

# Saint Anthony of Padua Parish

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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

JUNE 16, 2019

## The Law of the Gift

Three questions: 1) Is there anyone in our family that we're now distant from because of some problem? 2) Is there any friend we've given up on, because they hurt or offended us? 3) How often do we switch churches? We go to different churches depending on what suits us.

Brothers, sisters, guests, we're talking today about the temptation to isolate ourselves from other people. The point is that when we distance ourselves from someone in our family, for a bad reason, we miss out on intimacy. Hurts in relationships are supposed to help us grow, but, when we don't forgive our friends, we don't grow. And if we switch churches depending on whatever's convenient, or on the priest we like, or because there was a misunderstanding with someone, then we never plant spiritual roots, and don't... grow.

Today is the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, and the human person is designed to imitate the persons of the Blessed Trinity in their relationships with each other, meaning we're meant for stable intimate relationships. The Father gives all He is to the Son and the Holy Spirit; the Son gives all He is to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit does likewise. This is what we do when we fall in love: We want to give all of our time to the other person. When we have children, we give our whole lives for them.

Jesus says in the Gospel: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but (1) will speak whatever he hears... (2) He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. (3) All that the Father has is mine" (Jn 16:13-15).

1) He "will speak whatever he hears" means, according to St. John Chrysostom, that Jesus and the Holy Spirit have the same knowledge (Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, John, 11-21, 207). 2) "He will glorify me"—that's what each person in the Trinity does: They glorify each other (Cf. Jn 17:1,4,5). 3) "All that the Father has is mine" refers to this incredible intimacy between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

Let's explain this intimacy. Christians believe God is one but there are three persons in God. We use two key words to explain this: 'person' and 'nature.'

Imagine we're in a dark room and we see a shadow. The first question we'd ask is, "What is it?" What refers to the nature of a thing. Now, if we see that the shadow is in the shape of a human,



we ask, "Who is it?" And if we see that the person is good looking, we ask, "Is that Deacon Andrew?" 'What' refers to the nature of a thing, 'who' to the person. Each of us has one nature and each of us is one person; we all have human nature but have a different allotment of it.

But, in God, there are three persons who possess the exact same nature: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have one mind; they think with the exact same mind—that blew me away when I first learned that. And they love with the same will (Frank J. Sheed, *Theology for Beginners*). We're meant for this kind of intimacy because God made us in His image (*Gaudium et spes*).

If we're isolating ourselves, there's one rule that will help us—what I hope we all remember today. It's called **the law of the gift:**

**"Man... cannot fully find himself**

**except through a sincere gift of himself"** (*Gaudium et spes*). The more we give, the more we become truly human and happy. But if we walk away from relationships because of hurt, we lose ourselves. Now giving of ourselves may mean sometimes people don't appreciate us. But we should never allow ourselves to be used.

Remember, giving of ourselves is love, and love wills the good of the other, so giving of ourselves may mean correcting people and telling them to do the dishes themselves, make their own lunch, calling them to share in a responsibility and helping them be loving themselves! Ah yeah. [...]

We're in the season of Breaking the Silence where we're focusing on devout conversations: We ask questions of substance so that people can share what God's doing in their lives. But someone reminded me that an essential part of this is affirmation: When people share with us, we need to affirm them in their courage and vulnerability.

If there's a family relationship that's struggling, could we consider making a gift of self through affirmation? What about saying "Sorry", listening, forgiving, being polite, giving a hug, patting someone on the shoulder? That's what Jesus does for us: We keep on hurting Him, but He keeps on giving Himself to us.

**When we talk about loving like Jesus in our vision, we mean following the law of the gift.**

One time I was with friends from high school, and they all kept a truth from me; it was supposed to be a joke but wasn't funny. So I walked out. But one of my friends, not a Christian, made a gift

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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., June 17   | Ferial                                  | 561         | Ai-Lin Leng        |
| Tues., June 18  | Ferial                                  | 563         | Gaspare Leone †    |
| Wed., June 19   | Ferial                                  | 565         | Battista Piazzon † |
| Thurs., June 20 | Ferial                                  | 567         | Miranda Wong       |
| Fri., June 21   | <i>Memorial</i><br>St. Aloysius Gonzaga | 569         | Elizabeth Burke †  |
| Sat., June 22   | Ferial                                  | 571         | Pat Man Shun †     |

**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.

## Upcoming Homily Themes

June 22 & 23  
*Understanding the Eucharist in Scripture*

June 29 & 30:  
*Are You Free? Free to Do What?*

July 6 & 7:  
*We Become What We Celebrate*

July 13 & 14  
*A Summer of Healing & Recreation*

July 20 & 21  
*A Plan for Daily Spiritual Renewal*

July 27 & 28  
*Do You Pray Like Jesus? Here's How.*

August 3 & 4  
*Tips to a Simpler Life*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Coming soon! **CCBR's Pro-Life Study Series** This five week series beginning June 17 includes educational videos, engaging discussions and practical tools to equip the everyday Christian to stand against abortion and defend pre-born children. Duration: one session per week for five weeks. Start time: 7:00 PM, in the parish hall. Registration is \$30 per person. For more details and to register, please email Michael Roy at [mroy@endthekilling.ca](mailto:mroy@endthekilling.ca) or call Annie at the Parish Office.

## Celebrate Life on Father's Day

June 16 is Father's Day, and also Pro-life Sunday! This year, there will be a second collection on Sunday, June 16, Father's Day, to help local pro-life groups in our Archdiocese. Your dollars will be spent to strengthen and uphold the value of human life from conception to its natural end.



**Contributions for Chapel Opening reception gratefully appreciated!** Immediately following the blessing of our newly renovated chapel Archbishop Miller, everyone is invited to visit the chapel and proceed to the church hall to view a Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit. There will be a light reception attended by His Grace and we will be serving **refreshments of finger food and snacks**. As we are expecting a large crowd of people on this day, we are appealing to parishioners to contribute to the reception. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer of the church with suggestions on what's needed. For more information, please email [gillannmill@shaw.ca](mailto:gillannmill@shaw.ca).

## Baptism this weekend

Please join us in welcoming our newest member of our parish family! On Sunday, June 16 **Levi Cziolek** receives the Sacrament of Baptism at the 12:00 pm Mass.



## Save the date!

The **Knights of Columbus** are hosting their annual **Summer Barbecue on Sunday, July 7th** after the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00



PM Masses. Stay-tuned for more details on pre-orders for this event.



**The next live-in weekend at Seminary of Christ the King** in Mission will take place **July 5-7**. The weekend is for young men and boys who are interested in the priesthood or consecrated life. For more information call 604-826-8975, visit [www.sck.ca](http://www.sck.ca) or speak to our seminarian Raffaele Salvino.

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of self and called me, listened, and apologized. And then I made a gift of self in return and accepted it. If either of us were more selfish and unreasonable, our friendship could have ended, but it's persisted for 21 years, praise God. [...]

When it comes to which parishes we attend, the logical thing to do is to go where we're nourished and where we can nourish others. But there's a temptation to go where it's merely convenient for our schedule, or if we like what the priest says, or like the people there. (We're not talking about choosing a Mass time because of an unusual schedule—that makes sense.) But here's the thing: If we keep on parish hopping, we'll never plant spiritual roots.

Having a spiritual family is a key component of spiritual growth. It's a virtue to take responsibility for our brothers and sisters rather than just come and go. We hold each other accountable. In a parish family, we get tested and grow, because it's hard to love each other sometimes (Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*). There's no such thing as a perfect church. If you find one, go join it; it won't be perfect anymore. Have you ever heard someone say, "I go to different churches because that's how I love my brothers and sisters; that's how I grow spiritually"? It doesn't happen.

This is why Deacon Andrew and I insist that, if you want to have your child baptized here or if you want to get

married here, you need to put down spiritual roots here and show us that you're committed by going to Mass every Sunday, because it's good for you! Think about where we are nourished and where we can nourish other people, and then make roots there. [...]

We're two weeks away from our chapel grand opening, and, after six months of preparation, we're ready to sign up. What we're inviting everyone to do is to spend 15 minutes a week with Jesus, anytime you want, at any chapel you want. The point is to strengthen our relationship with Him through a weekly commitment. The website is [stanthonyvan.weadorehim.com](http://stanthonyvan.weadorehim.com).

It's not a perfect website, but allows us to see how many of us are signing up, and it'll send us reminders of our commitment to pray. The new chapel hours will be every single day, no longer Tuesday to Friday, and we'll start off from 6 a.m. to midnight. Eventually, once all the safety issues have been addressed and tested, we'll move to 24 hours a day.

St. Faustina said that whenever we're united to Jesus in the Eucharist, we're united to the Father and the Holy Spirit (Vinny Flynn, *7 Secrets of the Eucharist*). And when we think of them, we remember the law of the gift (which is life giving when annoyed frustrated or hurt): We only find ourselves through the gift of ourselves.

- excerpt from Fr. Justin's homily, June 16, 2019

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