

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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 30, 2018

Feeling overwhelmed? Here are 3 things we can do



Merry Christmas, everyone, and a special Merry Christmas to our guests!

I told you three years ago about a woman who lived day by day because her teenage daughter was very sick. What I didn't tell you was the extent of it: The daughter had anorexia, was cutting herself, in the hospital, and cutting herself off from her family thinking she could solve it on her own. Mom was overwhelmed: She called me for help, cried regularly, but (listen to this) she said to her daughter, "These are not tears of weakness, but tears of strength. I am going to be there for you no matter what *garbage* you throw at us. I'm going to be there for you in the long run, to keep you alive." What was happening was that life circumstances and the devil were working to break this mother's faith down, to make her forget that Jesus is God, that Jesus came to rescue her and her daughter. This mother said that when the devil can't get us directly, he'll attack those we love the most to get at us and our faith.

Is our faith being tempted in any way? We're in the sixth day of Christmas, on the feast of the Holy Family, so is there any difficult family relationship that's tempting us to forget Jesus is in control? In the second reading, the first letter of St. John, there's another family in trouble. St. John wrote this letter around the year 100 A.D. to a Christian community in Ephesus who just had a group of Christians break away because they didn't believe what the apostles taught; and were trying to deceive St. John's community into believing false ideas about Jesus. So St. John writes this letter trying to strengthen his community's faith. And one of things he says is, "This is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ" (1 Jn 3:23). To believe in Jesus' name means two things: 1) to believe that Jesus is the Christ; and 2) that He's the Son of God (Cf. 1 Jn 2:22-23, 5:1,5). Christ means He's the anointed one, sent on a mission to reconcile us with God (Cf. CCC 548). To believe that He is the Son of God means that He is God, not just a great teacher, but God, the One who can overcome any problem. St. John's reminding his family to remain strong in their faith and believe more!

God today is giving us a great gift: When things overwhelm us, have faith! Believe in the name of Jesus! When I told you, three years ago, about that mother and daughter, it looked like there was no way out of their situation. The mother only got through it by faith: She prayed daily and went to daily Mass; even though sometimes she felt she couldn't pray, she prayed anyway. What was amazing is that her emotions were all over the place, but she kept control and didn't let them rule her. She said, "Faith doesn't necessarily hide the pain, but you know you're going to have a place to land. I knew God was allowing this for whatever reason. My faith just held me up." After years of hell, things eventually got better when a counsellor saw signs of a deeper mental illness in the daughter: bipolar disorder. Once they spotted that, they gave her some medications that changed everything. She's now living well and strong in her faith again. Mom says, "It's a complete 180 degree turn. I have such a good relationship with her now: She shares deeply with me and is very vulnerable. God has gone so far beyond what I expected. I thank Him every day for her."

So, when things overwhelm us, here are three ways to increase our faith: prayer, practice, and praise.

1) Number one is prayer. Faith is a gift (CCC 153), so we need to ask God to increase it. Remember the story of the boy with a demon in St. Mark's Gospel? The father brings the son to the apostles but they can't cure him. When Jesus arrives, he criticizes the people for their lack of faith, which is really bad. The father of the boy says to Jesus, "If you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us" (9:22). Jesus responds, "If you can! Everything is possible to one who has faith" (9:23). Then the father cries out, "I do believe, help my unbelief" (9:24). St. Augustine, commenting on this passage, talks about the difference between emerging faith and

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New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve

Mass: Monday, December 31, 5:00 pm

*Holy Hour & Gaudeamus: 11:00 pm **

** Please bring finger food to share at reception afterwards.*

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

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

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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 31	Octave of Nativity 7th Day	92	Yu Yen † & Stanley Tup Chong †
Tuesday, January 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Sunday Missal	All Parishioners
Wednesday, January 2	<i>Memorial</i> St. Basil the Great St. Gregory Nazianzen	102	Yu Yen Tup Chong †
Thursday, January 3	Ferial	104	Errol Jansz †
Friday, January 4	Ferial	106	Darius Anguluan †
Saturday, January 5	Ferial	108	People living with anxiety & depression

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



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*

January 26 & 27
*(Parish Mission)
 Guest Preacher: Fr. Nick Meisl*

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mature faith (Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, Mark). We all believe, to a certain extent, but not completely. So we need to ask God to increase our faith. Last July, we talked about asking for an increase in faith every morning. Now we can pray every morning, "I do believe, help my unbelief."

2) Number two is practice. I once asked, "What's the opposite of 'to believe'?" It's not disbelief. According to St. John's Gospel, the opposite of to believe is to disobey, because St. John says, "He who believes has eternal life; he who does not obey the Son shall not see life" (Jn 3:36). We'd expect him to say, "He who does not believe shall not see life," but he says he who does not "obey," meaning that, when we believe in Jesus, we'll obey Him. Obedience is the sign of faith. [...] If we believe, we'll obey God's commandments: We'll forgive our family and friends even when they don't deserve it. We'll be the first to apologize even when the other person is 50% to blame. We'll go to Mass when it's difficult. We'll face a difficult situation head on when we want to avoid it. We'll stay hopeful and practice our faith.

These last few months we've focused on hospitality and becoming an invitational church, and God has blessed this abundantly. We want to keep on doing what we've been doing and let it be part of who we are. But now we're going to switch gears: From now until March 24, when we open our new chapel, we're going to be focusing on Jesus in the Eucharist. The key to growth in faith, love, and our relationship with Jesus is the Eucharist. Spending time with the Eucharist is a game changer when we're dealing with difficult situations. We'll talk more about this next week, but, for the time being, I'd like to invite everyone to open their hearts and minds towards this new goal so that we can become saints and love like Jesus.

3) Number three is to praise God for what He's done through the difficulties, because if we can see God's hand in difficulties so much so that we praise Him for them, then our faith will increase and the way we see things will change. [...] Years ago, I asked a friend who survived cancer and who was telling me about the amazing things that came out of it, "Do you thank God for it?" "No." She wasn't ready then. But she is now. She praises God for allowing the cancer because it made her and her faith strong. She says, "The more I thank God, the more He gives. Sometimes I even have to shake my head. God is so generous. I'm really not worthy but He keeps on giving."

Jesus wants you to know that you and your family are going to be alright. Things will get better because Jesus came to rescue us, and He's God. He's saving us right now! So, let's cooperate with Him by prayer, practice, and praise.

- excerpt from Fr. Justin's homily, December 30, 2018



FREE Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the Knights of Columbus on **Sunday, January 6, after all Masses!!** Invite your friends to Mass, and enjoy fellowship and a hearty meal afterwards!



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.

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.



Praise and Worship

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