

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH

1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

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SUNDAY MASSES

SAT 4:30 pm (anticipated mass)
 SUN 8:30 am | 10:30 am

DAILY MASSES

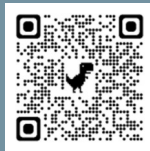
MON — SAT 9:00 am
 1ST FRIDAY 6:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

MON — SAT 8:30 am—8:50 am
 SAT 3:30 pm—4:15 pm

Online Giving Offertory

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PARISH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

SAT—DEC 2	9:30 am	CWL Advent Breakfast
TUE— DEC 12	6:30 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
SAT—DEC 16	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Advent Penitential Service
THU—DEC 28	12:00 pm	Community Lunch
WED—JAN 1		Centennial Logo Contest Deadline
MON — SAT	8:15 am — 8:30 am	MORNING PRAYERS
MON	10:00 AM	CATHOLIC FAITH IN PLAIN ENGLISH
TUE	7:00 PM	CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
WED	4:00 PM	MARIAN MOVEMENT CENACLE
WED	6:00 PM	PREP
THU	1:00 PM	CRAFT GROUP
THU	7:00 PM	ALPHA
THU	7:15 PM	RCIA
FRI	9:30 AM—4:00 PM	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRI	3:00 PM	DIVINE MERCY
1 ST FRI	7:00 PM	PARISH HOLY HOUR
3 RD SAT	9:30 AM	ST. PHILOMENA PRAYER GROUP
3 RD SAT	6:30 PM	CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
2 ND SUN	10:30 AM	PARISH STUDENT MASS

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE 2023

SAT DEC 23	9:00 am & 4:30 pm Confessions 10 to noon & 3:30 to 4:15 pm	SAT DEC 30	9:00 am & 4:30 pm
SUN DEC 24	8:30 am & 10:30 am Christmas Eve 4:30 pm & 10:00 pm	SUN DEC 31	8:30 am & 10:30 am New Year's Eve 4:30 pm
MON DEC 25	Christmas Day 8:30 am & 10:30 am	MON JAN 1	New Year's Day 8:30 am & 10:30 am

News in and around the Parish



MEN'S SHELTER DONATIONS URGENTLY NEEDED

SAT, DEC. 2nd

from 1:00 to 1:30 pm.

In addition to hot meals: cookies, squares, muffins, bananas and oranges, sandwiches etc needed. Home made baking would be a real treat and store bought would also be welcome. Delivery at the church parking. For more information please contact Nan at nanthomas@shaw.ca.



COMMUNITY LUNCH

THURS, DEC 28TH at noon

Join us on for our next community lunch. Invite friends and neighbours along and join fellow parishioners for a delicious lunch. RSVP to the parish office.



THANK YOU NOTE!

Thank you so much for your generous food donations to the SSVP meal at The Door is Open! Along with our main course, we were able to offer delicious sandwiches, loaves, home-made cakes, fruits and much more.

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity to the many people in need on the downtown eastside. Their day today, truly, was brighter because of you.

Yours, Shane

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 4

9:00 am - † Ed Hauser

Tuesday, December 5

9:00 am - † Michael Rath

Wednesday, December 6

9:00 am - † John Wong

Thursday, December 7

9:00 am - † Don Grant

Friday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Amir Davallou*

Saturday, December 9

9:00 am - † Clara Sulpa

4:30 pm - † Luke Armstrong

Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am - *Sp. Int. of Elias Haddad*

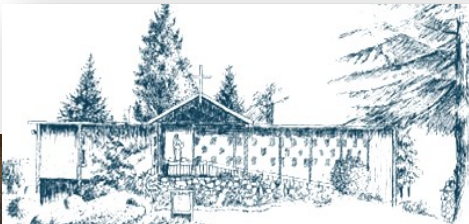
10:30 am - *Parishioners*

PARISH STUDENT MASS

St. Anthony's Parish will have the next Parish Student Mass on,

December 10TH AT 10:30AM.

You are all welcome!



ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH CENTENNIAL LOGO CONTEST

Do you feel inspired to create a logo for our wonderful Parish? The chosen logo will be displayed as part of our new website, letterhead, envelopes, bulletins, and social media.

All designs and ideas welcome!

Prizes for first place and runner up.

Submit your creative design by

JANUARY 1, 2024.

For more information and to submit your design, send an email to the Centennial Committee via: saintanthony.vwan@gmail.com



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, DEC 12 AT 6:30 PM

All are invited to the celebration of the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

MASS 6:30 PM, FOLLOWED BY MEXICAN INSPIRED POTLUCK

Sign up sheets available for food and volunteering.



FUNERAL AT ST. ANTHONY'S

It's with great sadness that we inform you of the funeral of

PATRICIA KEOUGH

held last

Saturday, Nov 25nd, at 11:00 am,

Our deepest condolences and prayers for the family.



PRO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Stay in touch this Christmas! Check out our beautiful selection of Pro Life Christmas Cards.

They are available in the office

\$10 per pack.

Pro-Life Christmas cards and prints will be available at the CWL Advent Breakfast.

News in and around the Parish



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

St Anthony's Craft Group will be selling items on **DECEMBER 2ND AND 3RD** after the weekend Masses. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTIAN SILENT MEDITATION

Saint Anthony's Christian Meditation group will meet

Tuesday Dec 5 at 7:00 PM.

Please note that we will not meet on December 12, 19 or 26th.

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend you will find yellow envelopes in each pew. These envelopes allow you to make a donation toward the flowers which adorn the Church during the Christmas season. The envelopes also allow you to include the names of those you wish to have remembered at the Masses for New Year's Day, January 1st (a holy day of obligation).

On the card inside the envelope, you can write the names of those you wish to have remembered. Please also include your donation, and then place your envelope with the completed card into the collection basket or hand it in at the parish office.

All Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

(New Year's day) will be celebrated with the intentions of the people whose names you submitted (living and deceased).

As always, we **thank you** for your support and generosity.



DON'T MISS THE FUN: CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Come one, come all. Join the St. Anthony's caroling group as we prepare to participate in the Dundarave Festival of Light Bonfire Lighting on

SAT, DEC 23rd at 6:00pm.

If interested, we look forward to you joining as many rehearsals as you are able to. The rehearsal dates are

Dec 4th, 18th and 22nd

For more information, call 604-922-1152 or the parish office.



CATHOLIC FAITH IN PLAIN ENGLISH

Catholic Faith sessions every **MONDAY at 10 am - 12 pm** in the hall. Catholics & non-Catholics are welcome to join us even for a few sessions.

Session 14: Dec 4, 2023
SUPERNATURAL LIFE

Does God Heal Today?

Thursday, Dec 7
7:00 pm

St. Anthony's Parish



CWL ADVENT BREAKFAST

Calling all CWL members: email dorell@telus.net

if you would like a ticket to our Advent Breakfast Sat Dec 2nd after morning mass. Deacon Tony is our guest speaker.

Lovely crafts will be for sale! Space is limited so a ticket is required. Tickets are 'by donation'.

CATHOLIC STREET MISSIONARIES

As the winter months are drawing near, would you be able to help with socks, toques or gloves for the homeless on our streets?

Donations may be placed in the box for Catholic Street Missionaries.

Thank you for your generosity!

THE GIVING TREE—ADVENT

During this 2023 Advent Season, St Anthony's Parish will give parishioners the opportunity to make Christmas "happy" for many needy people.

In our church foyer, you will find a "Giving Tree" with a variety of paper ornaments on it. If you wish to participate please follow the steps below:

- purchase the GIFT CARDS;
- Place each gift card in an envelope together with the paper ornament;
- Place the envelope in the locked black metal mailbox outside parish office door.

All gifts will be delivered by December 24th 2023.

Thank you and may God bless you!

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CHILDREN CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

DEC 24, 4:30 PM MASS

A reminder to the parents who would like their children (ages 4– 15 yrs) to participate in this year's December 24th Children Christmas Mass/ Pageant.

The Mass will be at 4:30 pm and a rehearsal will take place at 4:00 pm in the Church Hall. Your children should arrive, in an angel's or shepherd's costume (no Church costumes are available) at the hall, promptly at 4:00 pm.

Parents will leave their children in our Pageant Committee's care and proceed to the Church, to choose a seat for your family. Please save a seat for your children, because they will come and sit with you just before Mass begins at 4:30pm. We look forward to the Children's Nativity Pageant.

Merry Christmas from the Pageant Committee!

SEASONS GREETINGS!

You are cordially invited to the St Thomas Aquinas High School's Speech Arts Showcase

to be held at 10.55 am on Friday, 22 December.

Each year, students write and deliver speeches on grade specific topics or genres during their English classes. From these rich offerings, a few are selected from each grade to be presented to the school community.

Please join us in celebrating our students' creative efforts as we support them in developing their own voices. Please RSVP to sawdon@aquinas.org

We hope to see you there!

PROJECT ADVANCE 2023

"Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink?"
Matthew 25:35-36

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, let us take a moment to reflect on the spirit of giving and compassion that defines this sacred time of year.

We are now in the final stage of our Project Advance 2023 appeal. So far from the donations of 28% of our parishioners we have raised \$76,162 towards our parish goal of \$125,000.

This has been a difficult year financially for all of us, but also for those in greater need and for our parish. We sincerely thank our donors to date for their generosity.

We ask everyone to prayerfully consider a donation, within their own means, to this year's appeal. Every donation, no matter the size, will make a significant impact on the lives of the less fortunate and will help us to look after and improve our own church.

Donations can be made online through projectadvance.ca, through the parish office and at the table which will be at the back of the church next weekend.

May God bless everyone.

SECOND COLLECTION

SUNDAY, DEC 3

Youth Ministry Sunday

This weekend's second collection supports the work of the Ministries and Outreach Office in providing formation, training, and support for youth ministries across the Archdiocese. Parishes with active and intentional youth ministry receive a rebate from this collection.

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THE DUNDARAVE CHRISTMAS FAIR

SAT, DEC 2ND, NOON TO DUSK
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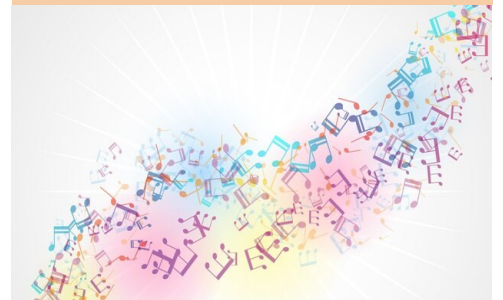
Bring everyone you love for the launch of the fifteenth Dundarave Festival. The Dundarave Christmas Fair opens four Saturdays of fabulous, festive and free concerts.

Join us to decorate your tree in the Forest of Miracles.

If you've not yet claimed a tree of your own, fear not. There's Christmas magic to be found.

To register please contact Mary Markwick at 778.847-1426 or by email at

mary@dundaravefestival.com.



HANDEL'S MESSIAH

The CSO Baroque Ensemble, Belle Voci and professional soloists present Handel's Messiah, conducted by Paula DeWit, on December 9 & 10.

This best-loved oratorio includes favourites such as "Hallelujah" and "The Trumpet Shall Sound".

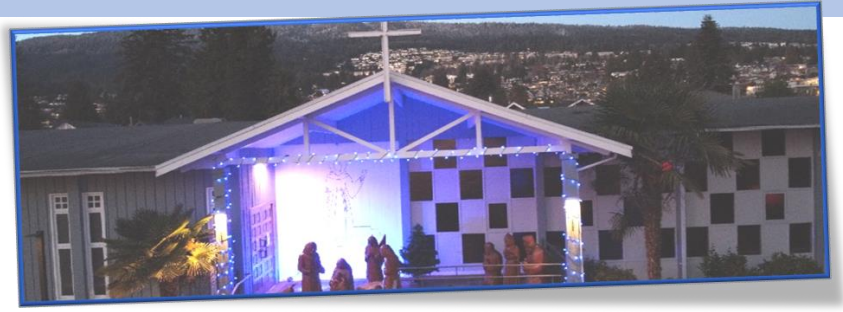
Together they present this glorious oratorio, a musical rite of the holiday season.

Saturday, December 9 at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 2:00 p.m.

Each Venue has stunning aesthetics and beautiful acoustics. Learn more and purchase tickets online for \$45 at beholdvancouver.org/events/messiah

St. Anthony's Parish Calendar

December 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
8:30 am Mass after-Mass Social 10:30 am Mass after-Mass Social			8:15 am Morning Prayers 8:30 am Confession 9:00 am Mass		First Friday Devotion	8:00 am BENEDICTION
	9:30 am Monday Rosary 7:00 pm CCO Discovery	6:30 pm Mass 7:15 pm Christian Silent Meditation	4:00 pm Marian Cenacle 6:00 pm PREP	1:00 pm Craft Group 7:15 pm RCIA	9:30 am Adoration 3:00 pm Divine Mercy 4:00 pm Benediction 6:30 pm Mass 7:30 pm Parish Holy Hour All night Adoration	9:30 am CWL Advent Breakfast 9:30 am CRAFT SALES 1:00 PM Men's Shelter Collection 3:30 pm Confession 4:30 pm Sunday Mass
Dec 3 - First Sunday of Advent Second Collection	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Dec 10 - Second Sunday of Advent	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:30 am Mass after-Mass Social 10:30 am Mass after-Mass Social			8:15 am Morning Prayers 8:30 am Confession 9:00 am Mass			
	10:00 am Catholic Faith in Plain English Course	6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast	4:00 pm Marian Cenacle 6:00 pm PREP	7:00 pm ALPHA 7:15 pm RCIA	9:30 am Adoration 11:00 AM Door's Open Collection 3:00 pm Divine Mercy 4:00 pm Benediction	9:30 am St Philomena 10:00 - 12:00 pm Advent Penitential Service 3:30 pm Confession 4:30 pm Sunday Mass 6:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group
Dec 10 - Third Sunday of Advent	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:30 am Mass after-Mass Social 10:30 am Mass Parish Student Mass after-Mass Social			8:15 am Morning Prayers 8:30 am Confession 9:00 am Mass			
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Dec 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:30 am Mass 10:30 am Mass 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Pageant & Mass 10:00 PM Christmas Mass	Christmas Day 8:30 am Christmas Mass 10:30 am Christmas Mass		11:00 am Boxing Day Skate	8:15 am Morning Prayers 8:30 am Confession 9:00 am Mass		
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