

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 EASTER

MAY 19, 2019

Having Devout Conversations



God, in the First Reading, gives us a powerful example of what spiritual friendships can look like. It says, “Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra, then on to Iconium and Antioch. There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, ‘It is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God’” (Act 14:21-22).

Now there are two things we can pay attention to here: 1) St. Paul founded the Christian communities here; he preached to them and probably baptized them. But he doesn’t just leave them alone, but spends time with them and shares with them (Acts in Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture). 2) He tells them that we enter the kingdom of God through trials and sufferings. But he’s not just speaking in the abstract. He’s sharing from personal experience, because right before this gathering he was stoned!

It says, “But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium and won over the crowds. Then they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But when the disciples surrounded him, he got up and went into the city” (Acts 14:19-20). That’s amazing! Could you imagine how painful it would be to get hit multiple times with heavy rocks all over the body? They think he’s dead. But he gets up and goes back. And so, when he was speaking to the disciples and encouraging them, he must be bruised all over and have some kind of bandages on—that witness and sharing would inspire me to be more faithful to God, because if St. Paul is faithful after being stoned, so should

I. It would also inspire me to be more tough and stop complaining, and make my troubles seem small. And it would remind me that to be a Christian means persecution, and loving and forgiving our enemies (Acts, 177).

And it’s not just sharing the difficult things, but the joyful. At the end of the First Reading, it says, “When they arrived [in Antioch], they called the Church together and related all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles” (Acts 14:27).

You see, joy increases when it’s shared and pain decreases when it’s shared. **Joy increases when it’s shared and pain decreases when it’s shared.** This is what God is offering us today.

So the way to grow in this friendship and intimacy is to ask the right questions and share from our hearts. We share what God is doing in our lives and listen to where God is moving in other people’s lives. This is what we call **Devout Conversations** (Fr. John O’Malley, *The First Jesuits*), which comes from the early Jesuits in the 1500s. It’s about asking questions of substance. “How are you?” is polite, but we can go deeper, for the sake of the other person. Here are five examples:

1. “How are you doing?” “Well.” **“How are things going lately?”** Pay attention to the highs and lows of the person. If someone says, “Yeah, work is going great,” then God’s working there—follow that! Find out what’s so great because their joy will increase! But listen also for the lows. “Um... I had a disagreement with my wife.” God’s working there too.

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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 20	Ferial	334	Chung Shee & Colin Kim Sing †
Tues., May 21	Ferial	337	Filomena Sison †
Wed., May 22	Ferial	339	Fr. Garrick Huang
Thurs., May 23	Ferial	342	Catherine Kriekenbeek-Lee
Fri., May 24	Ferial	345	Cyril Burke †
Sat., May 25	Ferial	348	Juliette Saclayan

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 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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



CWL / Covenant House Drive is coming soon!

The CWL will be collecting personal toiletry items for distribution amongst street youth. Next weekend, May 25 & 26, our CWL members will be distributing plastic bags with a list of required items

for either male or female. Please bring your donations on June 1 & 2. The Covenant House staff and those they serve gratefully appreciate your support!



**STEUBENVILLE
CONFERENCE**

Join your fellow parishioners at this conference which takes place from July 25-26 in Ohio. The conference features speakers on

Applied Biblical Studies, and Defending the Faith. For more information on registering and joining our parish group, please email Jessica or Agnes at stbv.sapv@gmail.com.



Parish Education Committee (PEC) Announcement

The operation of our parish school is overseen by a dedicated group of parishioners. We thank Linda Piry, Sara Ho, Ivy Chan, Vera Rahardja, Nancy May, and Kacia Yu for their service this year. This group works hard behind the scenes to support our school in making financial and staffing decisions, ensuring that all policies are followed, managing our fundraising and parent participation programs, as well as the maintenance of the school. A tall order! We are looking for more members of our community who might be willing to serve on the PEC. **We are in particular need of people with maintenance and financial backgrounds.** If you're interested please contact Linda Piry at lindapiry@gmail.com. PLEASE NOTE: Candidates must be capable and devout Catholics who have a passion for evangelization.

PROJECT ADVANCE

Live gratefully, give generously. Our campaign continues this weekend, as we aim to raise funds that will benefit our Parish Centre Building Fund, after our Archdiocesan goal of \$36,000 is raised. Pick up your pledge form after Mass! For more info, please contact Anna & Jack Lam at jacklam57@shaw.ca.

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- And we can ask, "What happened?" and then listen.
- After Mass, after asking how someone is, you could try, **"So what did you think of the Homily?"** Now, typically they'll say, "It was awesome," so we have to follow up with, "What was awesome about it?" because something probably struck them, and that's God working.
- One of my favourite questions is, **"Anything happen recently that you're thankful for?"** because this question gets us right to gratitude.
- One summer, when I was visiting from Rome, Kyle Neilson, who is another coach of mine, asked a most thoughtful question. He said, **"Well, everyone probably asks you the same question about how Rome is.** So, what do you want to talk about?" What a relief! Because everyone was staying at the level of clichés and no one was allowing me to go deeper.
- One time, one of our parishioners had just given birth to her first child, and, of course, it was such a beautiful moment, so I asked her, **"What's the best thing about being a Mom?"** She started to cry. So I didn't press her any further, and said, "You don't have to answer." Later on she did, and said that she was overwhelmed at how she could love someone that much.

Now never pressure people or make them feel uncomfortable. If someone doesn't want to go deeper, don't force them. We're just giving people a chance to share what's on their heart.

And, if they do, listen and share in their experience! Say, "That's wonderful! Tell me more," or, "I'm sorry to hear that. Tell me more." And, like St. Paul, be vulnerable and share something in your life. All of us have something to share. That's why we've had many testimonies during Mass, because they're real stories of how God has worked in our lives; they're believable and relatable, and strengthen us.

You can strengthen and affirm people in ways I can't. Sometimes only men can strengthen men, women encourage women, and only parents understand what parents are going through.

In this season called *Breaking the Silence* God is asking us to do what the early Christians did: Be a community where we share our joys and pains and strengthen and encourage each other.

At our past Leadership Summit, I taught everyone in depth how to do this. And now I want to give you all permission to go in this direction. My dream for our parish is that, if we're called to love like Jesus and proclaim Him in every circumstance, then we'll ask loving questions and share what God has done in our lives.

- excerpt from Fr. Justin's homily, May 19, 2019

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