

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

Spend Quality Time with the One Who Loves You



What happens when we fall in love? All we want to do is to BE with the other, to spend time with the person. And it is natural for us to do this because we're made to be relational. We cannot find our true identity apart from relationship, especially the one with God. But despite this fact, it seems like we have lost that sense of being made for relationship.

One example would be the excessive use of social media. The average person is on the phone 3-4 hours a day. All that time spent on the phone means that we didn't spend it with someone. And even if we do, we are often distracted and check our phone every now and then rather than giving full attention to those around us. Why are we so distracted? What are we looking for?

Mother Teresa once said that the modern world is suffering from the disease of "being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for. [...] There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread but there are many more dying for a little love. [...] There's a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God." That's what we're looking for: we are hungry for God.

As Christians, we are called to be the pioneers of loving relationships. To do this better, we need a model, a teacher. And the perfect way of learning to be in a relationship is being with Jesus. Jesus shows us how to be in a loving relationship with others through His example of constantly being in relationship with His friends, the needy, the isolated, and even sinners. He was always with others, spending time with them both in good and bad. That's our vocation: we are called to be in relationship with God and others both in good and bad. But how can we do this well?

Just about two years ago, I remember how Father Justin

told us about the importance of generosity. Today, I'd like to reiterate that point: To love and be with others well, we must be generous in giving our time.

In the Gospel, we hear the Sermon on the Mount. Notice how, before Jesus begins His sermon, it says that He COMES DOWN to the crowd to be with them. And just as He came down to that crowd 2000 years ago, He COMES DOWN to us every day in the Eucharist, so that He can be with us; so that we can be satisfied in our longing for a truly fulfilling relationship.

In the Sermon, Jesus lists the people who are blessed and those who are not. The key characteristic of those who are not blessed is that they claim to be self-sufficient. They are satisfied with comfortable, sensual, and material things. But what follows after that self-sufficiency is emptiness; a great sense of loneliness.

When I used to work before entering the seminary, my main motivation for working was to make money and buy things like the latest games, electronics, toys, car accessories, entertainment and much more. I thought that kind of life would make me sufficient and satisfied, and it did, for a while. And I thought doing all of that everyday would give me everything that I want. But as I was doing it more and more, I could feel that I was getting lonelier, self-centered, greedy, pleasure seeking and self-isolated. My relationship with friends was breaking apart; I was having difficulties staying focused at Mass; my primary goal for life was to possess anything, as much as possible. But one day, I realised that I got everything but joy. The moment I had all that could satisfy me, I was most empty and lost. So I began to ask God to show me another way. I started praying. After awhile,

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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

Weekdays

	Masses	Confessions
Monday	8:15 am	8:00 to 8:10 am
Tuesday	7:30 pm	
Wednesday & Thursday	8:15 am	8:00 to 8:10 am
Friday	8:00 am	7:45 to 7:55 am
Saturday	9:00 am	9:45 am

Confession

Saturday afternoon 4:45 pm to 4:55 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 enter at 1365 West 73rd Avenue
 Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am to 10:00 pm

First Saturday of each month: 9:30 am to 9:30 pm in the church during all-day confessions.

First Friday of each month: 8:45 am to 10:00 am in the church followed by **Benediction**.

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, February 18	Ferial	497	Gabrielle Lim
Tuesday, February 19	Ferial	499	Paulus Sugiarto †
Wednesday, February 20	Ferial	501	Albert Harve †
Thursday, February 21	Ferial	503	Philomena Mayer
Friday, February 22	<i>Feast</i> Chair of St. Peter	1429	Francisco Coronel †
Saturday, February 23	<i>Memorial</i> St. Polycarp	507	Natasha Peters †

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, Liliana Taylor, Fernando Tiago, Theresa Yoshioka.



In loving memory...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Filomena Sison**, and for the consolation of her family members. Filomena passed away on **Wednesday, February 6** and her funeral was held on **Friday, February 15** at our church.

Upcoming Homily Themes



February 23 & 24
How to Love Those Who Hurt Us

March 2 & 3
The Fruits of the Adoration

March 9 & 10
Step Aside Marie Kondo, Here Comes Jesus!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



40 DAYS FOR LIFE **Wednesday, March 6 to Sunday, April 14** Take part in this campaign by committing to an hour to stand vigil at West 32nd Avenue and Willow Street, by BC Women's Hospital. Our parish has designated 4 days: Thursday, Mar. 7, Friday, Mar. 8, Saturday, Mar. 9 and Sunday, Mar. 10 to participate in the vigil. You can sign up for an hour on any one of these days by filling out one of the cards in the pews or calling the Parish Office.

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Parish Registration and the Use of Parish Collection Envelopes. The parish office regularly receives requests for Letters of Good Standing or Reference Letters as part of Baptism, Marriage or Confirmation Sponsor documents, religious certifications, or for Catholic elementary or secondary school applications. NOTE: The only official and ordinary way to obtain these letters is to register in the parish and regularly use envelopes, so that when the need arises, it will be based on official records. This helps avoid misunderstanding when regular Mass attendance can not be verified through use of envelopes.

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God gave me the desire to pray more often. That little desire in my heart led me to spend at least 30 minutes every day with Jesus before daily Masses or sometimes at home. Those 5 or 6 months of praying and BEING with Him helped me to see how I should love others, the direction I should take in my life, and the goal that I should aim for: heaven. Although I was previously going to church and doing volunteer work at my parish, I had not been generous with Jesus yet in terms of personal prayer.

Looking back now, I'm very glad that God led me to have that desire to BE with Him. Although it wasn't easy to keep up with those 30 minutes with Jesus every day, by the grace of God I didn't give up because my heart was not satisfied with the worldly pleasures and relationships that would just pass by leaving me empty and alone. I persevered.

In the First Reading, the Prophet Jeremiah presents us an image of a tree planted by the stream. This image represents the vocation that all of us are called to. The stream is Jesus, the stream full of love and the desire for a deep relationship from which we can learn how to love others. And we should constantly seek to do this not just when we come to Mass once a week, but daily. Would you

School Announcements
Parent Enrichment Talk
“How to Survive in Marriage, While Raising Children”
with **Psychologist Denis Boyd, M.A.**
Church Hall
Wednesday, February 20
7:00 pm—8:30 pm
Parents from the school and parish are welcome to attend!

Holy Hour for Healing and Justice (Sexual Abuse Crisis) with prayers and scripture readings, **Thursday, February 21, 7:30 – 8:30 pm** at St. Anthony of Padua church.



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

consider spending some time with Jesus daily? I know that the parish is going to have a beautifully rebuilt chapel in about two months. Are you going to have the chapel just so that you can show it off to other parishes? “Look at our chapel! So shiny isn't it?” I don't think so. That would be a huge waste of effort.

Consider spending at least 10 to 15 minutes daily with Jesus in the chapel. Go and talk to Him, Who desires so deeply to be with us. There is a book that I've been reading called *In Sinu Jesu*—Fr. Justin mentioned this book last week. In the book, Jesus says that one should have no pre-conceived ideas or wishes when coming into His presence. He says that all we need to do is to simply BE with Him and He will fill our hearts with life, wipe our tears, give the graces that we need the most; all that he desires is to BE with us, and if we strive to be with Him, the rest will fall into its place. It's only by establishing this intimate relationship with Jesus that we can enter into loving relationships with others. When we are generous with Him, especially by spending time with Him in Eucharistic Adoration, the Lord will abundantly bless our lives and all those whom we love.

It has radically changed mine, it will change yours too.

- Excerpt from Deacon Felix Min's homily, February 17, 2019

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