

Saint Anthony of Padua

Parish Bulletin

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 22nd, 2018

We are called to lay down our lives for others

Do you know who Canada's leading intellectual is? His new book is the most widely read in the world by a Canadian author; some have said that he's the most sought-after speaker in the whole world right now. He is Jordan Peterson, a psychologist and professor, famous for standing up against government compelled speech for people who don't want to be called "him" or "her."

Why is he so popular? Because he has struck a chord in people, especially men. He has said that 90% of the hundreds of thousands of people who watch him on *YouTube* are men. Men, apparently, are drawn to him because he talks more about responsibilities than rights.

Our culture almost always spoon feeds us a diet of ideas that make us feel good, but don't make us better. We talk more, for example, about how people should treat us rather than how we should treat people. If our lives are bad, it's someone else's fault. We expect our government to solve all our country's problems. We talk about being nice but never about virtue and growing up! While much of this is good, it's imbalanced. There is a part in human nature that craves to be better. Churches that challenge people, like Evangelical churches, are growing, while churches that just go along with society's morality, unfortunately, like the Anglican, United, Lutheran churches, are dying. Have you realized that Catholic parishes that challenge people grow, while those who don't, die?

There's a fascinating line in today's Gospel: "For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order that I may take it up again" (Jn 10:17). Let's look at that more closely: The Father loves Jesus because Jesus dies for us.

Question: Doesn't God the Father love Jesus already? Does Jesus have to earn the Father's love? St. Cyril of Alexandria, in the 400s, asked these questions and said that, yes, Jesus is already loved by the Father because of who He is, but He is "also beloved by God... because of his love toward us... This gladdens the heart of God... since he can see the image of his own nature clearly... shining forth through Christ's love for us" (Ancient



Christian Commentary on Scripture, John 1-10, 351). The Father also loves Jesus because He imitates His Father. We love things when we see goodness in them. We love our kids first of all because they are our kids, and nothing can ever change that. But aren't we also happy when we see them mature, work hard, tell the truth, be courageous, etc.?

Jesus is reminding us today that we are loved (that's why He sent His Son), but the Father is also pleased when we become like Jesus. Jesus says four times today that "the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (Jn 10:11,15,17,18). That's who we're called to be. But "the hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep" (Jn 10:12). The hired hand is selfish, apathetic and doesn't take care of others.

One time, when I was 17, right after I got my driver's license, I had to go to UBC late at night to pick up my brothers from class. When we were driving back, they both fell asleep, and I realized that I had to drive even more safely to protect my brothers. I had to take responsibility for them, and I loved that. I also became a better person, more Christ-like.

Today we have baptisms at the 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon Masses of two families with their first-born children. What's beautiful when couples have children is that they immediately become better people: more responsible, generous, and loving, because they have to take care of a completely helpless person.

But it's not just for parenthood. We become more like Christ every time we truly take responsibility for other people, whether it's as single people, married, in our families or at work.

Today is the start of Project Advance, when we take responsibility for other Catholics in the whole archdiocese

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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 23	Ferial	316	John Messere †
Tuesday, April 24	Ferial	320	Ken Urrutia & Family †
Wednesday, April 25	St. Mark the Evangelist	1477	Deceased CWL Members †
Thursday, April 26	Ferial	325	Crispina Remdio †
Friday, April 27	Ferial	328	Andrew Ang †
Saturday, April 28	Ferial	331	Amanda Jayamanna †

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.

Laying down our lives for others

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and for the future of our parish community. This year's video shows how we've benefitted from the sacrifices of previous generations. *[You can watch this year's video and donate online at projectadvance.ca.]* We have a responsibility to raise \$36,000 in Project Advance that then goes to the Archdiocese. Any money raised afterwards will go to our parish centre project.

God will not be outdone in generosity. If we give Him everything, do we think He's going to give us less? That's absurd. He always gives us more when we let go of what we have. [...] God is asking all of us to give until it hurts, to give more than we ever thought we would. **Will you please join me in doing this?**

Finally, today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, when we pray that more people answer God's call to give up their lives to be priests, deacons, and sisters. One of the greatest joys of being a priest and sister is that we can sacrifice everything and live entirely for God and others! [...] Of course, we're all called to be saints and lay people lay down their lives in their own way, with their families and in the world, but priests and sisters do it in a special way. God is calling many single people in this church to that life. I'd lovingly encourage you to open your hearts and minds to that call.

Our deepest desire is not to have an easy life, but a meaningful one; not to live for ourselves but to take responsibility for others; not to stay who we are, but to become like Christ, who laid down His life for His sheep.

- excerpt from Fr. Justin's homily, April 22, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROJECT ADVANCE

Live gratefully, give generously.

This weekend marks the launch of our parish's annual Project Advance campaign, which is crucial to the Church's mission of providing services that benefit all Catholics and countless others in our Archdiocese. The Archdiocesan goal for 2018 is to raise \$3.25 million to continue the momentum and legacy created through the years. Our core needs continue to be the renovation of secondary schools, the founding of new parishes, and the funding of many life-giving ministries. In our parish, all the proceeds of our campaign in excess of our Archdiocesan commitment will go towards the Parish Centre Building Fund. For more information on our parish's campaign, please contact Anna & Jack Lam at jacklam57@shaw.ca



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 at GHardyAntolis@gmail.com to register or for more info.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

- APRIL 22 -

Pray with us for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, the Church will be marking the 55th annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations – a time when the whole Church is united in praying that more men will answer God's call to be the visible face of the Good Shepherd in our world. All are invited to pray the rosary, especially as a family, with the intention of an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. We invite you to reflect and pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, starting April 22 to April 28. Visit rcav.org/pray-for-vocations to view these special meditations on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary with a vocations theme.

Baptisms this weekend!

Please join us in welcoming two new members of our parish family on Sunday, April 22.

Matthew Riley Mah will be baptized at the 10:00 am Mass.

Mackenzie Abigail Song will be baptized at the 12:00 pm Mass



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CWL Announcements

Annual Covenant House Drive

The CWL of our parish has partnered again with Covenant House, and are requesting donations of unused toiletries (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc). All donated items will go to abandoned and homeless youth in Vancouver. Please drop off your donations in the boxes located in the church foyer before Mass on the weekends of May 5th & 12th. Thanks so much for your generosity.



10th Anniversary Celebration

CWL members will celebrate their milestone anniversary 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.

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