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Vancouver on Monday, March 19 at 6:00 pm.** The evening will begin with an opening performance followed by an address by Archbishop Miller, CSB. Tickets are \$10 - \$40. Tickets are now on sale! Visit <http://rcav.org/cardinal-tagle/>.

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