

# 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 23, 2018

## Achievement? or Fulfillment?



In my mid-forties, I asked a married friend in my parish: what was the most beautiful day of his life. I thought he would answer “the day of my wedding.” But he said the “the birth of my first child. Nothing can beat that!” I thought he was right.

I began to realize that I would never have a son of my own unless I left the priesthood. It took me some time to make a choice. It turned out to be a choice between self-achievement and God given fulfillment. A choice that I still have to make every day.

At that time I didn't realize how my view of fatherhood was limited and self-centred. Your child will always escape you and puzzle you. He is the arrow you shoot. Once he is flying you can't control him. (Khalil Gibran)

Later on in my life, I experienced the joy of true fatherhood many times. The last one being a young man from mainland China, seeking with his wife, to find the true Church of Christ among many Christian denominations in Vancouver. When he discovered St. Mary's, he knew he had found something very deep in the community and in myself that corresponded to something in himself and stirred it up.

He said later “Father, you are my shepherd and I am your sheep.” A few days before leaving St. Mary's I baptized him.

That's what happened between Mary and Elizabeth. Mary chose to tell Elizabeth first about the Good News because Elizabeth was open to receiving it through God's miracle in her own womb too. On her part, Elizabeth was the first to proclaim Mary and the Mother of our Lord God, anticipating by 400 years, the dogma of the Church. Mary and Elizabeth were connected through their own son, as John the Baptist in Elizabeth's womb danced for joy, like David in the presence of the ark, so the two women were filled with the same Holy Spirit that came from Jesus.

What began for Mary and Elizabeth as a difficult path, turned out to become God's fulfilment. It also happened to Joseph and Zechariah who were probably tying the donkey outside.

Will you choose God's script for your life or your self-achievement plan?

*- excerpt from Fr. Pierre's homily, December 23, 2018*

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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  
 1<sup>st</sup> 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 73<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### St. Anthony of Padua School

Kindergarten to Grade 7  
 1370 West 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue,  
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## Weekday Masses & Intentions

Day	Feast or Memorial	Missal Page	Intention
Monday, December 24	Ferial	74	All Parishioners
Tuesday, December 25	Christmas Day	Missal	—
Wednesday, December 26	<i>Feast</i> St. Stephen	1839	William Miller †
Thursday, December 27	<i>Feast</i> St. John the Apostle	1842	Clifford & Rosalind Kriekenbeek
Friday, December 28	<i>Feast</i> The Holy Innocents	1844	Frank Kim Sing †
Saturday, December 29	Fifth Day of Octave of Nativity	86	Lim Family

**Prayers for the Sick** At Holy Mass we remember the sick including: Nita Carvajal, Nung Chum, Isobel Clancy, Nick De Vos, Tamara Dixon, Elaine dos Remedios, Kathleen Francis, 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 24 & 25  
*The Gift of God's Plan for Us*

December 29 & 30  
*3 Ways to Increase our Faith*

January 5 & 6  
*God Takes Away Nothing,  
 But Gives Everything*

January 12 & 13  
*Why Should God  
 Let Us into Heaven?  
 Here's the Answer*

January 19 & 20  
*God Wants to Hear  
 Our Problems*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Pro-life Mass & Prayer Vigil

One of the fundamental answers to abortion is prayer. Please join your voice with ours as we pray on the first Saturday of January for a new culture of life. **Archbishop Michael Miller will celebrate Mass at our parish on Saturday, January 5 at 9:00 AM.** A reception will take place after Mass, followed by a prayer vigil at BC Women's Hospital.



**FAITH STUDIES start January 29th!**  
**Note: Registration deadline is Sunday, January 20.** The 14th round of Faith Studies will start up again, Tuesday nights from **January 29 to March 5.** All five levels of studies will be offered: **Discovery, Source, Growth, Obedience and Commission.** NOTE: Limited spots are available in each of the levels. For more information or to register, call Angel José at the Parish Office, 604.266.6131 ext. 204 or email her at [stanthonyfaithstudies@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonyfaithstudies@gmail.com).

### Volunteer First Aid Attendants needed at Masses

We are developing an Earthquake Preparedness Ministry to assist parishioners and visitors in the event of medical emergencies during Mass and parish events. To ensure full coverage at all Masses and events, we need 32 volunteers. Parishioners with health care or emergency response experience are ideal. However, this is not a requirement as training and re-certification will be offered. Regular attendance at St. Anthony's and a commitment to participate in at least 1 to 2 Masses per month is necessary. To express an interest in serving in this ministry, or if you have any questions, please call the Parish Office, 604.266.6131.

**Please remember to pick-up your 2019 Collection Envelope Boxes** after Mass this weekend at the back of the church. If you are a registered parishioner and have not been assigned a box, please write your name on the "Envelope Request" form at the Welcome Booth. Non-parishioners who would like a box of envelopes are asked to please complete a parishioner registration form. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

## School Announcements

### Christmas Holidays

December 21 - January 6

### School re-opens

Monday, January 7

### Grade 2 Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation

Tuesday, January 15  
7:00 pm

### School Open House

Wednesday, January 16  
12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

### Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, January 30  
6:30 pm

## 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

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