

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 27, 2019

The Eucharist is central to our identity and mission

At the start of this school year at UBC, I spent some time standing in front of the booth for the Catholic group during Clubs Day. This is a day for students to check out the various clubs that are active on campus in order to see if they would like to join any of them. At a certain point, one student walked over to me from the stream passing by the booths, pointed at my clerical collar and said, “What are you?” “A Catholic priest”, I answered. “What’s a Catholic?”, he asked. “A Christian”, I said. Still genuinely confused he said, “And what is a Christian?” The student’s question is a good one. *What is a Christian?*

In the first reading (1 Cor 12:12-30), St. Paul explains that the central aspect of our identity as Christians is that together we make up the body of Christ. Paul wrote this letter to a community that was deeply fractured. One cause of division was a sort of tribalism in which people grouped into rival factions, aligning themselves with different figures important to the community: Paul, Cephas and Apollos (1 Cor 1). There were also estrangements in the community between rich and poor, especially when they celebrated the Eucharist (1 Cor 11). Further discord arose because people with various gifts such as wisdom, healing or tongues, were vying to be seen as the most important members of the community (1 Cor 12). In order to help the Christians at Corinth overcome their disunity, Paul called them to remember their core identity. Because of their baptism (12:13), Paul explained, they are all a part of Christ’s body (12:27). No one individual is Christ’s body. Rather, as a whole they make up the body of Christ. Just as in the human body each part plays its own unique and important role, so each baptized individual contributes in an indispensable way to the community. *What is a Christian?* Paul would respond to the student from UBC that a Christian is someone who, together, with other baptized people, make up the body of Christ. In other words, together Christians are the enduring presence of Jesus in the world. Christians continue Jesus’ mission here and now. As good as this answer sounds, I can imagine that the curious student might not yet be satisfied. I can imagine him asking, “But what is the mission of Jesus?”

Fortunately, in the Gospel today taken from Luke (1:1-4; 4:14-21), Jesus directly answers this question as he publicly declares his mission. Jesus’ actions in the Gospel resemble a politician who announces that they are running for president. If you follow US politics, you will know that in recent days a number of candidates from the Democratic party have stepped forward to announce their intention to run for president. These announcements follow a similar pattern. In some public setting the candidate declares their intention to become president and then gives a list of compelling action items that they plan to accomplish if they are elected. In launching their

campaign, the candidate reveals the mission that they would work towards as president. In the Gospel, we find Jesus at the start of His public ministry announcing his mission in a public space, namely the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth. There, on the Sabbath, He stood up to read from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah that was handed to him. It was Jesus himself who decided which part of this scroll to read from. The text Jesus chose to declare to the people (Isa 61), outlined the various aspects of the mission He was about to begin. Jesus announced that He would bring glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, let the oppressed go free and proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord (Lk 4:18-19). Unlike many politician who fail to deliver on their campaign promises, Jesus immediately follows through. In the rest of the chapter (Lk 4), Jesus makes good on what He promised in the synagogue. He liberated people from demons, cured Simon’s mother-in-law and numerous others and called people to conversion. In the Gospel today, Jesus announces His mission. This mission of healing, overcoming evil and injustice and leading people to God is what we Christians, the body of Christ, are called to continue in the world.

The Eucharist is central to our identity and mission as Christians. The teaching of the Church makes this clear. *Lumen Gentium* explains that the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life” (LG 11). This is echoed by the wonderful way in which you as a parish have chosen to articulate your identity. You are a community “with the Eucharist at the center”. [...] The Eucharist is central to our identity and mission. The Eucharist, which is truly the Body of Christ, helps transform us into the body of Christ, sent out to continue His mission in the world.

Over the next two days, I will give two reflections in which we will seek to better appreciate why the Eucharist is central to our identity and mission. In these reflections, we will investigate together important texts from the New Testament which reveal different aspects of the Eucharist. Tonight, Sunday, from 7:00-8:30 pm, we will investigate the Last Supper accounts found in the Synoptic Gospels and Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians. Tomorrow, Monday, from 7:00-8:30 pm, we will unpack John’s rich “Bread of Life” discourse found in the sixth chapter of his Gospel. These reflections will also be a great chance for us to pray together before the Blessed Sacrament. I hope that these reflections will be interesting and helpful for you. Please consider joining us!

- excerpt from Fr. Nick Meisl’s homily, January 27, 2019



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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 & Thursday 8:15 am
 Friday 8:00 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, January 28	<i>Memorial</i> St. Thomas Aquinas	459	Guaik Hoon Tanjuaquio †
Tuesday, January 29	Ferial	461	Albert Ma †
Wednesday, January 30	Ferial	463	Doreen Francis †
Thursday, January 31	<i>Memorial</i> St. John Bosco	466	Rita Kantor
Friday, February 1	Ferial	467	Joe Kantor
Saturday, February 2	<i>Feast</i> Presentation of the Lord	1405	For 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



February 2 & 3

Speaking the Truth in Love

February 9 & 10

A Plan of Growth

February 16 & 17

Guest Preacher: Deacon Felix Min



February 23 & 24

How to Love Those Who Hurt Us

March 2 & 3

The Fruits of the Eucharist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Encountering Jesus, the Bread of Life”



with Fr. Nick Meisl

Sunday, January 27 &

Monday January 28

7:00 PM

St. Anthony of Padua Church

Please bring your Bible!

Fr. Nick Meisl is a priest of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Recently, he finished his License from the Pontifical Biblical Institute. Currently, Fr. Nick teaches courses on the Bible at Corpus Christi and St. Mark's Colleges and is chaplain at St. Patrick's High School.



Registration is now closed for our Faith Studies starting Tuesday nights from January 29 to March 5. Thank you to everyone who registered! There are only limited spots available in each of the five levels: **Discovery, Source, Growth,**

Obedience and Commission. For more information, please call Angel José at the Parish Office, 604.266.6131 ext. 204 or email stanthonymfaithstudies@gmail.com.



The CWL will be celebrating Chinese New Year during its **Coffee Shop & Bake Sale on Sunday, February 3 after the 8:00 AM & 10 AM Masses.** In wishing for a sweet *Year of the Pig*, your contribution of sweet desserts and pastries would be appreciated!

Daily Mass: Time Change on Fridays! Starting February 1st, daily Mass on Fridays (only) will start 15 minutes earlier at 8:00 am. This will enable our school teachers and students at St. Anthony of Padua Elementary to attend morning Mass before classes start. Thanks to everyone who supported this change!



Changing Minds & Saving Lives: Becoming an Effective Pro-life Ambassador on Saturday, February 16 at 10:00 am in the Church Hall

For over 30 years, abortion has been legally unrestricted in our country, and the lives of millions of Canadian children have been ended as a result. As Catholics, it is our God-given duty to respond to this crisis. Join **Cameron Côté**, Western Outreach Director for the **Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform**, as he explains how you can be a part of the movement to end the killing. He will discuss the history of abortion in Canada, how the pro-life movement is responding, how to have compassionate and compelling conversations about abortion, and how you can make a difference locally, provincially and nationally. The workshop will be followed by the opportunity to put this invaluable training into action by registering for pro-life outreach as well as the 40 Days for Life project.

School Announcements

Annual General Meeting

Church Hall

Wednesday, January 30

6:30 pm

Grandparents' Tea

Church Hall

Wednesday, February 13

9:30 am

ATTENTION PARISH SENIORS:

You are warmly invited to attend the annual Grandparents' Tea hosted by the school's Grades 3 & 6 classes.

We hope to see you there!

St Anthony of Padua

Leadership Summit

You are cordially invited to attend

Leading to the Eucharist

When: Saturday, February 23, 2019

9:30 - 11:30 am

Where: Church Hall

Please RSVP to Leadership.SAP@gmail.com



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ALL DAY CONFESSIONS & ADORATION: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

CONFESSION TIMES

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1:30 PM — 4:30 PM

7:00 PM — 9:45 PM



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