

Saint Anthony of Padua

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Our new Parish Vision: a picture of our future

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.

Did you know that God always calls us to a more beautiful future? God is love itself, created us for happiness, and always wants us to receive more. In the second reading, St. Paul reveals, in four parts, that God has a vision for us: 1) He says our Father “chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless” (Eph 1:4); 2) “He destined us for adoption to sonship” (1:5); 3) “He has made known to us the mystery of his will... as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him” (1:8-10); 4) We “have been destined according to the purpose of him... so that we... might live for the praise of his glory” (1:11-12).

This is God’s vision for humanity: He has chosen us to become like Him, to be holy, and He desires to gather everyone to Himself so that we can praise and love Him. That’s a beautiful picture of the future! But, after that general vision, there are more specific visions for each person and community.

Sixteen months ago, our parish quietly joined the Divine Renovation Network, which is a group of hungry parishes from around the world that want to do God’s will for their communities. I knew we needed help because renewing a parish is hard, messy work and there’s no clear-cut plan. So, roughly every week, our Leadership Team and I get coaching from the staff at St. Benedict’s parish in Halifax, one of the most vibrant parishes in the world.

Last July, our coach, Eileen, explained that parish renewal begins with God’s vision for the parish. Now I knew God wanted us to grow in holiness and mission, but she taught us that God has a very specific vision for us. She said it took her church six months to discern their vision, because knowing God’s vision takes humility, listening, waiting, and conversion.

We did the same and it took us eight months of praying, brain-storming, reading, writing and re-writing, getting feedback and then fasting, and on Apr. 30, God gave it to us: In the future, this is what we will be: **“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.”**

Now this is bold and gutsy, because becoming a saint-making community is impossible for us. Becoming an outward-focused church will mean lots of change. It actually scares me to announce this because now there’s no turning back! But, the fact that it’s so lofty is proof that it’s from God; and, I noticed after the fact that it matches God’s vision in the second reading! Now, in the future, we’re going to talk about this all the time. We



want to invite everyone to get on board and make improvements so that we do God’s will. Right now, let me briefly outline what our vision means:

“With the Eucharist at the centre” means we’re focusing on the most important thing we have: Jesus. He is everything, the goal of history, the meaning of our lives, and He’s the one we need, because without Him, we can do absolutely nothing. I read about Christ the King parish in Michigan, that has had 30 priests and 8 deacons ordained; and currently 8 seminarians and 9 women becoming sisters—that’s unbelievable! But their pastor said, “The core thing is that it always has to come back to the Eucharist” (Sherry Weddell, *Forming Intentional*

Disciples). Every saint loved the Mass and spent hours before Jesus in the chapel. I dream of a parish where people are coming in 24/7 in order to kneel before Jesus, sit at His feet, and love Him, and find strength, peace, and renewal.

Now raise your hand if you want to be happy? How many want to have more energy and hope, be more peaceful, courageous, so strong and confident that nothing fazes you? Who here would like to treat our family and friends better? That’s what saints do! To be a saint does not mean to be like a statue.

“A community desiring to be saints” means to desire these ideas: 1) to be truly human/fully alive; 2) to be Christ-like; 3) to do God’s will; 4) to be the best version of ourselves; 5) it’s someone who fulfills their vocation/destiny; 6) to be perfect in love; 7) to reach the heights of contemplation; 8) to have the missionary heart of Jesus. We’ll talk about these eight ideas another time.

The first half of the vision is about holiness; the second is about mission. Jesus says there are two great commandments: first to love God, and then to love our neighbour, and we can’t separate the two. Holiness and mission are two sides of the same coin: If we’re not holy, we can’t give what we don’t have; but if we don’t live our mission, then we’re not truly holy, because holiness always gives of itself.

When I think about the phrase, **“sent out to love like Jesus,”** I get so much purpose and energy in the morning when I’m tired (especially now that the first person I see in the morning is Jerome). To love like Jesus is the best response to any problem in life and the best way to live, period. It’s about encouraging and challenging people, giving and forgiving, serving, healing and sacrificing, preaching the dignity of human life, and in particular, helping the poor, lonely, and the stranger. If all 1080 of us loved like Jesus at our homes, at work and in public, tens of thousands of lives

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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 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.

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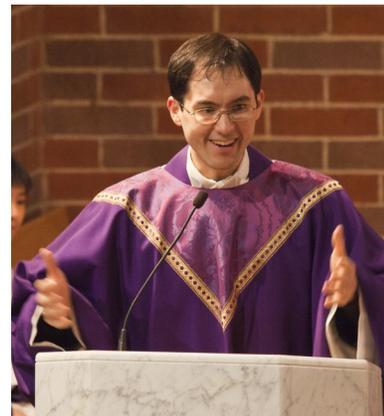
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Weekday Masses & Intentions

Day	Feast or Memorial	Missal Page	Intention
Monday, July 16	Ferial	1036	Olivia Rumohr
Tuesday, July 17	Ferial	1039	Alice Edge
Wednesday, July 18	Ferial	1041	Gaspare Leone †
Thursday, July 19	Ferial	1043	Harry White †
Friday, July 20	Ferial	1045	George Chan
Saturday, July 21	Ferial	1047	Mark & George Loy †

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, Andrew Jablczynski, Yvonne Kharoubeh, Molly Loui-Ying, Huguette Piché, Barney Rousseau, Therese Rozario, Christina Sayo, Filomena Sison, Liliana Taylor, Fernando Tiago, Amy Venida, Theresa Yoshioka.



Upcoming Homily themes:

- July 21 & 22: *When Interruptions are Blessings*
- July 28 & 29: *Satisfying our Spiritual Needs*
- August 18 & 19: *The Eucharist: Our Greatest Gift*
- August 25 & 26: *Jesus is our Rock*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Knights of Columbus are hosting their Annual Summer BBQ on Sunday, July 29th after the 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm Masses. Enjoy fellowship and a great meal with other parishioners and our guests outside in the garden! The Knights will be taking pre-orders after each Mass this weekend.



Menu & Price List
\$3.50 per skewer | \$10 for 3 skewers
\$10 for 2 skewers + watermelon + rice + water

Feast of St. Christopher and the Blessing of Cars. On the weekend, of July 21 & 22, just before the feast of St. Christopher (July 25) the patron saint of travellers, Fr. Justin & Deacon Andrew will be blessing the cars of those who will stay around after Mass and take the *Pledge of Safe Driving*.



HELLO

My name is

Name Tag Weekend is coming soon...during the Knights of Columbus BBQ after all Sunday Masses on July 29th. After the Anticipatory Mass on Saturday, July 28, the Name Tag Committee will be serving hot dogs on a stick with a drink for \$1.50.

If you can dream big, we want to hear from you!

Our parish is forming a Strategic Planning Council (SPC) to support the Parish Vision that Fr. Justin will announce on July 14 and 15. The SPC will develop a five-year plan that will guide our parish activities and help shape our culture as disciples and evangelizers. We are looking for individuals **who love our parish, are deeply committed to the Catholic faith and who have knack for strategic planning and visioning**. If you want to help shape the future of our parish, and feel that God may be calling you to serve Him in this way, please attend an information session to be held on Friday, July 20 at 7:00 pm in the Church Basement. For more details, please contact Corinna Siy at spc.sapv@gmail.com.



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would be blessed. This community is called to be a source of life for people. Imagine if people could say, "I see Jesus in that person" referring to someone here, or would think, "He/she was Jesus for me today."

The phrase, "**To proclaim Him in every circumstance**," is based on the truth that the human person cares for other people. Why did so many people take notice of the trapped Thai soccer team? Because we want everyone to be happy. Evangelization is the most loving thing to do, because it's about introducing people to greatest person in the world. It's not about forcing people, but sharing our joy.

Remember the story about the Prodigal Son? He practically told his father to die when he took his inheritance. He then left for a foreign land and lost everything. Now, the Prodigal Son is a symbol of every human person. Jesus came to bring them home, and so did we.

And here's a fact: Parishes that evangelize grow. Think about any Catholic church you've been to: If they're growing, I guarantee you they're evangelizing; if they're lifeless, it's because they focus on themselves. In the future, I see a parish where people are constantly coming in and going out, joyfully sharing what they've received.

Everything we do now must be evaluated according to this question: Does it advance God's vision? Why are we doing Alpha? Because it advances the vision. Why Faith studies, hiring more people, not rushing Mass? Because it advances the vision. What

will the school be doing? Advancing the vision. Think about this: The parish centre is not the priority in our parish. No, it's a means to achieve the goal. Parishes that focus on buildings die. But parishes that build in order to evangelize thrive. And, because we've been focused on God, our campaign is going so well!

I'm inviting you to embrace God's vision, support it, and do what you can to fulfill it. And here's our action item: Will you come to Mass every weekend here? In other words, if you choose to make this your parish, and it's your choice, then the foundation of our plan is what I call our "weekly bread," the Mass. Why? Because we need a weekly structure to grow, we need to spend time together as a community and support each other, and because the homily will allow us to hear the same message, lay a foundation and build a spiritual tower. Missing a Mass here will be like missing a piece of the puzzle and not nourishing our spiritual relationships. I'm suggesting we make this a priority and that, even if we go to Mass somewhere else on a weekend, we also come here that weekend. Yes!

This is God's vision and He's blessing us with the graces we need to get there. [...] One man told me he loved how this vision honours the uniqueness of every person: Each of us is going to grow the way God wants. It's already helped me! It's made me a better person and priest, and focused my heart, mind, time and energy. This vision is truly a beautiful picture of the future.

- excerpt from Fr. Justin homily, July 15, 2018

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