

# Saint Anthony of Padua Parish

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Do we have a missionary heart?



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Have I ever ignored any of you? I would never have done it on purpose, but it's likely that I probably have. It's human nature that we avoid people with different personalities and interests. But the question is: How did it feel to be ignored?

I am aware of a tendency in me to focus on you to the exclusion of people outside the parish. To a certain extent, it's reasonable: You're my family, therefore, my first responsibility. But there's another reason which is not good: It's not as easy. It's easier, for example, for me to talk to a devout Catholic than a non-devout Catholic and it's more satisfying because we share common interests. If you're a guest here, or a relatively new here, it's great you're here, and I apologize if I or anyone else hasn't given Christ-like hospitality—we're working on it.

Here are five key findings from our hospitality survey we conducted one month ago: 555 people responded—thank you! Of those who did, 90% feel welcomed in our church, which is a blessing, but only 68% of them think a visitor would feel welcomed—something we need to work on. 50% said they would reach out and get to know another person or shake hands during the Sign of Peace. 9% think we need more gatherings after Mass like Name Tag Weekends, and 11% feel we could improve our hospitality.

Today's passage from St. Mark's Gospel is known as the Blind Bartimaeus passage, after the main character in the story. Today, we want to approach the passage from the perspective of the disciples who are following Jesus. What's happening is that Jesus, His disciples, and a large crowd are leaving Jericho, and, along the roadside is Bartimaeus, who would have been sitting there asking for alms. When He hears that it is Jesus passing by, He shouts out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mk 10:48). But we, the

disciples, tell him to be quiet. Why? It doesn't say. He could have been irritating, but, one thing is for sure, we're not doing Jesus' will. And thank God Bartimaeus actually shouts out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then Jesus stands still and says to us, "Call him here" (Mk 49). Jesus is asking us to be intermediaries, not because He needs our help, but in order that we can share in His reaching out to people. So, the key word today is 'solicitude.' Jesus is solicitous, that is, He cares for all people, particularly for those in need, whether it's a physical or spiritual need.

Part of being a saint is having a missionary heart. We can't help every single person in our life, but do we have a heart for them? Once, when St. Mother Teresa was in Rome, she and her Missionaries of Charity were going to meet the pope. But, along the way, Mother Teresa saw a man in need. When one of the sisters said, "Mother, we are going to be late to meet the Holy Father," she replied, "Tell him I am helping Jesus."

There are people in our lives that are sitting by the roadside, perhaps they're struggling with loneliness, poverty, mental illness, lack of faith, or some other need; and there are people we run into every day that are hurting. Jesus says to us, "Call them here," in other words, help them in their need and bring them to Him. As individuals, are we solicitous for them?

As a parish, are we solicitous? Churches have a natural tendency to turn inwards in focus. Most of our ministries are designed to help ourselves rather than people outside the parish—we're lacking that missionary heart!

Last November, we started a Works of Mercy ministry, and, unfortunately, it hasn't gone as planned. I apologize that everyone who signed up didn't get a phone call in a timely manner as promised.

But there is one thing that we're now ready to act on. We asked everyone if they would support giving ten percent of our collection to those in need. Why? Because it's the way Jesus lived, giving until it hurts, that is, sacrificially. It's the right thing to do, not just give out of our surplus, but what we ourselves could use. The overwhelming majority supported this; only seven people had reservations.

Now we want your help in discerning to whom we should support with our money. We have forms in your pews where you can submit a brief proposal about which charity or need we should support.

Since we can't help everyone, here are four principles which will guide our giving: 1) We cannot give money to organizations whose actions go against the moral law. So, for example, we want to support research for cancer, but we can't support groups that do embryonic stem cell research, because that involves the killing of embryonic human beings. We want to help the poor, but we can't support United Way, which supports abortion. For many of us, we may never have heard of such guiding principles, but they are logical. We all have moral principles that guide how we

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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

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## Weekday Masses & Intentions

Day	Feast or Memorial	Missal Page	Intention
Monday, October 29	Ferial	1219	John & Alice Edge
Tuesday, October 30	Ferial	1221	Francisco Velasquez †
Wednesday, October 31	Ferial	1222	Jacques De Gagne †
Thursday, November 1	Solemnity All Saints	1762	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday, October 26	Commemoration of All Souls	1765	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, October 27	Ferial	1228	Holy Souls in Purgatory

**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

November 3 & 4  
*What a Priest Does All Day*

November 17 & 18  
*The Mass is a Sacrifice*

November 24 & 25  
*Relating to God through Goodness, Truth, and Beauty*

December 1 & 2  
*Praying that Our Loved Ones*



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use our money. I have a friend, for instance, who won't visit the U.S. because of the current government; while I disagree, I understand that he's making a statement with his money. And so must we. Last year, Archbishop Miller withheld money from CCOOP, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, because they are embroiled in scandal and have been heavily accused of supporting groups that go against Church teaching (<https://bccatholic.ca/content/archdiocese-withholding-d-p-funds-until-review-completed>).

2) Generally speaking, we should give priority to Catholic charities first. This doesn't mean we don't support non-Catholic ones, but just recognizes the reality that Catholic charities are typically dependent on Catholics alone. In the same way, we should favour groups that don't get any government funding because if we don't support them, no one will. Also, the beautiful thing about good Catholic charities is that they also help the spiritual needs of people and share Jesus with them, which is the greatest gift we can give to any person—evangelization.

3) Are there some causes that are more important than others? It's impossible to perfectly rank all needs, but there are some that are foundational. The right to life, St. John Paul II wrote, is the foundational right. Without this right, no other right matters. Or, let's try unemployment—this is a very painful reality for many people; it was for my family for years. But, we must admit that getting the basic necessities for survival come before getting people a job.

This, of course, is all in the abstract. Since we can't do everything, we need your help in discerning who specifically God is putting into our lives. If a number of people, for instance, suggest helping local victims of domestic violence, then perhaps God is guiding us there.

4) We should be solicitous of our local community, because God has put us here to help them. It's our duty, not anyone else's. So please pray about this, suggest some causes, and then Works of Mercy group will vet them, then the Finance council, and then Senior Leadership Team, and we'll announce where we're giving the money.

One other thing: In our Canadian culture, it's polite and a sign of respect to shake hands when we meet people or during the Sign of Peace. This used to be common in all our Catholic churches until SARS broke out here in 2003 and we stopped shaking hands for good reason. But, unless we have a good reason not to shake, like we're have a cold, etc., it's a virtue in our culture to extend our hands, and I'd really encourage everyone to overcome our unease, shake each other's hands, and then use sanitizer right after! Did you catch the most beautiful thing about the Blind Bartimaeus passage? Once his blindness is healed, he chooses to follow Jesus "on the way" (Mk 10:52)! Do we realize the great good God can do through our parish?

When I was in England last month for the Alpha conference, they took us to a dying church in a rough neighbourhood of London that was being re-evangelized. With a new young pastor who has a missionary heart, in two years, they've had an incredible impact on the community: They feed the poor every week, help single mothers, have bins where people can drop off knives used to attack people, and they go crazy with Alpha; they invite everyone, all the time! They've even partnered with savvy business people and started a parish brewery—no joke! Why? Because following the monastic tradition where monks entered a local community and met the needs of the people, the pastor felt that a brewery would be a place where the community could gather and hear the Gospel.

God ignores no one. He has a missionary heart and is solicitous for everyone.

- excerpt from Fr. Justin's homily, October 26, 2018

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Consecration to Mary, the Mother of God

Our parish's day of Consecration to Mary is December 8th following 33 days of preparation which begins on November 5th. There are 2 ways to prepare:

1. **33 days to Morning Glory** by Father Michael Gaitley focussing on the works of 4 prominent saints who were devoted to Mary.

2. **Total Consecration Through the Mysteries of the Rosary** by Father Ed Broom.

The **33 Days to Morning Glory** is only available to individuals who want to complete it privately. Individual support is available if required. **Total Consecration through the Mysteries of the Rosary** is still accepting registration. For more information, please contact Tilly Bara at 604-321-4954 or mb391906@gmail.com as soon as possible.



### Reminder: Daylight Savings time next weekend!

Don't forget that we're turning our clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 4.

### Silent Auction Items Needed!

Our annual Dinner & Dance fundraising event is fast approaching on Saturday, November 17th at the Continental Restaurant in Richmond. Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses and we sincerely hope everyone will come and help us make this a successful event. Last year you were extremely generous in providing gifts for the Silent Auction and we would ask if you could please support us again this year. Items such as gift baskets, sports and entertainment tickets, electronics, would be very much appreciated! All proceeds will go towards the Parish Centre Fund.

### CWL Bake Sale Next Sunday

Please join us for our Coffee Shop & Bake Sale - next **Sunday, November 4 after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses only**. If you wish to donate some baked goods please bring them to the ladies before Mass. Thank you to all who help the CWL with our bake sales!



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