

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1st 2016

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Mass finally ended after a long and boring homily and parishioners filing out of the church said nothing to the priest. However, one parishioner stopped and said, *“Father, today your homily reminded me of the peace and love of God!”* The priest was thrilled. *“No-one has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Tell me why.”* He responded, *“Well – it reminded me of the Peace of God because it passed all understanding and the Love of God because it endured forever!”*

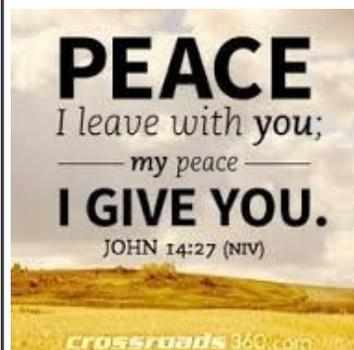
We would not be here today if we did not believe that we have a relationship with God. Discussions pervaded as how this relationship works especially when it comes to getting things done. When good things need to happen or when evil needs to be stopped the question is, *“Whose responsibility is it to act: God’s or ours?”*

We believe in a God who is involved in our lives and in human history, shaping the course of human events, changing hearts, and bringing hope where there was only despair. So when we hear the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel, **“Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,”** our first response might be to sit back and wait. Since Jesus has promised peace, we can suppose that Jesus will establish peace. So we respond, *“Good, thank you, bring it on! Give us peace!”*

But we also know that in other places in the Gospels Jesus calls us to be peacemakers. In the beatitudes He says, **“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.”** So who is expected to make peace - Jesus or us? The achievement of peace is something in which He calls us to participate. We are in a partnership with God, called to bring about peace into our world.

A recent research document verified that there has not been a single day since World War II in which there was peace in the world—not a single day without some kind of armed conflict happening in some place. Yet Jesus promises to give us peace. Is His promise realistic? Only if we realize that His peace is not a gift, but a project that we will work on together.

In our partnership with God we should never undermine or negate the small efforts that we can offer. We should believe that God will use our small efforts at peacemaking as a part of His larger plan to save the world. I believe that the day will come when there will be world peace. When that day arrives, it will certainly be God’s work. But we are God’s partners. That is why we must become peacemakers today.



Fr. Joseph

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 PM;

Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 AM.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM;

Saturdays & Public Holidays, 9:00 AM.

CONFESSIONS

Mon - Fri: before 8 AM Mass;

Sat: 9:30 AM & 4:15 - 4:45 PM.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUN	May 1 st 6 th Sunday Easter	9 am 11 am	†Michael Bore †Clara Moser
Mon	May 2 St Athanasius	8 am	Sp. Int. Michael Torresan
Tue	May 3 Sts. Philip & James	8 am	For Vocations
Wed	May 4	8 am	Sp. Int. Angelo Torresan
Thu	May 5	8 am	Sp. Int. Gwendoline Allison
1st Friday	May 6	8 am 7:00 pm	†John †Margaret Micallef Sp. Int. Valerie/Garry Loiselle
Sat	May 7	9 am 5 pm	†Charlie Little †Jim Ife †Julius Dalinghas
SUN	May 8 th 7 th Sunday Mother's Day	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS †Virginia Forsyth

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Catholic Cemeteries: are a link between the living & the departed.



DATE	May 7 th : 5 PM	May 8 th : 9 AM	May 8 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	FLORENCE HIGGS	WENDY GRAY ROCIO HAUSER	J CULLEN/L DALINGHAUS MONIQUE CATTERMOLLE
LECTOR	SUSAN MURPHY	IVY WEI	JOANN CULLEN
EMHC	JANE TORRESAN	GEORG ADAM	MONIQUE CATTERMOLLE
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	BEVERLY CARSON	JULIE BARTLETT

St. Anthony's Parish Religious Education Program (PREP): Every Wednesday for students in Grades 1 - 7 not attending Catholic Schools. For other Sacramental Information, phone the Parish Office or email: parish.sawv@rcav.org.

EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN ECUADOR . . .

A violent earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale, struck Ecuador on Saturday April 16.

A special collection will be held NEXT weekend: May 7/8. Please keep Ecuador in your prayers and give generously.

If you would like to donate immediately to *Development and Peace*, please visit www.devp.org or contact 1-888-664-3387.

Here at St Anthony's, please pick-up a Yellow Envelope for your donation. Receipts will be issued.

Donating CASH, make sure your name is on the envelope.

By CHEQUE, please write-it-out to St Anthony's Parish.

LECTIO DIVINA

Every Saturday during Lent

10 AM, in Church.

Praying with Scriptures with Fr. Gary. All Welcome!



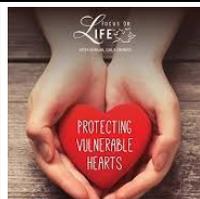
LECTIO DIVINA
Reading the Scripture
Reflecting on the Meaning
Responding through Prayer
Resting in God
Responding in Action

Lectio Meditatio Oratio Contemplatio Operatio

MARCH FOR LIFE - MAY 12

Join thousands for the 9th annual *March for Life* in Victoria, Thursday, May 12th, beginning at *Centennial Square* and ending at the *BC Legislature*. Rally speakers: Archbishop Miller, CSB, John Hof, Natalie Sonnen and Will Johnston.

Visit: rcav.org/march-for-life/



FOCUS ON LIFE GALA DINNER

Monday, May 16th, @

The Italian Cultural Centre

18th Annual Focus on Life™ Gala Dinner hosted by *Life, Marriage and Family, Signal Hill* and the *Christian Advocacy Society*.

Keynote speaker, **Ryan Bomberger**, an Emmy award-winning creative professional & co-founder of *Radiance Foundation*, a life-affirming organization based on the belief that every human life has beautiful possibility.

Fr. Gary invites you to be at our Table representing St Anthony's.

Cost: \$75. Phone parish office for your ticket.

"Seeking God"

5-day PRH workshop facilitated by Fr. John McCarthy

August 8-12, 2016 at St. Anthony's Parish

This workshop will guide you in your search for God, and provide effective means to help you continue your search to deepen your relationship with God.

For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board, or contact

Fr. John at 604-916-4009 or jmccarthy@rcav.org.

Registration Forms available in the Parish Office.

After-Mass Social Host
A parish ministry asking
for one Sunday a month
commitment as a Host
at our after-Mass Social.
Phone Lollie 604-926-1411.



STA HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 12 students will be at their Annual Retreat

May 4-6 at *Camp Stillwood*.

Please keep them in your prayers,
that their time be filled with peace and grace.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE . . .

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

+Patrick LESLIE;

Joan's late husband. Funeral Mass, Friday, 29th April;

+Mary SKWAROK.

Funeral Mass, Friday, 6th May, 11 AM.

May Patrick's and Mary's souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Please continue to pray for those listed in our Prayer List posted in our church.



YEAR OF MERCY REFLECTION . . .

"We wish to proclaim that apart from the mercy of God there is no other source of hope for mankind.

We desire to repeat with faith: 'Jesus, I trust in you.'

This proclamation, this confession of trust in the all-powerful love of God, is especially needed in our own time..."

St. John Paul the Great

BILL C-14: WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Thursday, May 5th, 7-8:30 pm @ JPPII Centre

Alex Schadenberg, International Chair of

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, will speak about *Bill C-14: Medical Aid in Dying*. "What is Bill C-14 all about?"

Does it protect conscience rights for doctors or institutions? Will it lead to elder abuse? Is it only for people who are dying?

To register, visit rcav.org/event/2016-05-05_c14

TASTE & SEE: FAITH DIALOGUE & DINNER

Saturday, May 28th, 6:30 pm @ Croatian Cultural Centre

Speakers: Fr. Thomas Rosica, and Archbishop Miller.

An evening of fun, faith-filled dinner and conversation.

Proceeds to support the work and mission of *Salt + Light*.

Ticket: \$100. (\$50 tax receipt). saltandlighttv.org/tasteandsee.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

When the post-abortive woman's defense mechanisms crumble, and the stark reality confronts her, her guilt can precipitate an acute plunge in self-esteem. Come on a *Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat* and restore yourself and God's want and hope for you.

Next Retreat is June 2016. Call 604-525-0999.

SEARCHING IN THE SPIRIT

July 4-8 @ *Camp Jubilee* for ALL 12 & 13 year olds!

Searching in the Spirit, is an annual post-confirmation training. It provides youth with formation in discipleship, and challenges participants to live out their faith values in everyday, real-life situations. Most of all, it inspires the newly confirmed to continue on in their faith journey.

This fun-filled week includes sessions, prayers, Mass, games, arts and crafts, and outdoor activities such as *Kayaking* and *Archery*. To register, visit rcav.org/youth-training/.

Early registration deadline is June 6th.

YOUTH LEADER

August 22-26 @ *Summit Park*, Abbotsford for 14's or older.

Make plans to join us for *Youth Leader*, our dynamic Christian Leadership training event at *Summit Park* in Abbotsford.

This is a "can't-miss" leadership training event!

Youth Leader is an ideal training ground for leaders in parishes with youth ministries. As well, it's very suitable for high school student councils and other leadership groups.

To register, visit rcav.org/youth-training/.

Early registration deadline is July 25th.