

Saint Anthony of Padua

Parish Bulletin

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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Our call to Holiness

Man created in the image and likeness of God



The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs, by Fra Angelico, ca. 1423-4.

What does it mean to be holy? Why should we strive for holiness? Is holiness attainable?

In the Book of Genesis, God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...” (1:26 RSV). Being made in the image and likeness of God, man is elevated among creation and is called to imitate his Creator. One of the attributes of God is holiness. The Holiness Code in Leviticus 17-26 lays emphasis on the holiness of God; in order to be like God, man is to be holy himself. The Lord exhorts the people of Israel through Moses saying, “You shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy” (Lev 19:2). By creating us in his image and likeness, God establishes a personal and intimate relationship with humanity.

The Hebrew noun *qōdes̄h* or ‘holiness’ connotes “the essential nature of that which belongs to the sphere of the sacred and which is thus distinct from the common or profane” (Thomas E. McComiskey, *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*). Our parish church for example is a sacred space, the dwelling place of God. It is distinct from secular buildings and is thus to be treated with due reverence. The same applies to our physical bodies. St. Paul writes, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body” (1 Cor 6:19-20). We have been bought with a price, the blood of Christ shed upon the Cross for our salvation. The Sacrament of Baptism imprints an indelible spiritual mark on our

soul, identifying us as sons of God. Our bodies are sacred, living temples of the Holy Spirit; we glorify God in our body when we treat ourselves and our neighbour with dignity and honour.

Now, we may be asking ourselves: how exactly does one become holy? The people of Israel became holy by practicing justice and living in conformity with the laws given by God. The observance of the Lord’s statutes is the exercise of holiness: “Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am the Lord your God. Keep my statutes, and do them; I am the Lord who sanctify you” (Lev 20:7-8). Man does not gain holiness on his own but derives from the source of all holiness, God himself. The Ten Commandments guide us on our journey toward Christian holiness. Consider the Third Commandment: remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. Sunday is not only a day of rest free from work, it is the day we remember our Lord’s Resurrection. We attend Mass each Sunday to nourish our spiritual life by listening to the word of God and receiving the Body of Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Our Lord Jesus sums up the commandments by teaching: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbour as yourself” (Matt 22:37-9). In short, the

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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 1:00 pm;
 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm;
 7:00 pm to 9:45 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

(1365 West 73rd Avenue) Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am to 10:00 pm in the chapel

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.

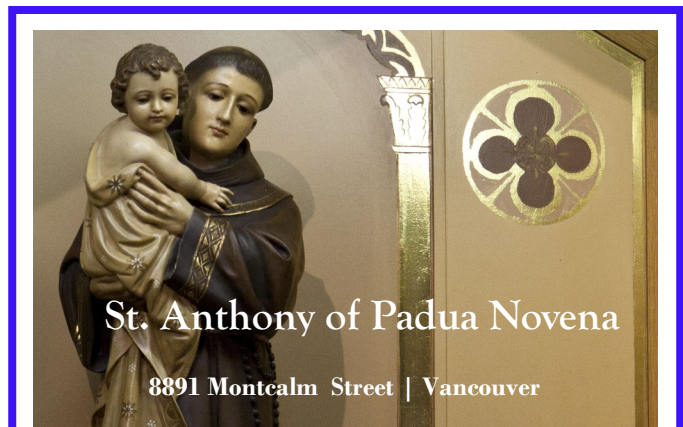
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Weekday Masses & Intentions

Day	Feast or Memorial	Missal Page	Intention
Monday, May 28	Ferial	949	Felisa Quintin †
Tuesday, May 29	Ferial	951	Agnes Burke †
Wednesday, May 30	Ferial	953	Po Kwong Poon †
Thursday, May 31	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	1518	Arnel Lara
Friday, June 1	St. Justin, Martyr	957	Victor Co †
Saturday, June 2	Ferial	959	Alice Edge

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.



St. Anthony of Padua Novena

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June 5 to 12: Mass & Novena 7:30 pm
 Confessions from 6:30 pm—7:15 pm
 June 13: Feast Day Celebration
 Procession 6:30 pm & Mass 7:30 pm

————— Celebrants / Preachers —————

June 5: Bishop David Monroe June 10: Fr. Lucien Larre
 June 6: Fr. Vincent Hawkswell June 11: Fr. Lucio Choi
 June 7: Fr. Gilbert Nunez June 12: Fr. Anthony Ho
 June 8: Fr. Nelson Santos June 13: Fr. Justin Huang
 June 9: Fr. Justin Huang /
 Deacon Andrew Kung

* NOTE: NO MORNING DAILY MASSES FROM JUNE 5—13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS & ADORATION: SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND

NOTE: NEW TIMES
9:45 AM — 1:00 PM
*** 1:30 PM — 3:30 PM**
7:00 PM — 9:45 PM
** THIS WEEK ONLY*



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The Knights of Columbus are hosting Pancake Breakfast this weekend, Sunday, May 27th 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.



First Holy Communion next weekend

On Saturday, June 2 on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, our first communicants will receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist at the 5:00 PM Mass.



CWL Bake Sale

Join us for our classic monthly bake sale on Sunday, June 3rd - our last one before the summer! Please come downstairs after the 8:00 am & 10:00 am Masses for coffee and tasty baked goods. After this, we'll resume our monthly bake sales in September.

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Holiness ...continued from cover

commandments are rooted in love of God and love of neighbour. As St. John of the Cross says, "At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love." Faithful adherence to the commandments of God results in holiness; they are the basis in which man is to orient and centre his life on God. This is what holiness means: *to be like God*.

So, are we able to attain holiness? Yes, absolutely! Our primary vocation in life is the universal call to holiness. We are called to be saints! The word *vocation* derives from the Latin verb *vocare* meaning 'to call'. Thus we are called to be holy, to strive for sainthood, to be holy just as our heavenly Father is holy. Through the centuries, the Catholic Church has been blessed with saints, holy men and women who lived exemplary lives of Christian holiness and now experience the joys of heaven. The saints are witnesses and models for us to imitate; they assist us on our earthly pilgrimage so that one day we too may be counted among the saints of God. Listen to the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI: "Indeed, Christians are already saints because

Baptism unites them to Jesus and to his Paschal Mystery, but at the same time they must become so by conforming themselves ever more closely to him. Sometimes, people think that holiness is a privileged condition reserved for the few elect. Actually, becoming holy is every Christian's task, indeed, we could say, every person's!" (Angelus, 1 November 2007).

The First Letter of Peter reminds us: "you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people..." (2:9). The Church is the new Israel, a chosen race, distinct from other nations to be a people God has claimed for his own. Our Christian witness and holiness reflects the image of God in a world mired in sin and darkness. I pray this reflection will inspire many of us to strive for true holiness, to be the glimmer of light and pillars of hope in our world today. May Our Lady, Queen of All Saints intercede for us!

- by Jerome Robles, 1st year Theology student from the
Seminary of Christ the King

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