

Saint Anthony of Padua Parish

With the Eucharist at the centre, we are a community desiring to be saints,
sent out to love like Jesus and proclaim Him in every circumstance.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018

Praying for our Loved Ones

Christmas 2018 Parish Schedule



Penitential Service

Sunday, December 23, 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve

Mass: Monday, December 24, 5:00 pm

Carols in the Church: 11:15 pm

Midnight Mass: 12:00 am

Christmas Day

Masses: Tuesday, December 25

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

New Year's Eve

Mass: Monday, December 31, 5:00 pm

Holy Hour & Gaudeamus: 11:00 pm

New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

When we announced our parish vision back on July 15, one of the ideas that I saw resonate with you is our desire to see everyone happy. Why did the whole world take notice of the Thai soccer team trapped in a cave? Because we want them to be happy! Why do the vast majority of us support giving 10% of our money to people in need? Because we care about people. This is why we proclaim Jesus whenever we can; this is why we evangelize. It's about helping people we love find the Father who created them. Everyone has been created out of love, and we want to help people find their way home to the Father.

I heard a story about a small church, a story that made me say, "I want our church to be like that!" When this community dedicated their new building, they flew in a famous megachurch pastor. Once he arrived, they took him inside, and one of the parish leaders said, "Come over here, I want to show you something." He brought the pastor over to a corner of the church and peeled back the carpet. Written there in the concrete by all the parish leaders were "the names of their family and friends who are far from God. When the wet cement dried they covered it over with carpet. Now every month the core believers stand over the inscribed names of their loved ones and pray fervently for their salvation." We care about the people in our lives just as much!

And St. Paul in the Second Reading today has an even more profound love. To give the context, this first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians was written around 50-51 A.D. and is considered to be the oldest document of the New

Testament. St. Paul, on his second missionary journey, founded a Christian community in Thessalonica after being there only for a few weeks. But there was an uprising against him so he had to escape by night to another city and the new Christian converts were left on their own. A few months later while in Corinth, concerned as to how they were doing, he inquired about their situation, and, when he found out they were persevering as Christians, he wrote them a letter praising these new Christians for their faith, hope and love (*Ignatius Catholic Study Bible*, 371). Today we just heard a snippet of this: "Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints" (1 Thess 3:12-13).

There are two things we want to focus on: 1) St. Paul's love for the Thessalonians; he prays that they grow in love for each other and for all people. St. John Chrysostom, commenting on this letter, says this: "This is a proof of superabundant love, that he not only prays for them by himself but even inserts his prayer in his epistles. Paul's prayers demonstrate a fervent soul unable to restrain his love... Do you see the unrestrained madness of love that is shown by these words?" (Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, Colossians, 1-2 Thessalonians, 1-2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, 77).

That speaks to me: Does my love abound for all people?

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Parish Registration

Our parish family warmly welcomes new parishioners. Please register by filling out a registration form located in the vestibule or the Parish Office. 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

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 at 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Please call the parish office for more information on RCIA classes and other Sacraments.

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Weekday Masses & Intentions

Day	Feast or Memorial	Missal Page	Intention
Monday, December 3	<i>Memorial</i> St. Francis Xavier	3	Agapito & Romuala Saclayan
Tuesday, December 4	Ferial	6	Remembrance Tree
Wednesday, December 5	Ferial	9	Gerard Lim
Thursday, December 6	Ferial	12	Sister Paula †
Friday, December 7	<i>Memorial</i> St. Ambrose	15	Ladislao Urrutia †
Saturday, December 8	<i>Solemnity</i> Immaculate Conception	1821	Terrence Scully †

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, Feli Hempl, Cecile Hernandez, Yvonne Kharoubeh, Molly Loui-Ying, Huguette Piché, Barney Rousseau, Therese Rozario, Christina Sayo, Filomena Sison, Liliana Taylor, Fernando Tiago, Theresa Yoshioka.

Upcoming Homily Themes



December 8 & 9
How Do I Invite Someone to Mass?

December 15 & 16
What Exactly God is Asking Us to Do for Christmas?

December 24 & 25
The Gift of God's Plan for Us

December 29 & 30
3 Ways to Increase our Faith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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2) He prays that the Thessalonians will be holy and blameless in time for Jesus' coming. For us Catholics, we're starting a new liturgical year. The Church's calendar always starts with Advent, which is four Sundays before Christmas, and the opening prayer which we just heard captures the themes we're going to hear for the next four Sundays: "Grant your faithful... the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that... they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom." The main themes are that Christ is coming to save us, and we're going to meet Him. And we wish we could go to meet Him with our family and friends.

About a year ago, I heard about what's called "invitational churches." The definition of an invitational church is this: "When people within a church proactively, intentionally, and contagiously invite people into the presence of God—maybe through Sunday worship, small groups, Alpha, or into their home—and into a church that demonstrates hospitality, community and belonging." This is inspiring and challenging at the same time!

There are some churches that are intentional and proactive about inviting people, not because they're trying to force, but because they're excited about faith in Jesus. (No one should ever feel pressured; we're talking about inviting friends to something good.) These churches are ready to welcome new people to Mass, Alpha, or even their homes, and they demonstrate hospitality, community and belonging. Being an invitational church is a virtue and part of Christian life; it's how the early Church was, and God is calling us to be an invitational church.

Because of the love we've received from Jesus and because He's coming, we should be more concerned about each other and for people outside our parish—that's what I'm asking as your priest, that being an invitational church becomes part of our identity. [...]

The first step to loving people more and becoming an invitational church is prayer. Let's imitate what that church we talked about at the beginning did: Let's write down the names of the people we love who, as far as we know, don't know God or maybe are far from Him, and then we'll put it into a basket and place it beneath the altar. In your pews, you have cards with spaces for ten names. We're placing them underneath the altar because in the book of Revelation, there's a vision of the souls of martyrs underneath the altar (6:9), so it's a beautiful symbolism and a sign of how we bring them before Jesus' sacrifice.

As we talked about four weeks ago, Jesus is always praying to the Father for us; and He's already praying for the people we have in mind. He loves them so much. When I shared this plan with some people in the parish, they were so excited about the possibility that some they love could come back.

- excerpt from Fr. Justin's homily, December 2, 2018



Interested in reading the full text of Fr. Justin's homilies? Check-out:

thejustmeasure.ca

This blog also features a collection of Fr. Justin's thoughts, musings, archive articles and a "contact me" page so that you can send feedback directly to Father.



The **Ceremony of Consecration to Mary** will take place on Saturday, **December 8 at the 9:00 AM Mass**. If you would like to participate, please register with Tilly Bara at mb391906@gmail.com.

Our annual **Anointing Mass for the Sick and Aged** will take place on **Thursday, Dec. 6 at 11:00 am**. Mass will be followed by a luncheon in the Lower Hall of the church. Please sign-up at the back of the church. If you are homebound and would like to arrange an appointment for anointment, please call the Parish Office, 604.266.6131.



With praise and thanks to God, the Archdiocese of Vancouver joyfully announces **the ordination of Felix Min to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate** through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, at Holy Rosary Cathedral on **Saturday, December 8th at 12:00 pm** on the Solemnity of the Feast of the Immaculate

Conception. Everyone is welcome to attend! Felix, our summer seminarian from 2017 will be ordained alongside Deacon Guy Zidago, who will be ordained to the Priesthood.

Sex Abuse Crisis Forum The next forum for Catholics concerned about the sex abuse crisis, will take place on **Wednesday, December 5, at 7:30 pm**, in the Church Hall. For more information, or to confirm your attendance, please contact the Parish Office, 604.266.6131.

Mass Intentions The Parish calendar is fully booked for the remainder of this year. However, Fr. Peter Chiang has offered to take requests for Mass intentions from our parishioners. If you would like Fr. Peter to offer Mass for your intention(s) please contact the Parish Office, 604.266.6131 to make the arrangements.



The Giving Tree has arrived!

The Giving Tree is decorated with tags that request gifts for homeless men and women in the downtown eastside. The tree will be available in the church foyer until Sunday, December 9.

Please select your gift tag(s) and use gift bags only: no wrapping, as the Missionary Sisters of Charity would like to know the contents in order to distribute appropriately. N.B. Practical gifts are most appreciated, suggested value of \$10: socks, scarves, gloves or toiletries for adult male and female.

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