

# Saint Anthony of Padua Parish Bulletin

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

## What is God asking of us at our parish?

I can't remember which bishop said it, but I remember hearing one say that priests don't like dealing with meetings and administration, because they'd rather focus on pastoral work and being with the people. But this bishop said he didn't buy that, because a priest is a father of a family, and a father has to deal with the finances of his family.

So, today, we're launching our nine-month fundraising campaign in order to build our parish center. And this isn't an add-on to what we're doing as a parish family, but part of who we are as disciples of Jesus. This is our Gospel-perspective: The parish centre is necessary for our community to grow as disciples. [...] In the gospel today, we have a rare treat: God the Father speaks! Realize that we hear Jesus speak all the time, thanks to the Gospels; we have only a few recorded words of Mary, but we never hear the Holy Spirit speak. And, of the Father, we only hear Him speak seven times in the Gospels. So we better listen up!

And, if God the Father spoke, what would He say, what would be His message? "I love you," "You are good," or "Follow Me"? No. He says, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to Him!" (Mk 9:). This statement is recorded three of the seven times He speaks in the Gospels.

Now here's something interesting: What is the context of today's Gospel, which is called Jesus' "Transfiguration," when He reveals His glory? It's this: Just before His Transfiguration, Jesus reveals that He's going to suffer and die. And do you remember that St. Peter takes Him aside and disagrees? Then Jesus says, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men" (Mk 8:33).

Accepting that Jesus is going to suffer and die is very hard. And then Jesus tells us that we must deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him (Mk 8:34), which is also hard to accept. So, just in case we struggle to accept these teachings of Jesus, the Father reminds us to listen to Jesus!

I believe Jesus has been telling me to start shifting some priorities to get the parish centre off the ground. Here's why. For the three and a half years I've been here, I knew we had to focus on the spiritual, because if we don't, then we fail in our primary reason for existence and there's no point in even having a church. If we're not growing, we're dying. If we're not spiritually healthy, why build a parish centre? And so we had to put all of our attention into making disciples. We're grown a lot and have matured in our faith and relationship with Jesus. And just a few months ago, I believed we still had to focus on this.

But then God got my attention in a few ways.

1) The fundraising committee told me that we're never going to meet our goal at the current rate of fundraising, which is good, but not enough. We debated for a while, but then I realized we are ready for

this. We're spiritually in a good place. We've been taking care of the soul, and now it's time to give more attention to the body.

2) And, right after I made the decision, a 19-year old asked, "Father, when are we going to get the parish centre? Because we've talked about it since I was in grade 7. And, aren't prices of

construction going to keep on going up?"

I asked him, "Did you realize that yourself or did your parents tell you that?" "I figured it out myself."

3) I remembered that, when I was at St. Paul's in Richmond, when we

built our parish centre in the mid-1990s, it breathed new life into the community. We had this beautiful gym and meeting areas, and we filled up the place. It was something we were grateful for and which we were proud of.

4) Anthony Lo, who's in charge of all our capital projects here, also told me that our facilities are slowly breaking down and we're spending a lot of time and money fixing things.

5) The city of Vancouver recently did an occupancy assessment of our basement and told us that our basement can only take fit 200 people safely. That means our school, which has grown in enrollment from about 175 to 223 in the past few years, plus staff, can't fit downstairs for assemblies. Now I asked, "What if they're really small people?" "Nope."

6) Seismic upgrade is still an issue. We have to replace the old wing of the school and eventually this church.

I've done my best to listen to Jesus. Now I'm asking that we all listen to Him. There are periods of growth in parish life that are steady, and then there are growth spurts. Whenever we start a new ministry, that's a growth spurt. And now we're launching a nine-month plan to get to \$2.75 million, which is 50% of the cost. Currently, we have \$1.5 million, so we need to pray that we give and get an additional \$1.25 million.

This is what Jesus, I believe, is asking of us: That we give more generously than ever before; that we give sacrificially; and that we spend time asking family and friends not at this parish to help support this.

Today, we're just warming up, and I'd ask you to pray first: "Lord, how can I help? Lord, what do you want me to do?" Pray first! Then let's talk to our family about how we can make sacrifices this year to get there. I'm extremely excited! Why? Because I'm convinced this is what God wants for us. We need it and we're capable of it. With God, all things are possible. We need to trust Him and work hard, and be creative. We need to keep our eyes and heart fixed on Jesus. We want to listen to Him alone.

- excerpt from Fr. Justin's homily, February 25, 2018



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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**

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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, February 26	Ferial	162	Gaspare Leone†
Tuesday, February 27	Ferial	164	Kim Bing Chuang †
Wednesday, February 28	Ferial	167	Ian Campbell †
Thursday, March 1	Ferial	169	Bonifacia Tuatud †
Friday, March 2	Ferial	172	Hugh MacDonald
Saturday, March 3	Ferial	175	Stanley Tup Chong †

**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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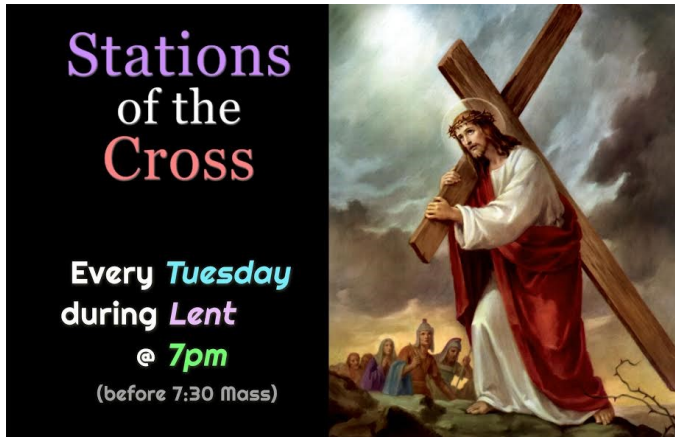
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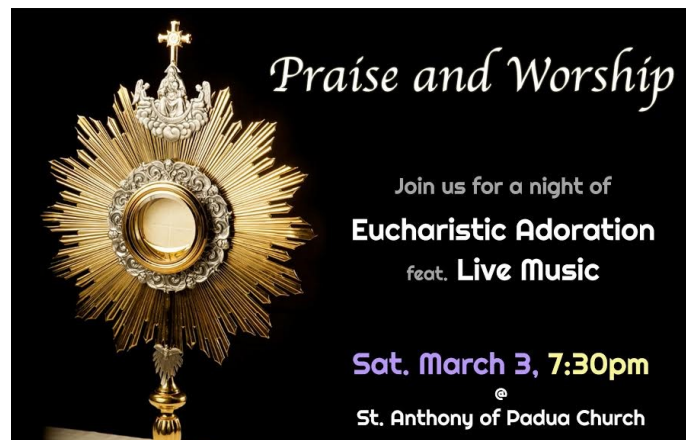
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*Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium: The Joy of the Gospel*



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