

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 2019

The Heart of the Good Shepherd

The readings today give us two ways to help those we love grow. The first way is to love them with the heart of the Good Shepherd. Jesus says, in reference to His sheep, “No one will snatch them out of my hand” (Jn 10:28). Then He talks about His sheep as a gift that the Father has given Him, and says, “No one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand” (Jn 10:29). These two phrases refer to a shepherd protecting the sheep from evil. And do you remember what the Good Shepherd does for His sheep? He lays down His life for them. Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again” (Jn 10:11,17-18). [...]

What does this look like? There are different degrees. First, when we lay down our lives for people, it means we treat and talk to them differently. We look at them with love, even when we’re frustrated with them. We’re more patient, forgiving all the time (though not a door mat), never responding with unjust anger; we may respond with anger to things they do but it’s always for the right reason and in the right way.

Second, as many of you know, I offer up certain days for certain people. [...] I offer up my prayers for your benefit, and when I suffer, I offer to God the love which it takes me to bear that suffering well. [...] Let’s say I was counting on someone to help me, but they didn’t follow through—that causes more suffering, and so I need more love to forgive them—I offer that love for your benefit. Now let’s say it’s a 14-hour day of ministry and I didn’t sleep well the night before, and then someone legitimately needs help—that requires even greater love, which is precious and worth a lot to God, and I’ll offer it for you and that’ll give you more grace and help in your lives. Same with sacrifices. Every first Wednesday of the month, 50 of us men eat bread and water for our wives—that requires a certain amount of love, and we offer it for them. But even harder for me is looking in the fridge and seeing something I want to eat (like mango pudding) and then something I don’t want to eat (like brussels sprouts), and then choosing the latter... for you.

Third, some people, like St. Monica, offer their whole lives for those they love. When her son, Augustine, was a late teenager, he lived a wild life, having sex outside of marriage and falling away from his Catholic faith. He fell in love with a woman, had a son at 18, and when his father was dying, Augustine was angry at him for not being faithful in marriage to his mother. But it was through the prayers and sacrifices of his mother, Monica, that he came back home. One

bishop said to her, “Don’t worry, it is impossible that a son of so many tears should be lost.” Fifteen years later, Augustine returned to the faith and was baptized, became a saint, and went on to be one of the most influential thinkers ever.



The second way, which seems very different from the first, comes from the First Reading, where St. Paul and St. Barnabas give up on the people they’re trying to help! They arrive in Antioch and start preaching regularly in the synagogues. And the text says, “When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy; and blaspheming, they contradicted what was spoken by Paul. Then both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, ‘It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you reject it and judge yourselves to be unworthy of eternal life, we are now turning to the Gentiles... Thus the word of the Lord spread throughout the region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their region. So they shook the dust off their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium’” (Acts 13:45-46,49-51). [...]

So, here’s the deal: If we try to help them improve or share our faith with someone, and if they reject the truth, then we are allowed to leave them, and sometimes we should. Why? In order to give them freedom to change their mind. [...] Faith has to be freely chosen, otherwise it’s not faith. We should never pressure people to believe. We should evangelize, propose and invite as a lover does, but be aware of their need for freedom.

Now clearly St. Paul and St. Barnabas never completely abandoned the Jewish people. Even though they say they’re leaving the Jewish people and going to preach to the Gentiles, it says in the very next chapter that they still go to the Jewish synagogue (Acts 14:1)!

The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep but gives them freedom to go astray. But when we give them that freedom, it’s not because we’re giving up hope! Our hearts are still with them and always ready to welcome them back! [...]

Last week, someone thanked me for being vulnerable in my homily. That vulnerability is part of what we’re trying to build in this season of *Breaking the Silence*. Jesus is asking us all to be vulnerable and share what He’s doing and has done in our hearts so that we can build each other up and evangelize. So let me bring together everything we’ve talked about today by being vulnerable once again and sharing a difficult subject out of love!

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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
 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.

Weekday Masses & Intentions

| Day | Feast or Memorial | Missal Page | Intention |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Mon., May 13 | Ferial | 316 | Ottilia & Laszlo Bara † |
| Tues., May 14 | <i>Feast</i> St. Matthias, Apostle | 1499 | Erlinda Tarnate † |
| Wed., May 15 | Ferial | 322 | Aida & Marcelo Lescano † |
| Thurs., May 16 | Ferial | 325 | Nena Sison † |
| Fri., May 17 | Ferial | 328 | Ludovika Lanny † |
| Sat., May 18 | Ferial | 331 | Alice Edge |

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, Barney Rousseau,
 Therese Rozario, Christina Sayo, Liliana Taylor, Fernando Tiago, Cynthia Wing.

St. Anthony of Padua Novena

June 5 to 12: Mass & Novena 7:30 pm

Confessions 7:00 pm

June 13: Feast Day Celebration

Procession 6:30 pm & Mass 7:30 pm

* NOTE: NO MORNING DAILY MASSES FROM JUNE 5–13
 NO SATURDAY 5:00 PM MASS ON JUNE 8

Upcoming Homily Themes

May 18 & 19

How to Strengthen People's Souls

May 25 & 26

Preacher: Fr. Pierre Leblond

June 1 & 2

*The Power of Sharing Our
 Testimony*

June 8 & 9

Preacher: Deacon Andrew Kung

June 15 & 16

The Law of the Gift

June 22 & 23

*Understanding the Eucharist in
 Scripture*



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A warm welcome to our summer seminarian!
This year, Raffaele Salvino will be serving at our parish starting this weekend, and throughout the summer. He is currently in his third year of Theology at Seminary of Christ the King. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Raffaele who is eager to meet all of us!

Live gratefully, give generously.

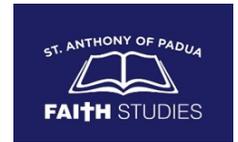
This is the second weekend of our parish's annual Project Advance campaign, which is crucial to the Church's mission of providing services that benefit all Catholics and countless others in our Archdiocese. In our parish, all the proceeds of our campaign in excess of our \$36,000 Archdiocesan commitment will go towards the Parish Centre Building Fund. For more information on our parish's campaign, please contact Anna & Jack Lam at jacklam57@shaw.ca

**PROJECT
ADVANCE**

Coming soon...Faith Studies!

Note: Registration deadline is Sunday, May 19. The 15th round of Faith Studies will start up again, **Tuesday nights from May 28 to July 2 at 6:15 pm and 8:15 pm.**

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.



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One of the hardest things as a priest is seeing some people not take the sacraments seriously. When does this happen? Typically at baptisms, confirmations, first Communions, weddings, Christmas and Easter. [...]

Let's be honest: the majority of kids in our diocese who get confirmed don't practice their faith every Sunday, and don't seriously try; they miss Mass for vacation, soccer, hockey, etc. [...] So, why get confirmed if we're not going to take it seriously? And I'm not talking about people who are sincere but fail and then go to Confession. We're talking about people who don't really try. How do I know? Because when we do interviews, it's just excuse after excuse. They say, "Okay, Father, we'll try." [...] Sincere people, however, actually apologize and think, and make a decision to make it a priority.

It's the same with weddings. Many couples in the diocese go to Confession on Friday, get married on Saturday, and skip Mass on Sunday. And the wedding is not focused on Jesus wonderfully calling two people together for life. It's about photos and dresses—that should be for the reception. The wedding is a sacred prayer.

For baptisms, we ask parents to promise to pass on their faith to their children by going to Mass every Sunday and by taking the first level of Faith Studies, but couples have figured out that they can show up every Sunday before the baptism, and then, once it's done, they don't come back.

The most painful is Communion. It breaks my heart to

see some commit a sacrilege, which is when we take something sacred and treat it casually and disrespectfully: They take Jesus in a state of mortal sin, offending the One I love and hurting themselves (1 Cor 11:27-30). [...] I used to get so mad at people for hurting Jesus and making a mockery of the sacraments. But the Good Shepherd has taught me something different: I must lay down my life for people who hurt Him. So, I no longer get mad at them; I'm still mad at the sin, but not at them. In fact, I now pray for them, and I've consciously worked on loving them when I see them. They still have freedom to sin, but, I love them! And I bring this up so that we can grow!

At the same time, I don't waste energy on being mad but put that energy into clearer expectations: to receive a sacrament worthily, we must be in a state of grace, having gone to Confession. [...] If you want to be a sponsor or godparent, go to Mass weekly and use your envelopes, and believe all of the Church's teachings, so that I can actually sign my name on the form that certifies that you're a good example of being a Catholic disciple of Jesus.

There is a price to be paid for every soul. There's a price to be paid for helping the people we love! And I'm willing to join Jesus in paying that price by: 1) loving people more; 2) offering prayer, suffering, and sacrifice for them; and 3) offering my whole life for them. That's what the heart of the Good Shepherd does!

- excerpt from Fr. Justin's homily, May 12, 2019

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