



## Saint Anthony of Padua: Feast Day June 13 Patron Saint for Lost things, the Poor and Travelers

The gospel call to leave everything and follow Christ was the rule of Anthony's life. Over and over again, God called him to something new in his plan. Every time Anthony responded with renewed zeal and self-sacrificing to serve his Lord Jesus more completely.

His journey as the servant of God began as a very young man when he decided to join the Augustinians in Lisbon, giving up a future of wealth and power to be a servant of God. Later when the bodies of the first Franciscan martyrs went through the Portuguese city where he was stationed, he was again filled with an intense longing to be one of those closest to Jesus himself: those who die for the Good News.

So Anthony entered the Franciscan Order and set out to preach to the Moors. But an illness prevented him from achieving that goal. He went to Italy and was stationed in a small hermitage where he spent most of his time praying, reading the Scriptures and doing menial tasks.

The call of God came again at an ordination where no one was prepared to speak. The humble and obedient Anthony hesitantly accepted the task. The years of searching for Jesus in prayer, of reading sacred Scripture and of serving him in poverty, chastity, and obedience had prepared Anthony to allow the Spirit to use his talents. Anthony's sermon was astounding to those who expected an unprepared speech and knew not the Spirit's power to give people words.

Recognized as a great man of prayer and a great Scripture and theology scholar, Anthony became the first friar to teach theology to the other friars. Soon he was called from that post to preach to the Albigensians in France, using his profound knowledge of Scripture and theology to convert and reassure those who had been misled by their denial of Christ's divinity and of the sacraments.

After he led the friars in northern Italy for three years, he made his headquarters in the city of Padua. He resumed his preaching and began writing sermon notes to help other preachers. In the spring of 1231 Anthony withdrew to a friary at Camposampiero where he had a sort of treehouse built as a hermitage. There he prayed and prepared for death. On June 13, he became very ill and asked to be taken back to Padua, where he died after receiving the last sacraments. Anthony was canonized less than a year later and named a Doctor of the Church in 1946.

### Reflection

Anthony should be the patron of those who find their lives completely uprooted and set in a new and unexpected direction. Like all saints, he is a perfect example of turning one's life completely over to Christ. God did with Anthony as God pleased—and what God pleased was a life of spiritual power and brilliance that still attracts admiration today. He whom popular devotion has nominated as finder of lost objects found himself by losing himself totally to the providence of God.

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### MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday: 5pm  
(Anticipated Mass)  
Sunday: 9am, 11am & 5pm  
Monday – Wednesday 8am  
Thursday Mass/Novena:  
8am & 7pm  
Friday, Saturday, Holidays: 9am  
(Fridays in July & August: 8am)  
Children's Mass: 9am 1st  
Sunday of the month Oct-June  
Children's Liturgy: 11am  
All Sundays except the 1st  
Sunday from Sept- June  
Reconciliation  
Saturday: 4-4:45pm  
Adoration  
Saturday 9:30-10am  
Library Hours  
Sunday: 10-10:45am, 4:30-5pm

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9am-4pm

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10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Spirit of Joy and Prayerful Expectation in Days Ahead

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

The joy of our faith can be witnessed and shared in so many ways when we open our hearts and minds. The comments of Grade 7 students after Confirmation, including those of classmates who did not receive the sacrament but came to support their peers, were heartwarming. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of everything that has been done to bring up our children in the Faith. They are off to a great start with this solid foundation of faith. It is imperative that we continue to keep these young people close to their faith through our own example as adults and parents. Through weekly Sunday Mass, family prayer, faith-formation programs and regular reading of faith-enriching articles... there are many opportunities available.

The June Parish Mission is another one of these. Fr. Eugene O'Reilly is our mission leader this year. He has the wonderful gift of inspiring people about the faith through humour and music. There's never a dull moment with "Red" as he is affectionately known, to all his confreres. Please make yourself available to join us for the three days of the Mission starting Thursday June 21. The detailed schedule is in the bulletin calendar. If you can, try to join us for the novena as well which begins nine days before the Feast Day on Sunday.

May our Blessed Mother help us to look forward to her feast day in a spirit of joy and prayerful expectation.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Babu Mathew, CSsR

## Kindergarten Students in A Moment of Wonder

Students from Kindergarten stepped out of their classrooms and into the morning sunshine to praise God and the beauty of creation last Monday. They took their colourful rainbow drawings with them to the shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and did an *a cappella* rendition of the Louis Armstrong classic *What A Wonderful World*. What a wonderful world indeed!



With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem. – Psalm 130



## NEWS & NOTICES

**Weekly Collection:** Sunday Mass Offering June 2 & 3: \$7,024.60. Offering for the Needy: \$5.00. Initial Offering: \$500.00. Catholic Missions: \$1,256.00. Pro-Life: \$5.00 Thank you for your generosity.

**Project Advance Report:** As at May 31, pledges were at \$29,779 with participation from 58 donors. Our archdiocesan goal is \$52,000 and the parish goal is \$104,000 so that funds beyond Archdiocesan target will be rebated to us for the parish seismic upgrade. Please make a prayerful and sacrificial contribution to Project Advance. Thank you for your support!

**PEC Meeting:** The next meeting is on Tuesday June 19 at 7pm in the Church Hall.

**Hall Use:** The hall will be occupied by the After-School Care Program on Friday June 15 from 12pm-6pm and Monday June 18 from 9am-6pm.

**Grade 7 Leaving Mass and Dinner:** Friday June 22. Mass is at 5:30 in the church followed by reception in the school hall.

**OLPH Feast Day Volunteers Needed:** If you can help with setting up, serving and clean-up for this beautiful feast day celebration, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Thank you!

**PREP Pre-Registration:** The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is for elementary school aged children who are not attending Catholic school. Pre-registration for the 2018/2019 school year is now being accepted. Please contact Elizabeth Towers at 604-440-8809 or email [prep@olphbc.ca](mailto:prep@olphbc.ca) for information.

**PREP Teachers & Teaching Assistants Needed:** Would you like to share your talents by helping out as a teacher or teaching assistant? PREP is for children Grades 1-7 who do not go to Catholic school but need to be educated in the Faith. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Towers at 604-440-8809 or email [prep@olphbc.ca](mailto:prep@olphbc.ca).

**Mass of Remembrance:** Join us for our monthly Mass of Remembrance on Sunday, June 24, as we pray for our family members who have passed away this month. Masses are at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in our Evangelist Chapel, at Gardens of Gethsemani.

**EnCourage Meeting:** EnCourage is a support group dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and relatives and friends of persons who experience same-sex attraction. Join us for our next meeting on Sunday, June 24 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you would like to join EnCourage, please contact Deacon Bruce Fraser at [encourage@rcav.org](mailto:encourage@rcav.org).

**Development and Peace-Caritas Canada:** In collaboration with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Development and Peace is actively engaging in a review of our 170 partners around the world. As a long-standing organization, it is a natural process for us to ensure that our partners and their projects are supporting integral human development, creating real positive change, are effective in their work, and are faithful to the values and the social teachings of the Catholic Church. For our members, supporters and donors, we ask you to have faith in our highest commitment to address any concerns. We are, and will always be, a 100% Catholic organization working for the poor and the vulnerable around the world. Your support and prayers are invaluable. Thank you. To read Development and Peace's full Statement from the Executive Director, visit: [devp.org/en/articles/message-executive-director-all-members](http://devp.org/en/articles/message-executive-director-all-members) To read Archbishop Michael's letter to All Faithful in the Archdiocese of Vancouver: [rcav.org/wp-content/uploads/All-Faithful-re-Development-and-Peace-concerns.pdf](http://rcav.org/wp-content/uploads/All-Faithful-re-Development-and-Peace-concerns.pdf)

**Marriage Recovery Program:** Retrouvaille is an affordable program that provides couples with the tools to repair ALL kinds of marriage problems. Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples avoid separation and regain a joyful marriage. For confidential information or to register for our program commencing the weekend of November 30 - December 2, 2018 plus sessions on the 6 consecutive Sundays following the weekend, call us at 604-530-6710 (and leave a message to be called back), email us at [vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org](mailto:vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org) or visit our websites <http://www.retrouvaillevancover.com> and [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

## Stewardship Reflection

*And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.” – MARK 3:25*

Do your parish ministries complement each other or do they compete against each other? Is your parish “one Body of Christ” or a bunch of little, separate ministries controlled by human ego? The goal of all parish ministries is to bring people to Christ. All of our parish work should be for the glory of God’s name, not our own name.

Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of St. Louis

## CALENDAR

### JUNE

#### Youth Mug Collection

The youth are collecting used mugs for the Men’s Hostel. Please deposit mugs you are donating into the box marked “OLPH Youth Mug Collection” in the foyer.

#### OLPH Novena/Triduum & Feast



Fr. Eugene O’Reilly CSsR is our guest speaker at this year’s Triduum Novena & Talks. This will climax with a special Mass to celebrate our feast day at 4pm on Sunday June 24 to be followed by a reception and potluck dessert from parishioners. All are invited.

Friday June 15 – Wed June 20: Novena after morning Mass  
-Thurs Novena & Talk June 21: 7pm  
-Fri Novena & Talk June 22: 7pm  
-Sat Novena & Talk June 23: 6pm  
-Sun June 24: Mass at 4pm  
There will no be 5pm Mass on Sunday. Reception to follow. Don’t forget to bring a dessert to share!

### JULY

**JrK Summer Camp**

For ages 3-6

Join us for a themed week full of field trips, yoga, clay and much more.

Weekly cost \$225  
Snack included daily and lunch on Friday  
For more info & to sign up email Ms. Carina [jrk@olphbc.ca](mailto:jrk@olphbc.ca)

Week 1: July 3 - 6 (9-12:00)  
Week 2: July 9 - 12 (9-12:00)  
Week 3: July 15 - 18 (9-12:00)

## Grade 7s Share Their Confirmation Experience

Grade 7 and PREP students received the sacrament of Confirmation last week. We asked them to share a few thoughts on how they felt after the beautiful Mass with Archbishop Michael Miller, priests, friends and family.



I felt really nervous beforehand, but I am glad I made the choice to be confirmed, because I am now a full participant in the Catholic faith. After the mass, I felt ecstatic, relief and joy because it felt like I was a different person from when I walked into the church. - **Colby**

After Confirmation I felt very overjoyed because I was quite anxious earlier that day. I will never forget the memories from this night! It was an amazing mass, and the Archbishop and the priests did a great job with leading it. - **Megan**

On May 29th, 2018, I had received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a life changing experience because becoming an adult in the church is definitely a big change. - **Taehyun**

Getting confirmed was one of the greatest things I have done in my Catholic faith. - **London**

Confirmation was an exciting and incredible experience that we all got to witness together before God. - **Maddie**



## OLPH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

Last night, I felt different because I know that I have completed my steps to becoming a full participant of the church. I was overjoyed and excited to start a new chapter with my faith. - **Chloe**



Confirmation was an absolutely amazing experience in every way. - **Kayleigh**

Relief flowed through me once Confirmation was completed. I am very grateful that my sponsor and my family have helped me complete the sacraments of initiation. - **Alicia**

I think it’s the most life-changing event for my classmates who got confirmed. Since I can sense the happiness from them after getting confirmed. - **Jimmy**

Confirmation was an awesome experience for me to receive the Holy Spirit. - **Alvaro**



I felt very holy when I was processing down the aisle towards the Archbishop! - **Martin**