

Saint Anthony of Padua Parish

With the Eucharist at the centre, we are a community desiring to be saints, sent out to love like Jesus and proclaim Him in every circumstance.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2019

Equipping Us to Be Missionary Disciples

This Sunday, December 15 to Tuesday, December 17, Fr. Francis Ching will deliver a parish mission at our church on the fundamental virtues necessary for growing missionary disciples. These talks are well timed, as they will equip us for our *Alpha as Culture* season. While this is Fr. Francis' third visit to our parish, many still don't know him well. So, here is a brief biography on Fr. Francis:

Fr. Francis Ming Chung Ching was born in Hong Kong in 1972 into a Catholic family. His family immigrated to Toronto in 1986. During his undergraduate studies in Waterloo, he experienced a personal conversion to Jesus and became very active in his faith through involvement with the Waterloo Chinese Catholic Community and an annual young adult retreat called Eastern Canada Chinese Catholic Living Camp (ECCCLC). Shortly after, people began to notice in him a possible vocation to the priesthood and encouraged him to pursue it. A confirming sign came in 1997 at World Youth Day in Paris, France and he decided to begin seminary preparation in 1998.

Joining the Companions of the Cross

Fr. Francis made a couple of visits and was genuinely inspired by the brotherhood and the worship of the Companions at St. Mary's. But initially he did not intend to join them. He felt that the Lord wanted him to minister to the Chinese communities of Toronto. Fr. Francis began Philosophy studies and explored both the semi-monastic and the diocesan lifestyles. However, Fr. Francis was not satisfied, so he re-read the book "*We are Called the Companions of the Cross*," obtained from a previous visit with Fr. Bob Bedard, CC. It was in reading this book that he realized that the Lord was calling him to join the Companions: Everything in the book was exactly what the Lord had been placing on his heart over the years. Fr. Francis joined the community in 1999, and was ordained in 2005.

Fr. Francis was born with glaucoma and is diagnosed as legally blind. His eye condition severely worsened four years into his first assignment at St. Timothy Parish in Toronto due to complications. His condition stabilized after two surgeries and but he lost the ability to read.

Current Ministry

Since July, 2015, Fr. Francis has been doing full-time evangelization work. Half his time is dedicated to helping provide formation and training for the *Fountain of Love and Life*, a Chinese media evangelization charitable organization that produces weekly TV and radio programs, and online web content. With the rest of his time, he gives retreats, parish missions, and workshops wherever he's called to serve. He is also the spiritual director for the Eastern Canada Chinese Catholic Living Camp.

Advent Parish Mission

7:00 PM, December 15 - 17

**"Equipping
for the
Harvest"**



**with Fr. Francis Ching
at
St. Anthony of Padua Parish**

Sunday, Dec. 15: Seeking Virtues
Adoration, Praise & Worship, Talk,
Prayer Ministry, Benediction

Monday, Dec. 16: A Listening Heart
Mass, Adoration, Talk, Prayer Ministry,
Benediction

Tuesday, Dec. 17: Mentoring Group
Mass, Adoration, Talk, Prayer Ministry,
Benediction

NOTE: There will be no morning Mass or Novena during the Parish Mission. Daily Mass will be in the evening at 7:00 pm.

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Parish Registration
 Our parish family warmly welcomes new parishioners.
 Please register by filling out a registration form located in the
 vestibule or the Parish Office. If you are registered and moving,
 please advise the parish office.

Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Weekdays	Masses	Confessions
Monday	8:15 am	8:00 to 8:10 am
Tuesday	7:30 pm	
Wednesday & Thursday	8:15 am	8:00 to 8:10 am
Friday (school months)	8:00 am	7:45 to 7:55 am
Saturday	9:00 am	9:45 am

Confession

Saturday afternoon 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm
 1st Saturday each month 9:45 am to 1:00 pm;
 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm;
 7:00 pm to 9:45 pm

Eucharistic Adoration enter at 1365 West 73rd Avenue
 Daily: 6:00 am to Midnight

First Friday of each month: 8:45 am to 10:00 am in the church
 followed by **Benediction**.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Please call the parish office for more information on RCIA classes and other Sacraments.

Weekday Masses & Intentions

Monday, December 16	Ferial	Eliza Navo †
Tuesday, December 17	Ferial	Lydia Chua
Wednesday, December 18	Ferial	Vincent Yap †
Thursday, December 19	Ferial	Joanna Wong †
Friday, December 20	Ferial	Emma Dangaran †
Saturday, December 21	Ferial	L.C. Chan † & Maria Tam †

Prayers for the Sick At Holy Mass we remember the sick including:
 Nita Carvajal, Nung Chum, Isobel Clancy, Nick De Vos, Tamara Dixon, Elaine
 dos Remedios, Kathleen Francis, Feli Hempl, Cecile Hernandez, Yvonne
 Kharoubeh, Molly Loui-Ying, Susan Panlican, Huguette Piché, Barney Rousseau,
 Therese Rozario, Christina Sayo, Teresa Tche, Cynthia Wing.

The Hospitality Ministry would like to invite more parishioners to become part of our team. There is a need for volunteers as **Ushers, Greeters** and **Welcome Booth ministers** at all Masses: Saturdays at 5:00 pm and Sundays at 8:00 am, 10:00am and 12:00pm. We would also welcome people who would be willing to act as “spares” when the regularly scheduled greeters are not available. For more information please email Ron at rsiy2009@gmail.com.

Upcoming Homily Themes

December 21 & 22
Overcoming the Fear of Rejection



December 24 & 25
A Chance for Reconciliation

December 28 & 29
Preacher: Fr. Pierre Leblond

December 31 & January 1
Preacher: Fr. Pierre Leblond



January 4 & 5
The Best Time of Year to Grow

January 11 & 12
How to Realize You're Special

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Last weekend for the Giving Tree

This is the last weekend to bring your gifts for the homeless men and women of the downtown eastside. If you've forgotten, gifts will still be accepted at the Parish Office until Wednesday, December 18. A reminder that the Missionary Sisters of Charity have requested that we use gift bags so that they can see the contents and distribute the gifts appropriately. N.B. Practical gifts are most appreciated, suggested value of \$10: socks, scarves, gloves or toiletries for adult male and female. **Thanks to everyone for their support!**

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When: Saturday, December 21, 2019, after 5pm Mass
Where: Church Lower Hall
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Who's invited? Youth, 13 to 23 years interested in singing for the Lord
RSVP: Rachel Djauhari, r.djauhari99@gmail.com, 778-960-2676

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Theology Week Info Session

On **Tuesday, January 14, from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm**, Dr Lynda Robitaille from St. Mark's College will lead an info session about a week-long program called *Foundation of the Catholic Faith* from **July 20th to July 24th, 2020** at **St. Mark's College** located at the UBC campus. This program offers an opportunity to learn a variety of central elements in the Catholic tradition, as well as the practices of theological reflection and discernment. Fr. Nick Meisl, Dr. Nick Olkovich, and Deacon Hilmar Pabel will be the course instructors. Dr. Robitaille will answer any questions you might have about the program. For more information, please contact Sara Ho at the Parish Office: saraho.sapv@gmail.com

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The 2020 Collection Envelope Boxes are now available before and after Masses at the back of the church. If you are a registered parishioner please pick up your box as soon as possible. Non-parishioners who would like a box of envelopes are asked to please complete a parishioner registration form, which can be picked up at the Welcome Booth, or from the Parish Office during the week.

Christmas 2019 Parish Schedule

Penitential Service
Sunday, December 22, 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve
Mass: Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 pm
Carols in the Church: 11:15 pm
Midnight Mass: 12:00 am

Christmas Day
Masses: Wednesday, December 25
8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm



New Year's Eve
Mass: Tuesday, December 31, 5:00 pm
Holy Hour & Gaudeamus: 11:00 pm


New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 1, 2020
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Masses: 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm

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