

# 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 7, 2019

## When is it right to judge?

Two stories: First, aboard the papal plane in 2013, Pope Francis said, in reference to the gay lobby in the Vatican, “You must distinguish between the fact of a person being gay and the fact of someone forming a lobby, because not all lobbies are good. This one is not good. If someone is gay and is searching for the Lord and has good will, then who am I to judge him?” These words are now the signature phrase of his pontificate, and they’ve touched many people, because, deep down, we’re all afraid of being condemned and not being loved.

Second, John, a friend of mine, once told me that another friend, Bill, asked him to go for a walk. They had a good conversation, and then Bill, out of love, broke the news to him, “John, no one takes you seriously.” (Brothers and sisters, dear guests, how would we feel if a friend told us this?) John was the most fun of this group of friends, as well as talented, athletic, intelligent, but very often he was full of himself, all talk, and wasn’t serious—deep down, he knew it. That’s why he had a kind of self-hatred. He knew he wasn’t who he should be. What Bill did was help him face what he already knew about himself. So, John wasn’t mad at Bill, because the criticism was done out of love and it helped him.

These two stories remind us that we all want to be loved, especially when we sin, and we all want to face ourselves, because we already know what we’re doing wrongly. But, in our culture, we tend to do one or the other: We either love people or never help them face their sins, or we tell people their sins without loving them. Jesus, in today’s Gospel, balances these two approaches perfectly. A woman has been caught in the act of adultery, and the Mosaic Law commands her to be stoned to death. Jesus manages to save her life, and, when her accusers leave, asks her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said, ‘No one, sir.’ And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again’ (Jn 8:10-11). Jesus loves her, but also acknowledges that she’s committed a grave sin, and tells her to stop. He says to all of us, “I do not condemn you. I love you. But do not sin again, because you already know what you’re doing is wrong.”

So, telling people their sins isn’t always wrong. Our society says, “Don’t judge,” but hasn’t clearly defined what they mean, because, we all judge, and some judgments are right and exactly what we need. Jesus says in St. Matthew’s Gospel, “Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged... Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ... You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye” (7:1-3,5). Jesus is not saying to never correct people, because, at the end, He says we’re supposed to correct ourselves before correcting others. If we don’t, then our whole perspective is skewed; we might even be completely wrong about our corrections. We need to see the truth about ourselves



before we try to help others see the truth about themselves. What we’re supposed to avoid is condemning people or judging their hearts, because we don’t know their hearts, unless they tell us or we have evidence. And we’re supposed to be merciful and fair in our judgments, if we want to receive a merciful and fair judgment (Curtis Mitch & Edward Sri, *The Gospel of Matthew, in Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture*). [...]

Jordan Peterson is so popular among millennials because he challenges them to live in accord with their dignity. He shows them the men and women they can be beyond adolescence. He says, in a very clinical, non-angry way, “If you’re just a useless adolescent, then you’ve forgotten who you are. And the consequence of that is that... you’re not going to be good for anything, and no one’s going to be able to rely on you, and you’re going to be all whiny and resentful.” He’s firm but caring, and reminds millennials of who they can be! Peterson speaks in a blunt way, often with hyperbole, to make his point. [...]

So here are three ways to become the people (saints) we’re meant to become: **First, be careful of misunderstanding the phrase, “Who am I to judge?”** I believe I know what the Holy Father was getting at, but so many Catholics have told me they don’t, and, to prove their point, it’s true that this phrase has been so badly misunderstood in Western culture to mean no one has to morally change. There has been tremendous fallout from this phrase because every time someone says, “That’s wrong,” people respond, “Hey, the pope says, ‘Who am I to judge?’” Some judgements are right. If we believe racism, slavery, and bullying are wrong, we’re judging, which is right. The phrase might appear to make the Church seem more loving, but, as Michael Dopp once said: There’s no statistical evidence to show that more people are coming to Christ since the Holy Father said this.[...]

**Second, desire to know your sins and faults.** How much do you want to be corrected? And, when corrected, how do we respond? That will be our level of growth. When we come to Mass,

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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 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** enter at 1365 West 73<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Weekday Masses & Intentions**

Day	Feast or Memorial	Missal Page	Intention
Mon., Apr. 8	Ferial	223	Nena Sison †
Tues., Apr. 9	Ferial	229	Ranga Jayamanna †
Wed., Apr. 10	Ferial	232	Nena Sison †
Thurs., Apr. 11	Ferial	235	Fung Kwan Ng †
Fri., Apr. 12	Ferial	238	Aida & Marcelo Lescano †
Sat., Apr. 13	Ferial	241	Nena Sison †

**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, Susan Panlican, Huguette Piché, Ron R., Barney Rousseau, Therese Rozario, Christina Sayo, Liliana Taylor, Fernando Tiago, Cynthia Wing, Theresa Yoshioka.

*Holy Week Schedule*

**Sunday, April 14**

**Penitential Service 7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, April 16**

**Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm**

**Thursday, April 18**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm**

**Nocturnal Adoration, 9:00 pm until 3:00 pm (Friday)**

**Friday, April 19**

**Stations of the Cross, 12:00 pm  
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 pm**

**Saturday, April 20**

**Easter Vigil, 9:00 pm  
 Easter Vigil Reception, 11:30 pm**  
*Please bring something to share.  
 Finger food only, please.*

**Sunday, April 21**

**Easter Sunday Masses 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm**

**Upcoming Homily Themes**

**April 13 & 14**

*Jesus Gave Everything for Us. Are We Grateful or Apathetic?*

**April 20 & 21**

*A Joy No One Can Steal*

**April 27 & 28**

*Dealing with Shame*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Meet the Parish Office Staff



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**Learning to Pray: Emphasis on the Mysteries of the Rosary, Saturday, May 11, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.** This mini-retreat will introduce a few key prayer methods such as lectio divina and Gospel contemplation to help us enter more deeply into the mysteries of the rosary and aid us in our prayer time in the chapel. Engage the scriptures, imagination, music, poetry, art, and the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Retreat Director Catherine M. Kelly, M.Div. is the Director of the Ignatian Spiritual Formation Program at St. Mark's College and Director of Retreats, Christian Life Community, and Spiritual Formation at St. Mark's Parish. She is an experienced spiritual director and international presenter. Registration will take place following all Masses on April 13 and 14 or at [mb391906@gmail.com](mailto:mb391906@gmail.com).

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do we expect to be challenged by the homily? Our strengths are already bearing fruit! Knowing our weaknesses and faults is the key to growth. [...] Ask God to reveal your faults. If you think God doesn't hear prayers, ask Him that one, and see what comes. And when we see our faults or someone tells us them, then rejoice! Yes! Once we see that as a blessing, we will grow by leaps and bounds! You can even say, as Scott Hahn, says, "It hurt so good!" Now, no one's perfect, so the feedback people give us will never be 100% perfect. But, if we are people who seek the truth, then we'll be able to see better when someone correcting us is 0% correct, 50% or 99%. [...]

**Third, lovingly tell people their faults.** Once we receive criticism, we'll realize how helpful it is! And when we receive criticism done with love, then we'll know how to give it to others. Jesus said, "Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment" (Jn 12:24). Go to Confession first, so that our hearts are pure. The reality is that we all sin, all the time, so, if we don't go to Confession, let's say once a month, then most of the time, our perspective will be skewed. Love the person first; in our minds, give that person a big joyful hug or smile at them, so we have no unjust anger towards the people we correct. And don't

## School Announcements



**Parent Enrichment Talk**  
with family counsellor, Dr. Deborah McNamara  
7:00 pm—8:30 pm, April 10, 2019

**New Evangelization Summit (NES) May 4, from 8:15 am to 4:30 pm** at St. Anthony of Padua in the Lower Hall. This Ottawa based conference will have 43 live streams across North America, and our parish is one of the host sites! Features speakers who provide inspiration, encouragement, training and resources on how we Catholics can effectively evangelize. The event is FREE but you must register. Visit [stanthonyvan.com](http://stanthonyvan.com) for a link to the registration form.



Our second **Leadership Summit** is next weekend, **Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Lower Hall.** The focus is evangelizing through our testimonies and creating a culture where it's natural to speak about Jesus. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**Consecration to Mary: Follow-up on Monday, April 29, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.** If you have completed this program, please join us in the Lower Hall for refreshments, interesting discussion, a talk on Mary and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. You can register at [mb391906@gmail.com](mailto:mb391906@gmail.com) or by calling the Parish Office at 604.266.6131.

do it all the time, because that's overwhelming. We don't want to become like those negative people who only see faults and problems; rarely do they affirm, rarely do they see the good. And judge only what you have evidence of. Swearing, for instance, is wrong. But we don't always know why people do it: It could be that they don't care, but it could also be that they don't think about it.

When we're not sure, assume the best. If our spouse or co-worker messes up, maybe we weren't clear, maybe they forgot, maybe they had a bad day. "Just say to yourself: 'I'm sure there's a perfectly good explanation'" (<https://careynieuwhof.com/>). Go talk to them about it, saying, "Hey, you were late. I'm sure there's a perfectly good explanation. What happened?" rather than, "What part of being here at 6 p.m. didn't you understand?"

One of the most beautiful realities is when people start to grow at a new level. Not only do they know they are loved, but they start to respect themselves, because they're becoming who God made them to be. That feeling of uselessness is gone, but we have a sense of our self-gift. We're giving in accordance with what God gave us.

*- excerpt from Fr. Justin's homily, April 7, 2019*

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