

# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH WEST VANCOUVER



**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT      FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

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## MASS SCHEDULES

### SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday 4:30 pm  
 Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am

### WEEKDAYS:

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 am  
 1st Friday: 6:30 pm

### CONFESSIONS:

Monday - Saturday: 8:30 - 8:50 am  
 Saturday: 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

### ADORATION:

Friday: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

1st Friday of the month  
 9:30 am - 4:00 pm &  
 7:00 pm to Saturday 8:00 am

Sign-up sheets located in vestibule

### BENEDICTION:

Friday: 4:00 pm  
 1st Friday : 4:00 pm and the following  
 morning at 8:00 am

## ONLINE GIVING OFFERTORY

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### OFFICE HOURS:

Mon - Fri: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm



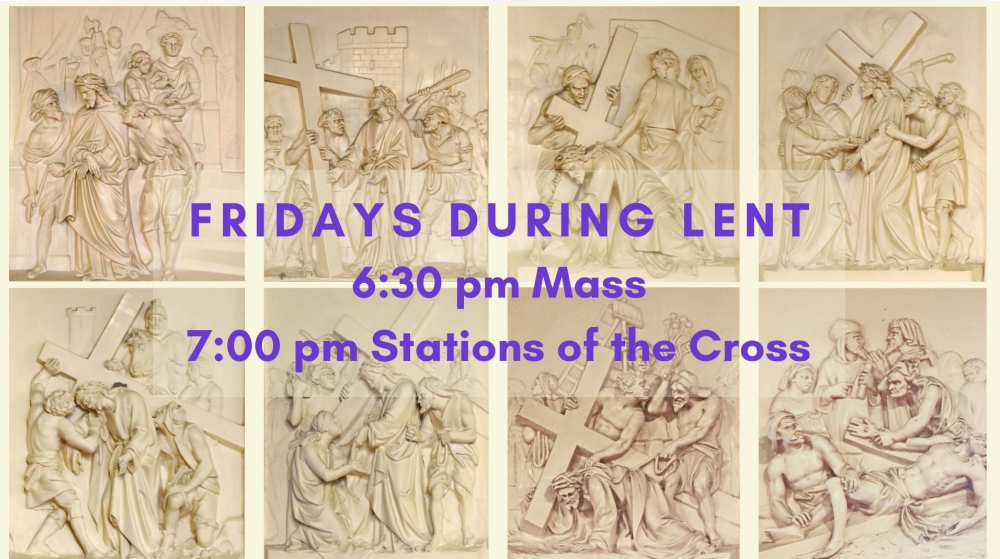
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## PARISH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

MON — SAT	8:15 AM — 8:30 AM	MORNING PRAYERS
MON	10:00 AM	CATHOLIC FAITH IN PLAIN ENGLISH—SESSION 23
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 SERIES (STARTS FEBRUARY 22, 2024 )
THU	7:15 PM	RCIA
FRI	9:30 AM—4:00 PM	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRI	3:00 PM	DIVINE MERCY

## ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH LENTEN SEASON



**FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

**6:30 pm Mass**

**7:00 pm Stations of the Cross**

# News in and around the Parish

## MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 19 TO FEBRUARY 25, 2024

**Monday, February 19**

9:00 am - † Len Shane and Family

**Tuesday, February 20**

9:00 am - † Christopher Hope

**Wednesday, February 21**

9:00 am - † Ed Hauser

**Thursday, February 22**

9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Frances Watson*

**Friday, February 23**

9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Fred Peter*

**Saturday, February 24**

9:00 am - St. Philomena

4:30 pm - *Sp. Int. of Heather Stephenson*

**Sunday, February 25**

8:30 am - Parishioners

10:30 am - † Josephine Sherry

## ST. PHILOMENA PRAYER GROUP



**DATE:**  
**SATURDAY,**  
**FEBRUARY 17,**  
**9:30 AM**

You are most welcome to join us in the Hobson Room for prayer.

*St. Philomena, pray for us!*

## CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

**DATE: SATURDAY,**  
**FEBRUARY 17,**  
**6:30 PM**

At the Parish Hall!

**All Are Welcome!**



*Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD all the earth! Ps 96:1*

**DATE:** February 22 to May 9, 2024

**DAY:** every Thursday

**TIME:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**LENGTH:** 12 weeks

**COST:** **FREE**

Alpha provides a space to ask all your questions about life, faith, and meaning in a friendly environment.

**Registration is EASY:**

Through one of the **ALPHA Sign-up Sheets** available at the church or office or **ONLINE**.

**SIGN-UP ONLINE**

SCAN with mobile phone or **CLICK** the QR-CODE



For more information, email: [stanthonywvalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonywvalpha@gmail.com)



**Got Questions?**

Is there more to life than this?

Does God exist?

What happens next?

Join the adventure

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## CWL CORNER

**The CWL Annual Weekend Retreat**

**THEME:** The Last Seven Words of Christ

**WHEN:** March 15 to 17, 2024 **WHERE:** Westminster Abbey, Mission, BC

**COST:** \$190 per person

**RT LEADER:** Dcn. Tony & Wendy Gray

**CONTACT:** Pat Battensby, 604 926 4291, [pwbatts@shaw.ca](mailto:pwbatts@shaw.ca)

Forms are available on the bulletin board outside the office.



Our monthly meeting will be held on

**DATE: Tuesday, February 27**

**TIME: Starting with mass at 6:30.**

**All are welcome!**

**MEMBERSHIP: SEE OUR MEMBERSHIP TABLE AT MASSES NEXT WEEKEND!**

## PRO-LIFE AND PRAYER VIGIL

Join us for a monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, it takes place on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. (8:30 a.m. in April). The Mass is followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital. All are welcome!

**The next Mass and vigil takes place on March 2 at Guardian Angels Parish in Vancouver.**

Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

# News in and around the Parish

## PARISH OFFICE CORNER

### TAX RECEIPTS 2023

**Parish and Project Advance donation tax receipts** are now available for pick-up in the vestibule.



### SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please be aware that envelope numbers change every year. Do not use expired or left over envelopes from previous year.



The annual **St. Anthony's Parish Financial Statement** is now available in the office.

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

St. Anthony's Christian Meditation group will meet in the church on the **following days and time:**

**DATE: February 20-to- March 26**

**DAY: every Tuesday**

**TIME: 7:00 pm**

**WHERE: St Anthony's Church**

## PROJECT ADVANCE 2023 Empowering our Parish Vision

As a community, we thank all parishioners who donated to the 2023 PA appeal. Through your generosity we raised \$93,099.40. After paying \$33,600 to the Archdiocese to support its essential services to our broader community and our portion of the PA expenses (\$2,894.56) we raised \$56,604.04 for own parish projects.

The parish projects that were funded in whole or in part by PA included: a new organ, significant and necessary upgrades to the rectory, replacement of the failing staircases on the exterior of the church, support for CHARM, a new phone system for the parish office and rectory and the electric drop-down screen in the church. These projects could not have been undertaken without the generosity of our donors.

Thank you everyone. May God bless.

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

March 1, 2024

Overnight Adoration vigil after mass and Stations of the Cross.

7:30 pm until Sat, 8 am.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



## MEN'S SHELTER DONATIONS

In addition to hot meals, cookies, squares, muffins, bananas and oranges, sandwiches etc needed. Home made baking would be a real treat and store bought would also be welcome. Delivery at the church parking lot

**DATE: Saturday, March 2nd**

**TIME 1:00 to 1:30 pm**

For more information please contact Nan at [nanthomas@shaw.ca](mailto:nanthomas@shaw.ca)



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Shelter is looking for one or two volunteers to make hot meals once a month for the Shelter.

For more information please contact Nan at [nanthomas@shaw.ca](mailto:nanthomas@shaw.ca)

## CATHOLIC FAITH IN PLAIN ENGLISH

Catholic Faith sessions meet weekly in the church hall.

**Catholics & non-Catholics are welcome!**

Join us for a few sessions.

**TIME: 10 am - 12 pm**

**WHEN: Monday, February 19, 2024**

**WHERE: Saint Anthony's Parish Hall**

**SESSION 23: GOD'S WILL**

## LUKE 15 HOUSE

"**Luke 15 house**" is in desperate need of the following items:

- \* Used coffee cups or mugs
- \* Used knives, forks and spoons
- \* Dinner plates and cereal bowls

A plastic tub has been placed near the St. Philomena statue in the church foyer. Please place all donated items in the tub.

**Thank you so much!**

Committee of the Luke 15 House



## SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY



This Sunday's second collection supports our retired priests who have dedicated their entire life to the Church. Generous support from the community ensures a comfortable living environment, quality medical care, and other essential services for our retired priests.

Parishioners can make their tax-deductible donation to St. Joseph's Society in-person at their parish or online at [rcav.org/joseph](http://rcav.org/joseph).

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## ST. ANTHONY'S 100 YEAR PHOTO DIRECTORY

We have one more week of photo sessions for our Parish Photo Directory. We strongly encourage everyone's participation so that our Centennial Year Photo Directory becomes not only a useful resource, but also a special memory of our parish family at the time of St. Anthony's 100th anniversary.

Appointments can be made via signup sheets, email, or call the parish office. We will also have volunteers after all weekend Masses for the next two weeks to assist with photo session appointments. Everyone who books a photo session will receive a copy of the directory.

**THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL PHOTOS.**

FRI, FEBRUARY 23, 2024 4:00 PM — 7:00 PM

SAT, FEBRUARY 24, 2024 11:00 AM — 1:00 PM

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." -Mark 1:14*

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

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## SUNDAY REFLECTION

On this first Sunday of Lent, we find Jesus in the desert with the devil. The devil, of course, is attempting to tempt Jesus to sin. On first reading of this gospel, it appears that Jesus and the devil are not alone. The story tells us that Jesus was with wild beasts and the angels ministered to him. But that is only one way of reading this text. It is also possible to see the presence of the wild beasts and the angels not as additional characters but as descriptions of the ways in which Satan comes to test Jesus. If we adopt this perspective, it is easy to understand how Satan would come to Jesus as a wild beast. The scriptures themselves describe Satan as a roaring lion, prowling about seeking someone to devour. But can we imagine Satan approaching as an angel?

We can. In fact, it is a clever technique of the devil to approach under the guise of something good. On the sidewall of the Sistine Chapel in Rome, there is a fresco of today's gospel, painted by the Italian painter, Botticelli. But when you first approach the picture, you have no idea that its topic is the temptation of Christ. The painting presents Jesus in conversation with a holy man, with a man dressed as a monk in a religious habit and holding a rosary in his hand. It is only when you look at the painting more closely that you see that under the hem of the monk's habit are two clawed feet. Then you notice that on the back of the monk (out of the sight of Jesus) there are two small black wings. Botticelli understood that the devil does not usually come to us as a wild beast but often approaches dressed in something that is holy and good.

This is an important lesson for us during the season of Lent. During this time, we try to turn away from evil. We should understand that evil seldom comes to us in its true form. Peace is a genuine good. To live in harmony with the people around us, to get along with the people that we know, and love is a blessing. But when the desire to keep the peace leads us to be dishonest with our spouse, when the desire to go along with the group prevents us from telling our friends that they are wrong to abuse drugs or alcohol, peace becomes merely a garb to cover something harmful. The devil is pleased to use peace so that we might enable others to fall. That is why we should not be taken in by his deception.

Service is at the heart of the gospel. To give of ourselves, to sacrifice our desires for the sake of another, is following the very example of Christ. But when others use our generosity to manipulate us, when our giving is used to abuse or hurt us, it is no longer good. The devil rejoices to use our desire to give as a way to enslave us. That is why we must draw boundaries to protect ourselves. That is why we should not accept the sham that the devil presents to us.

Love is Jesus' greatest commandment. The love of our family and friends is a profound good. But the love of the people close to us can be used to diminish those who are different from us. The devil delights in using the love of our family and friends or the love of our country to lessen and denigrate others. That is why we should not fall for his tricks.

If the devil were to come to you as a wild beast, you would run away. But when an angel approaches, you pay attention. Today's gospel warns you to examine the words of any angel and to look carefully under the hem of his garment. If you see clawed feet there, do not listen. Flee at once.

Fr. Joseph