

Saint Anthony of Padua

Parish Bulletin

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 15th, 2018

Jesus is present when we share Him with others



You know I love sports. When I was in Rome, living in a big house with 35 priests from around the world, I would encourage almost every guy to exercise, and when it became more and more popular, Fr. Matthew from Colorado said to me, “Wow, lots of guys are going to the gym. You’re like the *fitness apostle*.”

What one word describes when someone speaks enthusiastically about their new iPhone? Evangelization. Have you seen the way people talk about their favourite restaurant? They’re evangelizing. Whenever we share an interesting video or post on social media we’re evangelizing about what we think is important—this is the most natural thing in the world.

Why then are we so hesitant about sharing our faith: 1) We think people don’t want to hear about it. But we already said a month ago that 46% of Canadians want to be closer to God, so people are open. 2) We don’t want to pressure people—this is good: Never pressure! But sharing about God is not pressure, just like sharing an interesting video is not pressure. 3) St. Francis of Assisi famously said, “Preach the Gospel always and, if necessary, use words.” This saying is good, because it gets us to focus on living a good Christian life. But, there’s a problem: St. Francis never actually said this. Also, Jesus Himself never followed this saying because He Himself used words. And, if you think you’re so holy that your life on its own is enough to bring other people to God, ask your spouse or kids what they think about how holy your life is.

We have a beautiful Gospel passage today. It says: “The two disciples told the eleven and their companions what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” (Lk 24:35-36).

What happens here? The two disciples, Cleopas and someone else unnamed, recognize Jesus in the Eucharist, because ‘the

breaking of the Bread’ is another name for the Eucharist; and their hearts were burning within them as Jesus explained the Scriptures to them. So, they are so excited that they naturally go back to Jerusalem and share what had happened with the eleven apostles. And while they are sharing, Jesus appears among them and offers them peace.

Now notice the context! It says, “While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them.” In other words, when we talk about Jesus, He becomes present to us. St. Luke is actually “telling us something by connecting the... sharing [of] one’s faith experience with the manifestation of the Risen Lord” (Daniel H. Mueggenborg, *Come Follow Me*, 87).

Let’s apply this right away to our lives. When we come to Mass or adoration, the hope is that we encounter Jesus and then naturally go out and share what we’ve received. Now I think there are three things we can share: the great, the ordinary, and the difficult.

1) The great: Have we ever had a beautiful experience at Mass, when something struck us from the readings or the homily, or the music uplifted us, or we got strength from the Eucharist? Those gifts aren’t just meant for us; we’re supposed to tell other people because that can really help them! A number of people were touched on Easter by Patrick Lencioni’s story about his struggle with pride and about how, after Mass, he asked God to take his pride away. By sharing his life-changing experience at Mass, he’s also changed people’s lives. This past Thursday was the funeral for one of the monks at the Abbey, P. Lawrence Bilesky. During the homily, it was mentioned that P. Lawrence was tempted at one point to leave the monastery! [...] And when he was dying, he was surrounded by a dozen monks and he asked forgiveness for the times he had hurt them, and then they, in like manner, asked forgiveness from him. That was the grace of the cross! And this homily strengthened a lot of people because it showed the reality of temptation, the humanness of the monks, and the power of God’s grace! How do I know? Because they shared it with me after the Mass. And I know they’re going to tell other people and they will be strengthened.

2) The ordinary: Sometimes we get just one helpful truth or we come in contact with love in a very simple way. Why not share this? People ask us all the time, “How was your weekend?” and we can say, “I had a good time at church,” or, “I’ve been thinking about something I heard at church,” and then, if they’re interested we can tell them more.

3) The difficult: Sometimes we don’t feel like we get anything out of Mass—that’s a normal feeling, but not entirely true.

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Parish Registration

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
 1st 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 73rd 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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Weekday Masses & Intentions

Day	Feast or Memorial	Missal Page	Intention
Monday, April 16	Ferial	298	Gaspere Leone †
Tuesday, April 17	St. Kateri Tekakwitha	301	Gil de Vera †
Wednesday, April 18	Ferial	304	Gil de Vera †
Thursday, April 19	Ferial	306	Genevieve Sharan
Friday, April 20	Ferial	309	Shawn Tinkoe †
Saturday, April 21	Ferial	312	Anselmo Reyes †

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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Wednesday, April 18, 2018
 7:00 - 8:00 pm, followed by discussion and refreshments until 8:30 pm
 St. Anthony of Padua Church Basement
 8891 Montcalm Street, Vancouver

For more information, email Angie Dee at angelyndee@hotmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Share Jesus with others

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Someone once said, “Father, when I read the Bible I can’t remember anything I read,” and the priest said, “If a container is filled with holes, and someone pours water into it, it may not be able to contain the water, but it’s still washed clean each time.” So, every time we can go to Mass, we may not feel filled, but we’re still washed clean. And that means we have a choice: I know we’ve all, at one time or another, left Church angry and annoyed—it’s happened to me. But we’re still washed clean, and still have a choice not to be grumpy. At the very least, we can share with other people our attempt to be loving.

I remember meeting a woman whose marriage was starting to break down. She wrote me a long e-mail and asked how she can be cheerful for her young children who need a good mom, but she couldn’t be cheerful because her husband wanted nothing to do with her. So I said, “Maybe God isn’t asking you to be cheerful. Maybe He’s asking you just to love and show your kids how to be faithful even when things are falling apart. Maybe that’s the lesson you can teach them.” The same is true with us: When we leave Mass, perhaps God just wants us to do our best, not fake it, but share with others that we’re struggling but we’re still trying to do His will.

Like all of you, I struggle too, but this Gospel has reminded me of a truth: The greatest gift we have as Catholics is the most Holy Eucharist, the breaking of the bread. That’s why I can never miss the Mass, ever. And every single time I celebrate Mass or go to adoration, I receive some grace, either something great, ordinary, or difficult.

Please share what you’ve received! We have no idea how much we can help people. It’s very simple: We meet Jesus and when we speak about Him, He’s present among us.

- excerpt from Fr. Justin’s homily, April 13, 2018



Youth Retreat: Register now for “Homecoming”

Calling all students in Grades 8 - 12: our next Youth Retreat will take place on Saturday, **April 28, from 10:00 am — 4:00 pm** (lunch break at 12:00 pm) in the church basement. Registration fee, including lunch is \$25 per person. Presented by NET Canada, we will talk about relativism, Catholicism alive in Christ, His Church the saints and how we are all called to sainthood. Space is limited. Please contact Hardy Antolis GHardyAntolis@gmail.com to register or for more info.



The Knights of Columbus are hosting Pancake Breakfast

Breakfast on Sunday, April 22nd after the 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm Masses. Enjoy a hearty breakfast



downstairs in the church basement with your fellow parishioners. Cost is \$6 per adult, and \$14 per family.

Pre-school Announcement

We’re sorry to announce that the pre-school will not re-open in September 2018, as we did not receive sufficient registration by the established deadline. We regret any disappointment and inconvenience from this decision. Thank you for your understanding.



CWL Event

The celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Catholic Women’s League of St. Anthony’s Parish will take place on the Feast of Our Lady of Good Council, **April 28th at the 5.00 pm Mass.**

A **potluck dinner for members** will take place after Mass in the Lower Hall.

Last call for tax receipt pick-up after Mass

The 2017 tax receipts will be available at the Welcome Booth for two more weekends. After the weekend of April 14th & 15th, they can be picked up at the Parish Office, during office hours.



THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT *Inspiring Catholics*

Join over 3,000 Catholics across Canada and the U.S. at this premier conference for the New Evangelization. The Summit features 6 world-class Catholic speakers on the New Evangelization including Curtis Martin, Sr. Anne Shields, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Christy Dupuis, and Michael Dopp. The Summit will be held live in Ottawa on April 27-28th and will be broadcast across the continent. The closest host site is Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 2465 Crown St. in Vancouver. Tickets are \$40. Register at www.newevangelization.ca. For more information, email csiy.olph@rcav.org

PROJECT ADVANCE

Parishes throughout the Archdiocese, including our own, are preparing to launch the 2018 annual appeal. Project Advance is crucial to the Church’s mission of providing services that benefit all Catholics and countless others in our Archdiocese. Together we have raised \$189 million to date, of which close to \$101 million has been returned to parishes to meet their growing needs for infrastructure and social programs. The Archdiocesan goal for 2018 is to raise \$3.25 million to continue the momentum and legacy you have created through the years. Our core needs continue to be the renovation of our secondary schools, the founding of new parishes, and the funding of many life-giving ministries. This year’s video provides a brief overview of the accomplishments made possible by your generosity and all supporters to Project Advance since its launch in 1980 - a snapshot of “then, now, and what’s next? You can watch this year’s video and donate online at www.projectadvance.ca

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