

# 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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

APRIL 14, 2019

## Thank the One Who Gave Everything for Us

Brothers and sisters, dear guests, many of us are ignorant and apathetic about what Jesus did for us. But, if we stop and reflect, we realize how wrong that is, how insulting it is to Jesus. So, there's a part in us that says, "Okay, tell me about it. Tell me what Jesus did for me." It's centered on this truth: Jesus gave everything for us.

In the garden of Gethsemane, St. Luke's Gospel, which we heard today, says, "In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of Blood falling down on the ground" (Lk 22:44). Many believe that Jesus actually sweated blood, because it's medically possible when under great stress. But we know for sure theologically that Jesus took on all of our sins, and the weight would be overwhelming and almost unbearable (Cf. CCC 615).

He was betrayed by his 12 apostles, His friends (Cf. Jn 15:15). St. Luke's the only one who records, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" (Lk 22:48). St. Luke alone tells us that, at the very moment when St. Peter denied Jesus, "The Lord turned and looked at Peter" (Lk 22:61).

Has that ever happened to us: When we get let down by the people we're counting on? Our family and friends are supposed to be there to help us, and they let us suffer.

While under trial before the high priest, Jesus was mocked, blindfolded and beaten (Lk 22:63-65). It's St. Luke who tells us that Pilate sent Jesus to Herod, where he's questioned, mocked by being put in a fake robe for a king (Lk 23:6-11).

When He's sent back to Pilate, Pilate has Him scourged. Many of us who have seen The Passion of the Christ know how horrific the scourging was, how it'd tear Jesus' skin right off His body. Some researchers of the Shroud of Turin estimate there are over 100 cuts all over Jesus' body.

Do you know why Simon of Cyrene was forced to carry Jesus' cross (Lk 23:26)? Because Jesus had no more strength to carry it. And, as I mentioned once before, many believe that Jesus died so quickly on the cross (only three hours rather than days) because He died of blood loss.

**Jesus gave everything for us!** The Church teaches that Jesus "knew and loved us all when he offered his life" (CCC 616). He saw all of us when He was dying, and He did it for us. And St. Paul realized it's even more personal: Christ "loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20).

St. Ignatius of Loyola says that, when we pray or meditate on the Passion of Jesus, we should actually ask God for "pain, tears, and suffering with Christ's suffering" (*Spiritual Exercises*).



(We) have an opportunity to thank Jesus face to face, because, the night before He died, He established His own memorial: "Then Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood'" (Lk 22:19-20).

Because of Jesus' words, the Church for all time has taught that **He is present in the Eucharist, "truly, really, and substantially"** (CCC 1374). These three adverbs are the keys to understanding the real presence of Jesus (Avery Cardinal Dulles, *How Real Is the Real Presence? in Church and Society*). When the Church says Jesus is "truly" present, she means that it's not just a sign pointing to Jesus in the heavens, but that He's truly there. When she says He's "really" present, she means at the level of being. So, even if no one

believes Jesus is present in the Eucharist, He's still there. And, when the Church says He's "substantially" present, she's referring to that reality beneath the appearance of bread.

This is why the Eucharist is at the heart of our parish and nothing can come before it or happen without it. So, what's better: Spending time with a person we love or spending time with the picture of that person? This is a critical question for us Catholics, because the majority of us are tempted to make excuses about participating every Sunday at Mass or visiting a church during the week.

In this season on the Eucharist, there are three things I'd like to suggest we do:

### 1) Recommit to participating at Mass every Sunday.

The first step is to decide to no longer make excuses. Here at this parish, we've had an abundance of teaching on the Real Presence, on the benefits of Sunday Mass, and the reasons why Jesus has made it a grave moral obligation to participate every Sunday. Today we have another reason: It's a matter of thanking the one who saved us and gave His life for us. It's one thing to make mistakes and miss Mass, and acknowledge that we've got to improve. It's another to make excuses like, "We're busy." And all of us who already go every Sunday are being challenged to go more during the weekdays—this is the challenge of love. How much do we love the Eucharist? There's a great temptation to be complacent in our Eucharistic devotion. We make a lot of excuses ourselves on why we don't come when we can.

**2) Think once again about committing 15 minutes a week to adoration.** Once we know the date of the opening, we'll tell you. It's looking like May now. Sorry about the delay. By the

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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

<b>Weekdays</b>	<b>Masses</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
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. 15	Monday of Holy Week	246	Frank & Christina Cipriano
Tues., Apr. 16	Tuesday of Holy Week	249	Mary Chan †
Wed., Apr. 17	Wednesday of Holy Week	252	Aida & Marcelo Lescano †
Thurs., Apr. 18	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper	-	-
Fri., Apr. 19	Good Friday	-	-
Sat., Apr. 20	Holy Saturday	-	-

**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 Kharoubch, Molly Loui-Ying, Susan Panlican, Huguette Piché, Barney Rousseau, Therese Rozario, Christina Sayo, Liliana Taylor, Fernando Tiago, Cynthia Wing, Theresa Yoshioka.

**Do you feel called to be a Permanent Deacon?**

Men between the ages of 35 and 60 interested in ordained ministry, along with their spouses, can learn more about the permanent diaconate at information sessions this April and May in Vancouver and Langley. To register, please visit <http://stmarkscollege.ca/news-events/events/permanent-diaconate-information-sessions> or email [deacons@rcav.org](mailto:deacons@rcav.org).



**Upcoming Homily Themes**

**April 20 & 21**  
*Easter Triumph,*  
*Easter Joy*

**April 27 & 28**  
*Dealing with Shame*

**May 4 & 5**  
*The Best Way to Apologize to Jesus & Our Parents*

**May 11 & 12**  
*Should We Ever Give Up on People? In Some Ways, Yes.*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome new parishioners!** Thank you for joining our parish family – we're happy to have you! If you have any questions about St. Anthony's or would simply like to meet some fellow parishioners, please come by the **Welcome Booth** after any Sunday Mass. We would love to meet you!

**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 [stanthonivan.com](http://stanthonivan.com) for a link to the registration form.

**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.

**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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way, it's not our fault! The pieces of art have arrived in Canada and are now being shipped by train from Montreal.

**3) This Thursday, we have adoration downstairs in the parish lower hall from 9 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Good Friday.** This is a huge treat! It's supposed to be imitating Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane up until His death. The setup is spectacular with light from hundreds of candles. My hope is that this Thursday, all of us, including those of us who have never done Eucharistic adoration will give it a try. Since many of us don't have work the next day, because it's Good Friday, I want to invite you to try coming and experience the graces, the peace, the joy, the consolation. I guarantee it'll be a beautiful experience and will prepare us for 15 minutes a week in the future.

Every time we celebrate Mass, we go one more time to Calvary where He died. His offering of Himself to the Father is made present in our time. This is where we encounter Him who gave everything for us.

*- excerpt from Fr. Justin's homily, April 14, 2019*

## Holy Week Schedule



**Sunday, April 14**

**Penitential Service 7:00 pm**

**Monday, April 15**

**Daily Mass 8:15 am**

**Tuesday, April 16**

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

**Novena Mass, 7:30 pm**

**Wednesday, April 17**

**Daily Mass, 8:15 am**

**Thursday, April 18\***

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

**Nocturnal Adoration,**

**9:00 pm until 3:00 pm (Good Friday)**

**Friday, April 19\***

**Stations of the Cross, 12:00 pm**

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

*Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.*

**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.**

*Join us for free Pancake Breakfast after all Masses!*

*\* Note: There will be no morning Mass on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week.*

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