

# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

## PENTECOST SUNDAY May 15<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Pastor:** Fr. Gary Franken  
**Office Hours:** Mon - Fri: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

**A** friend of Russian novelist, Ivan Turgenev, wrote, "Ivan, I've discovered that the most difficult thing in life is learning how to place yourself second." Turgenev responded, "No, the most difficult thing in life is learning what to place first."

What we place first determines everything else. It is the foundation. So what should we place first? Psalm 16 says we should place the Lord in our heart at all times, that's God's will should be the foundation of our lives. In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." However, this is easy said than done. Most of the time, we do not know what to do.

We are not perfect, and yet we are called to love one another. So how are we to negotiate this loving across all the flaws which characterize every one of us? Jesus knows we need help. When it comes to loving, Jesus does not give us a blueprint, He gives us a person - the Holy Spirit. Jesus says, the Holy Spirit will be sent to us to teach us everything we need to know, to show us how we are to love in a flawed world. That Holy Spirit is with us and guides us. That spirit is always active, prompting us to be realistic and to be brave.

The Holy Spirit asks us to be realistic in loving because we are all flawed people. Therefore in loving we have to be willing to make allowances for people. When we have tried over and over again to love and have not been successful, when our efforts in loving are not helpful but harmful, then the spirit asks us to speak up and to ask that things change. And when it is necessary, the Spirit of God asks us to be brave enough to make that choice.

Jesus asks us to love one another, to be mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, friends and partners in life. But none of us is perfect and that makes loving difficult. That is why Jesus gives us His spirit to lead us and guide us. That is why we have an Advocate who leads us to be realistic and brave. Let us follow the spirit that we might love—if not easily, honestly; if not perfectly, in such a way that is real enough that we can be family and friends and community to one another.

Today we celebrate the full depth of the peace of Christ, the peace we are part of by belonging to each other in the Body of Christ. He, Our Lord, is the solid rock, the present moment's offer of grace to us by the Father. Peace be with you, He says to us today. Receive the Holy Spirit, so that through us the world will encounter this ever present mystery of forgiveness and mercy which alone can set the world free.

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### 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 15 <sup>th</sup> PENTECOST Sunday	9 am 11 am	†Livio Tedesco FOR PARISHIONERS
Mon	May 16	8 am	†Paul Marcel Boisvert
Tue	May 17	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Deacons Juan Luca, Francesco Voltaggio &amp; Giovanni Schiesari</i>
Wed	May 18	8 am	†Hernando & †Lucy Torres
Thu	May 19	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Richard &amp; Michelle Podgurski</i>
Fri	May 20	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Paterno Millare Jr.</i>
Sat	May 21	9 am 5 pm	<i>In Honour of St Philomena</i> FOR PARISHIONERS
SUN	May 22 <sup>nd</sup> HOLY TRINITY Sunday	9 am 11 am	†Hernando & †Lucy Torres †Fran Oberhoffner

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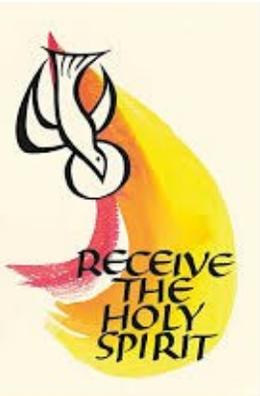
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Catholic Cemeteries: are a link between the living & the departed.



DATE	May 21 <sup>st</sup> : 5 PM	May 22 <sup>nd</sup> : 9 AM	May 22 <sup>nd</sup> : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	LORETTA v UNEN PAT BATTENSBY	WENDY GRAY HANAN HADDAD	RITA RACZ E HOLMAN/J FORRESTER
LECTOR	GLORIA LOWE	WENDY GRAY	ADRIENNE LOUIE
EMHC	DELLA TSANG	ANDREW ADAM	ELIZABETH HOLMAN
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	ROCIO HAUSER	VOLUNTEER PLEASE?



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](mailto:parish.sawv@rcav.org).

## FORT MCMURRAY FOREST FIRES

Archbishop Miller has just approved a special collection in response to the wildfire disaster in Fort McMurray and surrounding region.

The collection will be on the May 22 Victoria Day weekend and proceeds will go to the Diocese of St. Paul, Alberta. Bishop Paul Terrio has confirmed that contributions will go to assisting local Catholic parishes and parishioners, and to the Fort McMurray Ministerial Association for ecumenical assistance to those who have lost homes and jobs.

Please take home a Yellow Envelope with you after Mass.

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

By **CHEQUE**, please write-it-out to St Anthony's Parish, with Memo "Fort McMurray".

Thank you for your generous support. God bless!

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

It's that time of year again: elections! The last Sunday of May is election Sunday in the Archdiocese for our Education Committees. At St Anthony's we've also had our Parish Pastoral Council elections on the same date.

We have four parishioners on the committee for our elementary school (and there are four from Christ the Redeemer parish). The two-year term is up for two of our members. I am happy to nominate Julie Bartlett as the pastor's appointee; the other position is filled by election. If you wish to nominate someone from our parish (a Catholic, 21 years old & up), please contact the parish office.

The Parish Pastoral council is transitioning to a leadership team that will be rebranded as the *Stewardship Committee*. I will pass on more news about this in the next month.

**After-Mass Social Host Needed**  
**4th Sunday after 11 AM Mass**  
**Once a month ministry commitment.**  
**Please call Lollie (604) 926-1411.**



## LOBSTER DINNER @ ST ANTHONY'S

Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM in the church hall.

Come join us for a community night at the parish hosted by our CWL ladies with Special Guest, Fr. Craig Scott.

Door Prizes, 50/50, and Wine Bar. Tickets \$40 each.

Tickets go on sale next weekend after all the Masses.

Proceeds go to Queen of Peace Monastery and the North Shore Palliative Care Centre.

**St Anthony's Parish**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**thanks everyone who supported**  
**last Sunday's Flowers for Moms.**  
**Proceeds goes to Life Causes.**



## DO YOU HAVE A SUITE FOR RENT?

Please check our Bulletin Board for Information and References on the people we are trying to help find a place to rent.

## MEET THE ASWAD FAMILY!

WE WELCOME, George, Ketty, Patricia and Christa ASWAD to their new country, home and parish family! Thank you Gloria Lowe, Rolando Islas and Nebal Nosh (interpreter) for meeting them at the airport last Wednesday.



**REQUIESCAT IN PACE ...** We pray for the repose of the soul of  
+Susan STASTNY

Funeral Mass Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2 PM;

May Susan's soul 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.

## CANADIANS FOR CONSCIENCE

On April 14, 2016, the federal government introduced legislation (Bill C-14) to amend the Criminal Code, making euthanasia/assisted suicide legal in Canada.

Archbishop Miller states that "*Bill C-14 is problematic on many levels: ambiguous as to who qualifies for assisted suicide, lacking in conscience protection for institutions, and devoid of concrete financial support for palliative care alternatives to euthanasia and assisted suicide.*" Canadians shouldn't have to compromise their conscience.

Legislation is expected to be in place by June 2016, so we need to act fast! Please visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca).

Those who wish to personally voice your objection to this Bill, **write to: Hon. Jane Philpott, Cabinet Minister for Health, Parliament Hill, Ottawa.** NO POSTAGE required.

## ASSISTED SUICIDE PRESENTATION

Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 8 PM @ St. Patrick's Church  
International pro-life presenter Stephanie Gray.

Topics: "What should a civil and humane response to suffering be?" and "How can we speak against euthanasia and assisted suicide in a winsome and compelling way?" ending with a Q&A session. Light refreshments to follow. Entrance is free.

## ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 AM @ Vancouver Art Gallery  
100 years since Our Lady of Fatima appeared to the 3 children.

## ST EDMUND'S PARISH SPRING DINNER

Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm in STA Gym

Dinner, Dance with Live Music, Raffles & Door Prizes!  
\$50/person. Phone (604) 988-3211

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

When we remember and grieve our loss, we set our souls free so we can move beyond the pain. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat with us. Give yourself permission to remember, grieve and then find freedom and life in God as you become a new creation full of hope. **Next Retreat: June 2016. (604) 525-0999.**

## TASTE & SEE: FAITH DIALOGUE & DINNER

Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm @ Croatian Cultural Centre  
**Speakers:** Fr. Thomas Rosica, and Archbishop Miller.

**Deacon Richard & Kathy Ng** of St Anthony's Parish are asking you to join them at this evening of fun, faith-filled dinner and conversation.

Proceeds to support the work and mission of *Salt + Light*.  
**Ticket: \$100. (\$50 tax receipt). Phone the parish office.**