

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

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A Profile



*"...so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another."
Romans 12:5*

A VIBRANT AND GROWING PARISH

The parish of St. Anthony of Padua is vibrant and growing. Located in a neighborhood that has been revitalized by the development of new condominium buildings and business establishments in Marpole, it meets the spiritual needs of some 800 families in the area. The parish is rich in ethnic diversity with members from 50 different countries. Some of our regular parishioners come from other municipalities such as Richmond, Ladner and Tsawwassen.



The following statistics give a glimpse of Parish activity:

Attendance at Mass each Sunday.....approx. 950
Number of annual Baptisms.....average 32
Number of annual Marriages.....average 7
Number of people using envelopes.....average 490

OUR VISION, MISSION, AND VALUE STATEMENTS

Vision

We, the parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, are committed to enhancing the spiritual life of our parish and to being a caring community that is inclusive of everyone from the unborn to the aged.

Mission

Our mission is to educate, lead and support the parish community in deepening its knowledge and understanding of the faith. Our parish will be a center of inspiration to experience peace, compassion and hope.

Value Statements

- ◆ Promote a Catholic Faith based environment.
- ◆ Promote spiritual growth within our community.
- ◆ Nurture the diversity of our parishioners.
- ◆ Encourage works of charity and justice.
- ◆ Support pastor-driven participative leadership.

THE PASTOR



Pastor Role

The Pastor makes ultimate decisions in all school and parish matters in consultation with the Parish Education Committee and Parish Pastoral Council. He ensures that the spiritual and physical integrity of the church and its environment are enhanced and well maintained. He stresses our Vision, Mission and Value Statements in all our endeavors.

Father Mario Marin was appointed Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in 2006 after serving as Assistant Pastor at St. Patrick's Parish in Vancouver for four years. He received his ordination in Vancouver in 2002 after completing his studies in Rome.

"St. Anthony's is rich in cultural diversity and a very supportive community wishing to grow in Faith."

Fr. Mario Marin

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council assists the Pastor in his leadership role. It is a venue for establishing projects and for assuming responsibility for the development, implementation and evaluation of these projects or delegating them to others as appropriate.

The Community

There is a strong sense of belonging to the parish and involvement in church activities; a selfless and unconditional commitment among volunteer helpers to do a job well; and an active concern especially for the sick, the elderly, and the youth. Newcomers are always welcome.

PARISH EVENTS

- ◆ Celebration of the Feast of St. Anthony, Anniversary of founding of the parish
- ◆ Celebration of the Feast of Christ the King
- ◆ Celebrations following special masses such as Easter
- ◆ New Year's Eve holy hour and reception
- ◆ Luncheon after Anointing of the Sick Mass
- ◆ Monthly coffee and bake sale by Catholic Women's League (CWL)
- ◆ Monthly pancake breakfasts by Knights of Columbus (K of C)
- ◆ School Concerts and Youth Ministry activities



Some of Saint Anthony of Padua parishioners

PARISH SCHOOL



After 19 years, the school re-opened in 1995 with a small class of preschoolers, and progressed to become a member of the Catholic Independent Schools of the Archdiocese of Vancouver in 1999. It registered 201 students from Grades K-7 in 2010-11. It promotes partnership between the home and school-parish community and develops

the whole child - spiritual, intellectual, physical, social and emotional. The school assists students to become productive members of the Church and help create a society that lives in true Catholic community. 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 school.

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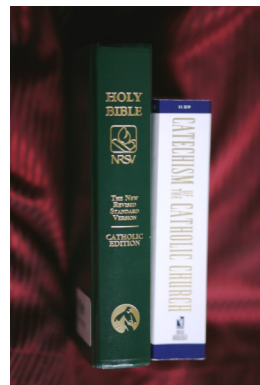
PRESCHOOL

Our licensed preschool has been providing high quality care to children since 1995. It offers various programs for children aged three to five years old and operates Monday to Friday morning and afternoon. It is a parish program that operates solely on income generated from preschool fees. It has a capacity for sixteen students in each program and the staff consists of two licensed, qualified Early Childhood Educators. The preschool provides a safe, supportive and nurturing environment that stimulates the child’s spiritual, social, physical, emotional, intellectual, and creative growth. It also promotes partnerships between the family and preschool to assist the unique and natural development of every child.



PARISH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

- ◆ Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)
- ◆ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
- ◆ Bible studies, Lectures on the Faith
- ◆ Program for altar servers (exposure to priestly vocation)
- ◆ Awareness of programs and events within the Archdiocese



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FAITH AND WORSHIP

Sunday Masses

8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
11:30 a.m., and
5:00 p.m. on Saturday

Weekday Masses

8:15 a.m., except Tuesday
at 7:30 p.m., and
9:00 a.m. on Saturday

Lauds

8:00 a.m. Sunday &
Weekdays except Tuesday
8:45 a.m. Saturday

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Tuesday to Friday in the
Chapel
8:45 to 10:00 a.m. First
Friday of each month in the
Church

Confession

8:00 a.m. Weekdays
except Tuesday
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. &
4:30 p.m. to 4:55 p.m.
Saturday

Blessings

Articles may be blessed
after any Sunday Mass.
House blessings are to be
pre-arranged with the
pastor.

LITURGY STRENGTHS

- ◆ Eucharistic Adoration
- ◆ Reverence for Catholic tradition
- ◆ Reverence in responding to prayers
- ◆ Kneeling for communion
- ◆ Anointing of the sick
- ◆ Liturgy Guidelines
- ◆ Sacred music including participation by school children



"Service and worship practices at St. Anthony adhere to traditional rites aimed at nurturing and keeping the Christian faith alive, vibrant and strong."

Baptism

The first and third Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m., by appointment. Parents are to be married in the Catholic Church and registered parishioners for at least two months prior to the Baptism.

Marriage

Six months notice and a marriage preparation course are required before a date is set. Catholics must be practicing the faith and registered in this parish.