

# Saint Anthony of Padua

## Parish Bulletin

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 1st, 2018

## Jesus walks with us to show us a better way

***This story resembles the Gospel for Easter afternoon, about two disciples walking to Emmaus, eleven kilometres away from Jerusalem. They were sad and depressed because they “had hoped that [Jesus] was the one to redeem Israel,” (Lk 24:) but He had been crucified and had died. But, while they were talking, Jesus, who was now risen, came up alongside and talked to them, but they couldn’t recognize Him. He started listening to their pain and sadness, and, once they were finished, He explained the Scriptures and taught them about their false expectations. They expected the messiah to rescue them from the Romans, but Jesus came to free us from something much worse, sin. He spoke to their hearts in such a way that they asked Him to stay with them! And once He celebrated Mass, they recognized Him, and then He disappeared.***



Now this is how Jesus operates in our lives: Jesus is truly alive and He’s always walking beside us even when we can’t recognize Him. Why? Because He respects our freedom. He’s not going to force us to listen to Him. He first empathizes with us and spends time with us. This is exactly what happened whenever Jesus appeared to one or two disciples after His Resurrection: He listens to them, and then explains the truth to them, waiting for their hearts to open up and then they recognize Him (Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, *Five Pillars of the Spiritual Life*).

Patrick Lencioni is a husband, father of four boys, and a business guru, best known for his famous book, *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*. When he was in high school, he prayed, “God, I’d be happy if I can just get into this school that I really want.” He got in. [...] When he was graduating, he said, “God if I could just get this one awesome job in a management consulting firm...” He got the job! Then: “If Laura would agree to marry me, please God help me.” She agreed and he was happy. Then he wanted this other job and that his children would be healthy. When they found out that their son Connor didn’t have a brain tumour, he said, “God I’m so happy I don’t want anything else.” But it did go on with getting a house, starting his own business, publishing a book, etc. Then a few years ago, in New York, he was rated the best speaker at the most prestigious management conference in the world, *The World Business Forum*, and, after the applause, he walked off the stage and was utterly empty. And he went for a walk. He stumbled to St. Patrick’s Cathedral, got on his knees and prayed that God would save him. God was listening, and showed him that what he was really looking for was peace. He now says, “If you’re not living for God, you will not find what you’re looking for.”

And then one day, after Mass, God revealed another thing to him, and Patrick prayed, “God take away my pride.” He said, “Are you sure? Because you have a lot of it.” And he said, “Yes.” After that prayer, God has stripped away, in the most painful, lonely, and beautiful way, so much of that pride that he had built up over 42

years. Jesus explained to him that pride is the root of all sin because, by it, we make ourselves the centre of the universe, we constantly compare ourselves to other people and try to do more and have more to make ourselves feel good. But someone always loses.

Jesus shows us a better way. As He said to the two disciples going to Emmaus, “Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things then enter into his glory?” (Lk 24:). Yes, the messiah had to suffer and die to show us that humility thinks about others first, and to love others is the road to peace. He had to suffer to show us that sacrifice and self-giving is the greatest form of love.

A very famous priest in the U.S. tells the story about a dark period in his life, something that we can all relate to. He says, “I was withering inside... and I did not know how to overcome the exhaustion, depression, and spiritual desolation that I was feeling all too frequently... I was on the verge of collapse... I had tried every means I knew to resolve the physical, emotional, and spiritual darkness – more faithful exercise, ongoing prayer, times of rest away from work – and I... failed to find a way” (Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV, *The Examen Prayer*).

So, Jesus was walking beside him, but he couldn’t recognize Him. One night, some friends invited him to a prayer service. He went partly to please them and partly because he was curious. But, when he arrived, he found a packed church of six to seven hundred people praying, and their prayer was so contagious that, “for the first time in a long time, [he] was... brought to a stop.” No more urgent problems, working hard, answering the phone, typing at the computer, etc. He asked God for help, “for light to see, for strength to act.” And he said, “I did see, for the first time and with great clarity, the nature of my situation. I had to face my own inability to resolve my struggle... I needed to let myself be helped.”

Here we go with humility again! Part of our human condition is admitting that we need help. Many of us keep on repeating the same problems because we try to do it on our own.

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Our parish family warmly welcomes new parishioners. Please register at your earliest convenience by filling out a registration form located in the vestibule or by stopping by the parish office during office hours. If you are registered and moving, please advise the parish office.

**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  
 (1365 West 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue)

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 during all-day confessions.

*Please call the parish office for more information on other Sacraments and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes.*

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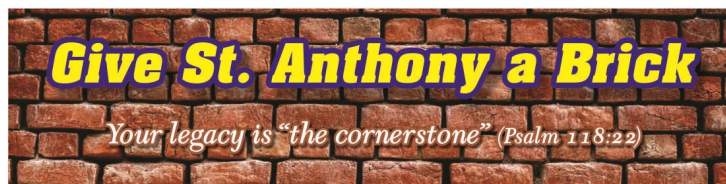
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**Weekday Masses & Intentions**

Day	Feast or Memorial	Missal Page	Intention
Monday, April 2	Easter Octave	263	Mary Cajucom & Family
Tuesday, April 3	Easter Octave	266	Remembrance Tree
Wednesday, April 4	Easter Octave	269	Alice Edge
Thursday, April 5	Easter Octave	272	Claude DeGagne †
Friday, April 6	Easter Octave	275	Ranga Jayamanna †
Saturday, April 7	Easter Octave	279	Donald DeGagne

**Prayers for the Sick** At Holy Mass we remember the sick including:

Nita Carvajal, Nung Chum, Isobel Clancy, Nick De Vos, Elaine dos Remedios, Teresa Gaio, Cecile Hernandez, Yvonne Kharoubeh, Molly Loui -Ying, Huguette Piché, Barney Rousseau, Therese Rozario, Filomena Sison, Liliana Taylor, Fernando Tiago and Theresa Yoshioka.



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Annie Pancito	Catherine Kriekenbeek-Lee
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Jesus walks with us...

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We all need God and we all need people to help us.

I used to be weighed down by guilt from the times I've hurt people. I've confessed all these things, but still felt burdened that people would still be hurt, some of whom I'd never see again. In my sadness, I once brought it to a famous spiritual director of priests in the US, named Trudy McCaffrey. A spiritual director is someone who helps a person grow closer to God in prayer, discernment and virtue. During our meeting, Jesus spoke through her. She told me that I was now supposed to pray for these people: "You pray for these people, that God loves them in such a way that they'll be healed and that they'll turn to Him." And she explained how you never know how God works: "Maybe he allowed these sins so that you'd pray for them, because the prayer of a priest is very powerful." Coming out of that spiritual direction, I resolved to pray for these people every Friday for the rest of my life. Trudy reminded me of the power of Jesus' priesthood. It's not me! I've been entrusted with a gift and I have to use it to its utmost power to help people. It's humbling to know I've hurt people, but now I have to take responsibility and help them.

Patrick Lencioni and Fr. Gallagher encountered Jesus while they were at prayer, and I encountered Jesus through a prayerful conversation. I'd like to invite everyone to a place where we can encounter Jesus. Every first Saturday of the month, including this coming Saturday, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., we have adoration with praise and worship music. This is beautiful modern music that touches our hearts and emotions and can be extremely enlightening and healing. When we're in a dark church in front of the Blessed Sacrament, we have a chance to spend time with the risen Jesus and listen to Him. I pray that we'll all try this at one point this year.

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus were so touched by Jesus that they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us?" (Lk 24:). Patrick Lencioni's heart is now so on fire that he started [amazingparish.org](http://amazingparish.org) to help Catholic parishes and wrote a book to help priests! And so many people are benefitting from the talks and books of Fr. Gallagher. And Trudy's help to me has given me great freedom, confidence in God, and a deeper understanding of the power of the priesthood.

All of us are weighed down with something. Jesus asks us, "What's wrong?" When we explain to Him what's going on, He then explains the Scriptures to us, showing that humility is the path to healing, peace, and freedom. Spend some time in silence and prayer, go for a walk. He's right beside us.

*- excerpt from Fr. Justin's homily, April 1st, 2018*

## Divine Mercy

### Sunday

with Benediction

April 8, 2:30 PM

Holy Hour, 3:00 PM



Please join us in welcoming the newest member of our parish family, **Eli Joachim Santoso**. He will be baptized on Sunday, April 1st at the 12:00 pm Mass.

## Praise and Worship

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## CWL Coffee Shop & Bake Sale

Join us for our classic monthly bake sale on Sunday, April 8 after the **8:00 am & 10:00 am Masses only**.

## Got questions about life?

### St. Anthony's Alpha

Starting Thursday, April 5, 2018, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Gigi Blin Cafe, 1400 West 70th Avenue, Vancouver

Contact [alpha@stanthonysvancouver.org](mailto:alpha@stanthonysvancouver.org)



## Confessions & Adoration - Saturday, April 7th

\* Note new times for Confessions: **9:45 am – 1:00 pm**  
**1:30 pm – 4:30 pm**  
**7:00 pm – 9:45 pm**

Sign-up sheets for Adoration in the foyer of the church.



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