



St. Anthony's Parish

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 27, 2020

Johnny, feeling very happy, went to see his psychiatrist. He entered the doctor's office wearing strips of bacon, one attached to each ear, and fried eggs, sunny-side-up, on top of his head. He sat down and announced, "Doctor, I'm here to talk to you today about my sister."

Why is it, that it is so much easier for us to see the flaws and peculiarities of other people and largely remain blind to shortcomings in ourselves? Why is it that we are so quick to point out ways in which other people need to change but not us?

It's a kind of denial. We are walking around with eggs on our head and pretending that everything is normal. But it's a denial that is largely unnecessary. The truth is, when we are able to admit our faults, when we can own the mistakes that we have made, we are not submitting to defeat and failure. We are taking the first step toward healing and success.

That is the message of today's parable. An owner of a vineyard had two sons and neither one of them was perfect. The first son said "no" to his father, but then changed his mind and did what his father asked. The second son said "yes" to his father's request but did nothing. A perfect son would have said "yes" and then done his father's will. But few of us are perfect. That is why, for us, the hero of today's parable is the first son, who originally said "no" but then changed his mind and went to work in the vineyard. The good news of the parable is that with God's help, we can change a "no" into a "yes."

This movement from "no" to "yes" is a fundamental Christian pattern that is routinely present in the Scriptures. Peter denies Jesus, but later repents. Thomas refuses to accept Jesus' resurrection, but then becomes a believer. Paul persecutes the early followers of Jesus, but then converts and becomes one of the great apostles of the church. In later generations, this same movement continues. Augustine lived his early life in debauchery, but then became one of the greatest spiritual teachers in history. Francis of Assisi began his life in privilege and self-indulgence but then changed to live a life of simplicity and service.

We need not be ashamed of moving from "no" to "yes." Whenever we follow that pattern, we find ourselves in very good company. To follow this basic Christian movement, we must start by admitting our denial. We must begin by owning that there are many times when we say "no", ways in which we are flawed, ways in which we need to change.

The Gospel today calls us to own our shortcomings. Our past does not determine our future. Our history is not our destiny. Through our Baptism, we are part of a community where sinners become saints on a daily basis, where those who judge learn to understand, where those who think only of themselves become servants of others.

Fr. Joseph Le



[Project Advance 2020 at St. Anthony's](#)



The parish phase of the Project Advance 2020 campaign officially launches today. In this time of unprecedented challenges, donations to Project Advance, through the Archdiocese's Crisis Response Fund will help those who are most vulnerable and impacted by the coronavirus and will also fund the Archdiocese's ministries of outreach and evangelization.

Please visit our parish Project Advance website at www.projectadvance.ca/stanthonywestvan for information regarding the use of your donations in our parish. We are very grateful to those that have already donated. We ask everyone to prayerfully consider donating to this year's Appeal.

May God bless everyone

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat - Sep 26 (Anticipatory Sunday Masses)	4 pm - <i>Sp. Int. of Alf & Marguerite Dumont</i> 6 pm - <i>Sp. Int. of Lea Young</i>
26 th Sunday of Ordinary Time Sun - Sep 27	8:30 am - FOR PARISHIONERS 10 am - <i>Sp. Int. of Moises Arata Solis</i> (Group A) 11:30 am - <i>Sp. Int. of Alf & Marguerite Dumont</i> 1:00 pm - <i>Sp. Int. of the Pyk family</i>
Mon - Sep 28	9 am - † Janet Wynn Edward
Tue - Sep 29 <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	9 am - In Honour of St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael 6:30 pm - † Norma Whiteside
Wed - Sep 30 <i>St. Jerome</i>	9 am - † Chelsea Andrews
Thu - Oct 01 <i>St. Therese of Lisieux</i>	9 am - In Honour of St. Anthony of Padua
Fri - Oct 02 <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	9 am - In Honour of The Holy Guardian Angels 7 pm - <i>Sp. Int. of Cesar Junio</i>
Sat - Oct 03 (Anticipatory Sunday Masses)	9 am - † Basim Azzam 4 pm - † Angelo Branca 6 pm - † Mulej Mihael & Stephen Pretnar
27 th Sunday of Ordinary Time Sun - Oct 04	8:30 am - † Ed Hauser 10 am - † Mabel Agnes Kitchener (Group A) 11:30 am - † August Renaldo Buholzer 1:00 pm - FOR PARISHIONERS



The first in-person *Lectio Divina* since February will be held on **Saturday, October 3rd, at 10:00 am.**

We are looking forward to seeing old and new faces alike. The one hour session will also be recorded and then edited for distribution afterwards on the Parish YouTube channel.

Please note: Participants and their comments will be removed from the video recording.

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm (anticipatory Sunday Masses)

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:00 am ([live streamed](#)), 11:30 am, 1:00 pm
(*MUST pre-register via office to attend, 50 max. per Mass and entry at downstairs entrance only*)

Weekday: Monday-Saturday (including holidays): 9:00 am & Tuesdays 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm on First Fridays.
(*must register upon arrival at downstairs entrance*)

Morning Prayer (Lauds): Monday-Saturday: 8:20 am

Adoration: Thursdays: 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm & First Fridays: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, and following 7:00 pm Mass until 7:30 am Saturday.

Benediction: Thursdays: 8:00 pm & First Fridays: 4:00 pm and the following morning at 7:30 am.

Confession Times: Monday-Saturday: 8:40 am & Saturday: 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

[Click here](#) for the Sunday 10:00am Live Streamed Mass

[Click here](#) for the daily Mass readings

Sunday Donations

During this unprecedented time, we are aware that many are experiencing financial challenges. St. Anthony's, too, is feeling the financial effects of this crisis. We are making efforts to cut expenses and have applied for government assistance. However, any donations you are able to offer at this time are greatly appreciated and will be used to continue our parish ministries to the fullest extent possible at this time and going forward. You may bring your donations to all Sunday Masses, or may place them in the parish office mail box at any time. Alternatively, you are encouraged to continue to give online at <https://universalis.com/20200927/mass.htm> where you can also contribute to second or special collections.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves...” -
Philippians 2:3



Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

Catholic Charities Men's Hostel Meal Donations - THANK YOU!

Thank you for an amazing response from all the parishioners & volunteers who prepared food for the homeless last Saturday. The Catholic Men's Hostel received sandwiches, baked goods and many treats in abundance due to your generosity. To get involved, please email messagemasuren@shaw.ca

Blessing of Animals

We invite you to bring your animal companions to church for a special blessing. We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a Blessing of Animals outside on the

Church lawn on:

Saturday, October 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

(The blessing of pets and animals is often celebrated on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, or on a day near that date. This also coincides with the conclusion of the celebration of the 2020 liturgical Season of Creation.)



Second Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

This year, the Catholic Church in Canada, along with the rest of society, has been seriously affected by the Coronavirus pandemic: from an inability to gather in worship, through limitations on pastoral and personal interaction, to office closures. Bishops, as shepherds who watch over their flock, felt this disruption keenly.

As we continue to address the challenges and impact of the Coronavirus upon our families, communities of faith and ecclesial outreach, your prayers, gestures of kindness and generosity are invaluable, heartfelt and true sources of consolation, comfort and renewed encouragement in the pursuit of the Church's pastoral mission.

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place as a second collection this weekend the

26th and 27th of September, 2020.

This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada.

Christian Dating with Author Rev. T. Morrow

Friday, Oct. 2 at 6:00 pm online.

The St. Paul's Young Adults Community invites all young adults to join them online on Friday, October 2 at 6:00 pm to hear author Fr. Thomas Morrow speak on topics covered in his book, *Christian Dating in a Godless World*. This promises to be an event jam-packed with advice such as: what love is and what it isn't; how to deal with loneliness and uncertainty; the unique roles of men and women in Christian dating; finding Mr. or Mrs. Right; how to strengthen your chances of finding a good Catholic; how to end bad relationships quickly; how to communicate dissatisfaction gently; when and when not to share past sins; and six steps to marriage preparation. We are blessed to have Fr. Morrow speak to us about developing deep relationships that help us grow in love with each other and for God. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

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PREP

Our Saint Anthony's PREP is for children who do not attend a Catholic School. The children are grouped by age to learn about the faith and prepare for the sacraments. In past years, our classes have been held every Wednesday, from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm. At this time we are working on providing a plan for a safe and healthy environment, that will be conducive to good learning and growth in the faith. The tentative start date for classes is Wednesday, October 14. Please stay tuned. The Registration Form is available on our parish website and at the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact Sister Angela Marie Castellani, FSE (PREP Coordinator) at prep.sawv@rcav.org or the parish office.

Adoration and Benediction

Every Thursday: 5:30 PM with Benediction at 8:00 PM;

Every First Friday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm with Benediction at 4:00 PM;

After 7:00 pm Mass - 7:30 am Saturday with Benediction at 7:30 am.

"So, could you not watch with me one hour?"

(Matthew 26:40)

