

# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**December 10, 2023**

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE 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  
1<sup>ST</sup> 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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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

## ADVENT MESSAGE\_WEEK 2

Candle Name: Bethlehem Candle  
Candle Symbolizes: Faith

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, Advent is a time for remembering and reflecting on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Father, I pray that you will turn our hearts toward you as Christmas approaches. Let us not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season this year and miss the chance to celebrate the gifts of hope, peace, joy, love, that you sent to us on that first Christmas.

Help us to see that you are with us. Nothing is too difficult, too messy, or too dirty for you. Jesus came to give us the gift of eternal life through the salvation that only you, our Heavenly Father, can give when we believe in your Son, repent of our sins, and confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

That first Christmas, you gave us the gift of hope wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Thank you, Father, for your immeasurable gift. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen

*As it is written in the book of  
the words of the Prophet  
Isaiah:*

*"A voice of one calling in the  
wilderness: 'Prepare the  
way for the Lord, make  
straight paths for him.  
Every valley shall be filled  
in, every mountain and hill  
made low. The crooked  
roads shall become straight,  
the rough ways smooth. And  
all people will see God's  
salvation.'"*

*Luke 3:4-6*



# News in and around the Parish

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 11**  
9:00 am - † Barbara Markwick

**Tuesday, December 12**  
*Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
9:00 am - Pro-Life Intentions  
6:30 pm - *Sp. Int. of Charm Society*

**Wednesday, December 13**  
*St. Lucy*  
9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Bishop Gary Franken*

**Thursday, December 14**  
*St. John of the Cross*  
9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Marie Gambioli*

**Friday, December 15**  
9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Peter and Mags Klaver*

**Saturday, December 16**  
9:00 am - St. Philomena  
4:30 pm - † Viola Branca

**Sunday, December 17**  
*Third Sunday of Advent*  
8:30 am - † Veronica Courtney  
10:30 am - *Parishioners*

## PARISH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

TUE— DEC 12	6:30 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
SAT—DEC 16	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Advent Penitential Service
TUE—DEC 26	11:00 am to 1:00 pm	Boxing day Skating party
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 <sup>ST</sup> FRI	7:00 PM	PARISH HOLY HOUR
3 <sup>RD</sup> SAT	9:30 AM	ST. PHILOMENA PRAYER GROUP
3 <sup>RD</sup> SAT	6:30 PM	CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
2 <sup>ND</sup> SUN	10:30 AM	PARISH STUDENT MASS

## SUNDAY ENVELOPES

Sunday Offering Envelopes are available for you in the vestibule. Cannot find your envelopes? Phone Parish Office.

## CENTENNIAL BOXING DAY SKATING PARTY

Everyone is invited to join us for our traditional skating party at West Vancouver Ice Arena.

**DATE: TUESDAY, DEC 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
**TIME: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**  
**REFRESHMENTS: PROVIDED**  
Bring family members & friends!  
All are welcome!



## CHRISTMAS CAROLING DON'T MISS THE FUN:

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 December 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 4<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup> AND 22<sup>ND</sup>.**

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



## PARISH STUDENT MASS

St. Anthony's Parish will have the next Parish Student Mass on, **December 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:30AM.** You are all welcome!

## COMMUNITY LUNCH

**THU, DEC 28<sup>TH</sup> 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.





# News in and around the Parish

## 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 or shepherd 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.

**Merry Christmas from the  
Pageant Committee!**



## CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR THANK YOU

Thank you to our wonderful community for coming out and supporting our charity this holiday season! We are thrilled to announce that we raised close to \$2000. Your generosity and kindness have made a significant impact on our mission to help those in need. May God bless you and your loved ones, and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas!



## 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.



## 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.



## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**Thank you and may God bless  
you!**



## PRO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS

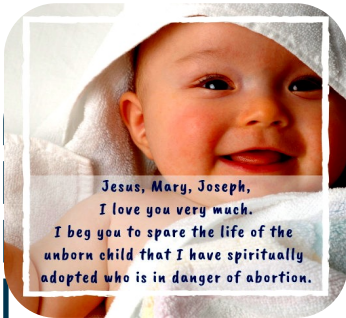
Stay in touch this Christmas! Check out our beautiful selection of Pro Life Christmas Cards.

They are available in the office  
**\$10 per pack.**

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



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Jesus, Mary, Joseph,  
I love you very much.  
I beg you to spare the life of the  
unborn child that I have spiritually  
adopted who is in danger of abortion.

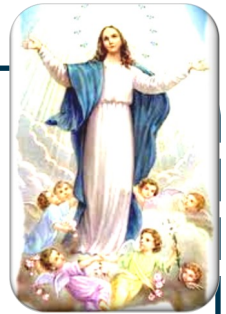
## ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

On Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, it's our joy again to spiritually adopt an unborn baby for nine months.

If a child that might have lived to age ninety-five is aborted, that means depriving that person of more than fifty million minutes of existence.

There is no "right" to cut a life short by any amount of minutes.

We pray daily: "Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I love you very much; I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted, and who is in danger of being aborted." (followed by one decade of the Rosary)



## 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 15: Dec 11, 2023**

THE COMMUNION AMONG THE SAINTS IN THE BODY OF CHRIST



## CELEBRATIONS AT ST. ANTHONY'S

Congratulations to

*Scottie Rose Durkovich Asquith*

&

*Leona Bryskj*

who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism,

**on December 9, 2023.**

*May our Lord's gift of the Holy Spirit keep you strong in faith, hope and love.*



## PROJECT ADVANCE 2023

"For it is in giving that we receive."  
St. Francis of Assisi

"It is not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."  
Mother Teresa

We are now in the final weeks of our 2023 appeal. As a community, we thank our donors to date. The words above, open the door for us realize the importance of giving, regardless of the amount, and help us to appreciate the joy and blessings that will flow from our generosity.

We will have a table in the vestibule following the Masses this weekend to answer any questions and receive donations. Gifts can also be made through the parish office and online at [projectadvance.ca](http://projectadvance.ca).

May God bless everyone.

## BLESSING OF CHRIST CHILD FIGURES

If you bring your Christ Child figure from your home Crèche to any of the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Masses at St. Anthony's, they will be blessed.



## SECOND COLLECTION

**SUNDAY, DEC 10  
ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul volunteers prepare and serve two hot meals a month to people in need at The Door is Open, the Archdiocese of Vancouver's day drop-in centre in the Downtown Eastside. Thank you for supporting the SSVP group and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

## ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH CENTENNIAL LOGO CONTEST

**JANUARY 31, 2024.**

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 For more information and to submit your design, send an email to the Centennial Committee via:

[saintanthony.wvan@gmail.com](mailto:saintanthony.wvan@gmail.com)

