

St. Anthony of Padua  
Roman Catholic Parish

Parish Directory  
Stewardship in Action

1345 West 73rd Ave.  
Vancouver, BC

Phone: 604.266.6131

Fax: 604.266.0223

[office@stanthonysvancouver.org](mailto:office@stanthonysvancouver.org)

<http://StAnthonysVancouver.org>

If you wish to contact any of these groups within our parish community, you can check a recent bulletin for the current contact information, call the parish office, or send an email to the Stewardship Committee at [volunteer@stanthonysvancouver.org](mailto:volunteer@stanthonysvancouver.org).

2013 Edition

## PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office consists of a paid Administrator who assists the Pastor and is responsible for all general administrative tasks, including accounts payable and receivable, secretarial support, and the weekly production of the bulletin among many other duties.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council is a group of parishioners who are appointed to advise and work with the pastor in building the parish as a living Catholic community. They meet approximately once every two months, in addition to regular email correspondence. Sub-committees include:

### BUILDING CARE

The Building Care Committee looks after the general upkeep of the parish and the properties. They maintain a history of the physical structures, and also maintain a contractor contact list that is used when issues arise.

### EDUCATION

The Education Committee plans and hosts educational programs for adult parishioners. They have been running the Bible Study, Talks on the Faith, and other education programs. The Bible Study program hosts weekly video and discussion sessions using the well regarded Jeff Cavins series of study materials. Please monitor the bulletin and website to find out about the current series of Bible Study sessions and times. All are encouraged to join.

### LITURGY

The planning and preparation of the liturgies we celebrate throughout the year is done by this committee. It assists the priest by making the liturgy more prayerful and relevant to parishioners and by preparing the church for festive occasions.

### STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Committee works to help parishioners find ways to contribute their time, talent, or treasure to the parish community. They host events such as the Ministry Fair, Gratitude Weekend, and publish this Parish Directory. New members are welcome.

### WELCOMING

The Welcoming Committee makes the first contact with newly registered parishioners at St. Anthony's. Welcome packages are sent out from the parish by a volunteer. Another volunteer then follows up with a telephone call to ensure that they have received their packages and are settling into the parish.

---

## Parish Community

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through services to the people of God. CWL members contribute to the life and vitality of the church, family and community, both at home and abroad. They also support the efforts of League members across Canada who diligently work to promote the teachings of the Catholic church. Our motto "For God and Canada" guides us in our cause. We participate in so many different levels, from grass roots (St Anthony's Parish Council) to the Vancouver Archdiocese. To become a CWL member at St Anthony, start by calling the Parish office for a contact person. Plan to attend one of our meetings, generally held on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 am or drop by our Sunday Coffee and Bake Sale (after mass on first Sundays) and chat with our members. Find out about activities and events to participate in and around the parish. Meet our dedicated members who have discovered the joy of serving the Lord, centred on faith, fun and fulfilment. We look forward to welcome you on board. Visit these websites: [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) or [www.vancouvercwl.ca](http://www.vancouvercwl.ca)

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Membership in the Knights of Columbus provides an association with congenial companions. It offers the opportunity for fellowship with those of the same belief who recognize the same duty to God, to family and to neighbour, and who stand with those who share those beliefs. Programs are organized to appeal to the individual interests of the members and to enable them to render service to their church, their country, and their fellow men. New members are always welcome.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is: "To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy." Vincentians see Christ in anyone who suffers; come together as a family; have personal contact with the poor; help in all possible ways. SVDP volunteers operate two Thrift Stores in Vancouver and a downtown Outreach Program providing food, etc., three times a week. They also collect items for the Vancouver Food Bank and can readily assist anyone who has immediate need of temporary assistance. Membership is open to any parishioner at no cost, with meetings held the last Tuesday of each month, after Mass, usually at 8:15 pm.

## CHOIRS

New members are always welcome to sing at our Saturday and Sunday Masses. No musical training is necessary, practices vary with each Choir. Instrumentalists and organists are always greatly appreciated. Contact the Choir Conductor after the Mass.

## GIFT BEARERS (PRESENTERS)

Presenters bring the bread and wine to the altar for consecration. Presenters are scheduled to present approximately once per month. People interested in becoming Gift Bearers are encouraged to contact the coordinator.

## GREETERS

Greeters are the first point of contact for parishioners at Mass. They are also valuable in helping visitors and new parishioners to St. Anthony's. A greeter is assigned to approximately one Mass per month. New greeters are always welcome.

## LECTORS

These are the people who proclaim the readings at Mass. Lectors are assigned to an average of one mass per month, and a list of substitute readers is maintained.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

At the 10 am and 11:30 am masses, children age 3 to 6 are invited to leave the Mass for their own Liturgy of the Word in the church lower hall. The Liturgy of the Word with Children invites the participation and response of each child to the Good News of the Sunday gospels in a language that they can understand. While held in a separate location, not far from the main assembly, the children are worshipping in communion with the whole parish community through experiencing the Liturgy in a meaningful, prayerful way that celebrates our Catholic faith.

## USHERS

Ushers assist with seating at the weekend Masses and take up the collection. They are also available to answer questions from attendees of the Mass. Ushers are scheduled to assist approximately once per month. New ushers are always welcome.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel at St. Anthony's Parish is open from Tuesday to Friday from 9 am to 10 pm. There is a group of committed people who have a scheduled time throughout these days in which they keep vigil with the Blessed Sacrament for at least one hour. Additional adorers are always welcome. For more information, please contact the co-ordinator.

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

The building committee oversees the planning and eventual construction of the Parish Centre. The early endeavours include keeping people informed and supporting fundraising activities. Once half of the funds are raised, there are many activities including selecting an architect, getting permission from the Archdiocese, assisting with obtaining city hall permits, meeting with neighbours to share information, overseeing all aspects of the building of the Parish Center, and planning the grand opening.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee reviews the financial transactions of the parish and provides the pastor with a "second opinion" on financial issues. They also review and sign-off on the annual filing that St. Anthony's makes to the Archdiocese.

## FLOWER MINISTRY

This group of parishioners arrange the flowers in the church. Their purpose is to share the beauty of God's creation in our church. It is also a way to worship our Lord, honour, and remember our loved ones.

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Saint Anthony of Padua Fundraising Committee is an active group of volunteers responsible for organizing events including Krispy Kreme donut sales, Summer BBQ, Golf Tournament, Coin Can Drive, and Dinner Dance. These annual events raise funds for the Parish Center. They can always use additional assistance and new ideas to help us reach our targeted goals. Please consider volunteering some of your time and talents to our Committee – fundraising provides an opportunity for you to give something to the Parish while at the same time expressing and celebrating your Faith. The amount of time and effort you commit is up to you but we promise to make good use of whatever time and effort you can spare.

## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN (PREP)

The goal of PREP is to assist parents in the religious education of children who are attending public schools, from Grades 1 to 7 and prepare them to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm during the school year - September to May at St. Anthony's School. Volunteer catechists are usually selected by the pastor and coordinator. Anyone who feels qualified is welcome to apply at anytime with the PREP Co-ordinator or the church office.

## PROJECT ADVANCE

Project Advance is a Vancouver Archdiocese initiative. The purpose of Project Advance is to strengthen the Catholic Church and her mission. Over the years,

donors at St. Anthony's parish have been very generous. Project Advance rebates to the parish were put towards the school construction and upgrades of our church's building. Currently, Project Advance rebates are put towards the Parish Centre project.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a program for people interested in the Catholic Faith, whether they are non-Catholics thinking about becoming Catholic, or Catholics who wish to take up the practice of their Faith or simply to learn more about their Faith. The program starts with a period of instruction, and progresses into a more in-depth experience of the Faith and then into a process of initiation.

### SEISMIC COMMITTEE

The Seismic Committee was formed after our Parish received a Seismic Risk Assessment report on St. Anthony's School, our Church and the Rectory. The Archdiocese of Vancouver has given the Seismic Committee a mandate to report back by November 30th, 2015. The priority is St. Anthony's School (which also will include the Parish Centre) and the Church. There are many structural and engineering items to be considered which also might involve either retrofitting or rebuilding certain structures. It is necessary to have a Master Plan in place which should incorporate development plans for both present and future structures including the school, church, rectory and the single-family dwelling situated on Montcalm Street, next to the church building, as well as parking facilities. In order to accomplish this, the Seismic Committee will work closely with the Building and Fundraising Committee.

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee organizes social events that allow parishioners to meet with and enjoy each other's company. It fosters the idea of community within the parish. A major event undertaken by this group is the church bazaar held every other year. The social committee also organizes the Easter Vigil Service celebrations as well as other social events when called upon to do so.

### ST. ANTHONY'S NOVENA

The St. Anthony's Novena Group hosts 9 days of events from June 5 to 13 for the celebration of St. Anthony's feast day. The Novena involves multiple parish groups and it is attended by devotees from the entire archdiocese. The event highlights the participation of different guest priests and choirs from other parishes. The week ends on St. Anthony's feast on June 13<sup>th</sup> with a procession, mass, and novena followed by a community fiesta dinner – it is attended by hundreds of devotees. You are invited to be an active volunteer whether you belong to the parish or are from outside of the parish.

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA YOUTH MINISTRY

The SAY Youth Ministry is committed to fostering spiritual growth of youth in a community environment that encourages them to be true witnesses of the Catholic faith. Programs are offered to youth age 11 to 18 (Grades 8 to 12). Everyone is welcome. Contact the co-ordinator, or email [youth@stanthonysvancouver.org](mailto:youth@stanthonysvancouver.org)

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PRE-SCHOOL

The Parish Preschool has been providing high quality care to children since 1995. It offers various programs for children aged three to five years. The staff consists of licensed, qualified Early Childhood Educators. They foster intellectual, creative and social growth while enriching the Catholic faith. Contact 604-261-4043 or [preschool@stanthonyofpaduaschool.ca](mailto:preschool@stanthonyofpaduaschool.ca)

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SCHOOL

The Parish School is a member of the Catholic Independent Schools of the Archdiocese of Vancouver and currently have 183 registered students from Grades K-7 in 2013-14 school year. It promotes partnership between the home and school-parish community and develops the whole child - spiritual, intellectual, physical, social and emotional. Visit [stanthonyofpaduaschool.ca](http://stanthonyofpaduaschool.ca) or call 604-261-4043.

### PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE (PEC)

The Parish Education Committee is authorized and charged by the Archdiocese and the Society of Catholic Schools for the promotion, operation and internal management of the Parish School.

### SUNDAY COLLECTION COUNTERS

The Collection Counters are entrusted to tabulate the weekly collections. It is an important part of the parish's operations, and it requires high accuracy. Parishioners of St. Anthony's can apply to join the team. An orientation program is provided.

---

## Liturgy

### ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers are boys and young men responsible for assisting the Priest in a reverent and respectful manner during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Responsibilities include preparation for the Mass, assisting during Mass and closure after Mass. Altar Servers are selected and trained by Father Mario.