

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Anthony of Padua is a Christian Community in the Roman Catholic tradition that gathers to worship God, foster family life and continue our education in order to enhance our Baptismal Vocation.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of the month; except during Lent. Please contact the parish office 3 months before Baptism.

MARRIAGE: Contact the parish office 6 months or more before marriage. Marriage Preparation is mandatory in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:00pm to 3:45pm or by appointment.

Sunday Masses: Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

Weekday Masses: Please see schedule inside bulletin.

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From the Pastor's desk

Sharing God's Gifts

I want to thank those parishioners who have already contributed to Sharing God's Gifts and our Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Those who have contributed, really understand the "gift of giving back" to the Lord a portion of what God has given to you. Despite the soaring cost of living, rising food prices due to the greedy multimillion dollar food chains here in Canada, the high mortgage interest rates, we as Canadians are still privileged and blest. Just take a minute to thank God that you are not living on the Gaza Stripe right now or in eastern Ukraine. We, for the most part, have the means to give back to God a thanksgiving offering. *"The offering of the righteous enriches the altar, and its pleasing odour rises before the Most High. The sacrifice of the righteous is acceptable, and it will never be forgotten. Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold."* Sirach 35:8,9,12 Those who have not given any gift to God, need to seriously reflect on their Christian discipleship. Faith and family are the two most important pillars in life, and both are under attack today.

From Campaign Life: Euthanasia

The number of Canadians killed by euthanasia continues to escalate. Since Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) became legal in 2016, 45,000 Canadians have been killed. In a few months, in March, the category of killable people will rise to include those suffering from mental illness and depression. The treatment of choice in Canada for mental illness and depression is death. That's how "progressive" Canada wants to become under this present government. A Canadian government report is now recommending that the law be expanded further to include euthanasia for children, mature minors and advanced request for incompetent people. I don't know about you, but the aforementioned really disturbs me. Please contact your local MP and object to this insanity. I encourage the KOC and the CWL to be courageous and zealous in defending life for those suffering from mental illness and depression. Please act now.

Hockey Games, Catechism & Sunday Mass

During my years of being a priest and pastor I have been confronted with the difficult challenge, posed by parents as to whether or not their child could skip catechism or Mass attendance in favor of hockey practice or a game. There is nothing wrong or evil about hockey. Most Canadians enjoy an engaging game of hockey and being a part of the team teaches children some good traits like team work, comrade, discipline, dependability and more. The problem is that it robs the child of his/her Christian practice in an insidious manner. It becomes even more difficult as the child advances in years. Lots of money is invested in hockey by parents, often more than is contributed to their parish. I remind parents that they make promises to teach their child the Christian faith at the time of their marriage and again at the baptism of their child. Teaching the faith is done by word of mouth as well as by one's actions. The decision is up to the parents then. However, the catechism team allows a child to miss three classes during the catechism year. Medical reasons are exceptions.

Christmas Cards

We have Christmas cards for sale in the parish office for \$1 each.

If anyone has any quilting fabric, especially Flannelette, that you would like to give away, please bring it to the parish office.

Parish Pot Luck Our next pot luck will be in February

Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles

Third Week of Advent

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



Parish News

Keep Christ in Christmas

Once again, we as Catholics are encouraged to support religious art and Christmas stamps as a way of testifying as disciples of Christ.

Advent Dawn Novena of Masses

Because the 4th Sunday of Advent is on December 24th, this year we will begin our Dawn Mass Novena on Friday, December 15 at 6am. The Novena of Masses will end on December 23. The Dawn Masses will be followed by a Pot Luck breakfast, and all are welcome! Come one, come all!

Advent Reconciliation Schedule – 7:00pm

St. Nicholas Tavelich – Tuesday December 19
Immaculate Conception – Wednesday December 20
Holy Ghost – 6pm Thursday December 21

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent:

Sat Dec 23rd 4pm & Sun Dec 24th 11am

Christmas Eve: Sun Dec 24th 4pm & 7pm

Christmas Day: Mon Dec 25th 11am

Holy Family:

Sat Dec 30th 4pm and Sun Dec 31st 9am & 11am

Mary, Mother of God

Sun Dec 31st 4pm & Mon Jan 1st 11am



Please remember in your prayers, parishioners and friends who are ill: Julia Dewar, Renate Luebbert, Connie Mikolash, Brian Mondor, Sharon Harris, Al Sarna, Susana Montales, Jaques Drapeau and Adam Rusak.

Leisure Club: Come and join us and have some fun Wednesday afternoons at 1pm in the hall! We play cards, bingo and whist and go on the occasional outing. Membership is \$20 due January, 55+ welcome.

Members of the Leisure Club may consider spending some time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration in the Adoration Chapel.



The results for the CWL Elections to the Executive are as follows: Vice-President - Pay Hay (re-elected), Secretary - Marilou DeSousa, Treasurer - Ursula Kraemer, Chairperson of Faith - Darlene Kolody (re-elected) and Past-President - Anna Sanduliak Congratulations Ladies! Thank you to the outgoing Executive for their service to the league. **CWL is now collecting memberships for 2024** in the amount of \$40.00. Please make cheques payable to St. Anthony of Padua CWL. You can use the envelopes found in the gathering space to drop in the collection basket or you can mail your cheque to Pat Hay at 408-445 Partridge Ave, Wpg, MB, R2V 3H6. Any questions please feel free to call Pat Hay at [204-339-8475](tel:204-339-8475). **memberships are due by December 31.** Thank You.



WOW ! The Spirit of the Season is Alive and Well at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Winnipeg, Canada ! Thank you for all the artwork received to "Keep Christ in Christmas" this Advent. The selections have been made and Council prizes presented and those entries will represent our Parish in Manitoba. **Well done everyone!**

Religious Education Thank you to the catechists and volunteers and the ladies of our Parish Catholic Women's League for making our Children's Christmas Party a wonderful celebration of the Birth of Our Lord for our young people in their faith formation. Thank you Father Dominic, Colleen and Christopher for your support in our ministry.
Catherine, Rosa and our Parish Family.

News in the Archdiocese

Journey Through Advent: Video Series From the CCCB – Third Week of Advent <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

Blue Christmas Mass at St. Theresa's - January 4, 2024

For everyone that is grieving the loss of a loved one... The music during the season of Christmas is upbeat, and the joyful spirit lingers in the Church and the hearts of believers; all the while, your heart is aching as you continue to mourn someone who is no longer with you. For mourners, Christmas can be one of the loneliest times of your life. If this resonates with you, St. Theresa's invited you to accept their special invitation to their Blue Christmas Mass on Thursday, January 4 2024, at 7 pm. Consider bringing a photo of your deceased loved one to place in front of the altar during Mass. The Mass intention will be for their souls and those who mourn their loss. Feel free to invite someone who has been a good support to you or someone who you know is grieving.

3rd Sunday of Advent

Introduction To Penitential Rite: As children of the light, we sometimes slip back into darkness. For the times we have not been faithful to our calling, we ask to be forgiven and restored as light bearers.

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 In the first reading, we hear from God's Suffering Servant. He is glad to be the one chosen to announce a year of favor.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 In the second reading, Paul encourages us to rejoice and to pray always. Then we will become holy and ready for Christ's coming.

John 1:6-8, 19-28 In the Gospel, John is a man sent from God whose entire mission is to bear witness to the advent of Jesus the Messiah.

Mass Schedule

Mon Dec 18: Ferial

6:00am *Pastor's Intentions*

Tue Dec 19: Ferial

6:00am *R.I.P. Peter & Maria Majowski by Their Children
R.I.P. Stanislaw & Michalina Rudzki by The Family
R.I.P. Maryann Margaret Rosner & Mulu by Friends
God's Blessings for Karolina by her Children*

Wed Dec 20: Ferial

6:00am *R.I.P. Delores Zaluski by The Mackintosh Family
R.I.P. Maryann Margaret Rosner & Mulu by Friends*

Thur Dec 21: Memorial: St. Peter Canisius

6:00am *Health of Deb Iskierski by The Family
R.I.P. Maryann Margaret Rosner & Mulu by Friends*

Fri Dec 22: Ferial

6:00am *All Souls in Purgatory by Alfredo & Myrna Bello
R.I.P. Maryann Margaret Rosner & Mulu by Friends
R.I.P. Flaviana Faylon by The Family*

Sat Dec 23: 4th Sunday of Advent

6:00am *R.I.P. Stella Iskierski by Emily
Thanksgiving, Anniversary Blessings, and special intentions of
Rudy & Lorna Fernando-Militar*

4:00pm *R.I.P. Alejandro Caceres by Derrick & Rosa Robinson
R.I.P. Maryann Margaret Rosner & Mulu by Friends*

Sun Dec 24: 4th Sunday of Advent

11:00am *Thanksgiving & Blessings for the Alcartado Family
R.I.P. Laszlo Toth, Julianna Karagity & Gloria Barkovics by Marika Toth*

R.I.P. Maryann Margaret Rosner & Mulu by Friends

Sun Dec 24: Nativity of the Lord

4:00pm *Deceased parents by Ken & Darlene Chrzanowski
R.I.P. Tony Polvorosa & Wayne Winget by Gary & Elizabeth Kincaid*

*R.I.P. Joe & Delia Kincaid by Gary & Elizabeth Kincaid
R.I.P. Mary Theresa Gallagher by The Hay Family
Deceased members of the Gallagher & Hay Family by The Hay Family*

Thanksgiving by Eric & Ligaya Vergara & Family

7:00pm *R.I.P. Jason Kelsch by Angie, John Jodi & Justin*

*R.I.P. Michael Drapala by Joe & Betty Zarrillo
Health of Frances Drapala by Joe & Betty Zarrillo*

Readings for the week:

Mon Dec 18 – Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-24

Tue Dec 19 – Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a, Luke 1:5-25

Wed Dec 20 – Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10d, Luke 1:26-38

Thur Dec 21 – Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Song of Songs 2:8-14, Luke 1:39-45

Fri Dec 22 – 1 Samuel 1:24-28, Luke 1:46-56

Sat Dec 23 – Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6, Luke 1:57-66



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