

# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

## 15th Sunday Ordinary Time July 10, 2016

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

**E**very once in awhile it is valuable to take a parable and turn it upside down. This is particularly true of today's story of the Good Samaritan, because the meaning of this parable - to help others in need and be a Good Samaritan, is so well known.

So how can we read this parable differently? We can do so by changing the characters with whom we identify. Instead of seeing ourselves as the person who gives (that is the Good Samaritan) we can see ourselves as the person who receives (the man who fell in with the robbers). This radically changes the meaning of the parable.

Instead of inviting us to give to others, the parable shows us how God gives to us, how salvation comes to us, how the kingdom enters our lives. We can even change the name of this parable to "The Man in the Ditch" and ask how does help come to him?

It comes as a surprise and as a gift. The parable is telling us that often God comes into our life as a surprise. The man in the ditch would have expected that the priest and the Levite, good people that they were, would stop to help him. They did not. But who could have thought that a Samaritan would have pity on him? Remember Jews and Samaritans were enemies and would not even greet one another on the street. So who could have guessed that this Samaritan would stop and show him mercy? No one. It was a surprise. In the same way, God surprises us.

God's coming is also a gift. The parable tells us that God sends us life without our ability to earn or merit it. The man in the ditch could have called out to the priest or the Levite, reminding them of their obligation to help him as a fellow

Jew. But what claim could he make upon his enemy, the Samaritan? The Samaritan could rightly say to him, "I owe you nothing," and he would be right. Therefore,

his willingness to stop and help was a total gift, a complete grace. That is how God comes into our lives.

The parable of "The Man in the Ditch" tells us that life comes to us in ways we can never predict or ever deserve. It comes as a gift. If God comes to us as a surprise and as a gift, it is clear that there is no way we can control God's presence. We can, however, get ready for it. The lawyer in the Gospel asks

Jesus, "Teacher, what I must I do to gain eternal life?" The Parable of "The Man in the Ditch" has the answer. It tells us that each day we should wake up, put our two feet on the floor and say, "Lord, here I am. Surprise me with more than I deserve!"

Fr. Joseph



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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	July 10 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS † Harro Wegner
Mon	July 11 St. Benedict	8 am	† Chung Po Tsui † Pek Wah Tsui
Tue	July 12	8 am	† Gabriella Micallef
Wed	July 13	8 am	† Jack Welch
Thu	July 14	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Eduardo Millare</i>
Fri	July 15 St Bonaventure	8 am	† Jan Hansson
Sat	July 16	9 am 5 pm	<b>In Honour of St. Philomena</b> † Basim Azzam
SUN	July 17 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY	9 am 11 am	† Paul Murphy FOR PARISHIONERS

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



DATE	July 16 <sup>th</sup> : 5 PM	June 17 <sup>th</sup> : 9 AM	June 17 <sup>th</sup> : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	PAT BATTENSBY LORETTA van UNEN	HANAN HADDAD WENDY GRAY	RITA RACZ JOAN FORRESTER
LECTOR	ROBERT BUTLER	IVY WEI	DELIA HUGHES
EMHC	DELLA TSANG	GEORG ADAM	ELIZABETH HOLMAN
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	A & C ADAM	MARRY VERBAARSCHOT

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).

## WELCOME FR. LARRY LYNN!

I begin my new role of Vicar General on August 11<sup>th</sup>, by which time our present vicar general, Bishop-elect Joseph Nguyen will be in Kamloops getting ready for his episcopal ordination.

Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays I'll be at *John Paul II Pastoral Centre*, assisting Archbishop Miller.

Saint Anthony's remains home, but as a pastor who will only be around regularly Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, we need some extra help.

The Archbishop has assigned Fr. Larry Lynn to be the assistant pastor, effective August 11<sup>th</sup>. He was just ordained last December, but he brings lots of life experiences as he is a widower who has children and grandchildren.

Yes, the assistant priest is "senior" to the pastor!  
I look forward very much to welcoming Fr. Larry next month.

*Fr. Gary*



**St Philomena Devotion**  
**Every 3rd Saturday,**  
**after the 9 AM Mass.**  
**Prayer Meeting & Social**  
**Hobson Room. All Welcome!**

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM

St. Edmund's Parish, North Vancouver

Holy Mass will kick-off the festivities at 10 in the morning with **Bishop Terrio** of St Paul, Alberta, as the Main Celebrant. After the Mass, *Scapulars* will be blessed & distributed along with devotional prayers to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Reception follows in the Parish Hall. **ALL WELCOME!**

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, Ramada Inn, Pitt Meadows

If you cannot attend the weekend yourself, you still can actively participate in this ministry. *How?* By adopting 2 attending couples. You may light a candle, pray the Rosary, do an act of mercy and offer intentions at Mass, etc.

Equally effective is by writing your adopted couple a letter. Email us at: [djr52@telus.net](mailto:djr52@telus.net) and we will help you with the details for this letter. *Dave & Connie Robinson*

## GOODBYE FR. JOSEPH !

Sunday, July 31st, 5 PM, @ St Patrick's Parish

Send-off Mass and Farewell for the sixth

Bishop of Kamloops **Bishop-elect Joseph Nguyen**.

A ticketed Dinner will follow after Mass.

Tickets: \$35/person; Online purchase at: [rcav.org/tickets](http://rcav.org/tickets).

To include your prayers in the Spiritual Bouquet, visit: [rcav.org/event/farewell-celebration-fr-joseph-nguyen/](http://rcav.org/event/farewell-celebration-fr-joseph-nguyen/).

## HELLO, BISHOP JOSEPH NGUYEN!

Thursday, August 25th, 3 PM, Kamloops.

ROUND-TRIP BUS SERVICE

FROM VANCOUVER TO KAMLOOPS:

Air-conditioned Tour buses leave

Holy Rosary Cathedral

Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.

\$80 per adult, which includes GST and tip.

Teresita Nixon: (604) 868-2354/940-7006.



## PERMANENT DIACONATE APPLICATIONS

Applications are now open. Classes will run from September to June: one Friday evening and one Saturday each month. Efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of men with younger families. Men aged 31-60 are eligible to apply, with the firm support of their wives.

Email Msgr. Gregory Smith at: [gsmith@rcav.org](mailto:gsmith@rcav.org).

## YEAR OF MERCY REFLECTION . . .

"With our eyes fixed on Jesus and His merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness."

*Pope Francis*

## MEDICAL AID FOR VIETNAM

Mission Dates: July 16<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>

Support our medical mission for the poor people in Vietnam with your prayers and donation. Our volunteers pay their own expenses. All monetary donation will be used for the children's eye and heart surgeries. Phone Fr. Tien Tran (604) 617-0791 or Dr. David NEIMA (604) 521 3232.

## HOLY LONGING OF THE SOUL : RETREAT

July 22<sup>nd</sup>– 24<sup>th</sup> @ Little Flower Monastery, Deroche

We will explore the connection between spirituality and desire.

Handle the pain and the joyful hope your desires bring you.

Encounter HIM who is the fulfillment of all your desires at Little Flower Monastery, 10789 N Deroche Rd, Deroche.

Operated by the Order of Discalced Carmelites.

Cost: \$185. Email: [angelina@vidahumanaedu.org](mailto:angelina@vidahumanaedu.org)

## ARCHDIOCESAN SUMMER INSTITUTE

Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> @ St Patrick's High, Vancouver

One-day courses for general interest and ministry training:

*Basics of the Faith* by Fr. Anthony Ho & Madonna House;

*Catholic Lutheran Dialogue* by Fr. Martin Moser, OMI;

*Classroom Planning* by Murita Chua;

*Discovering the Gospels* by Leanne Penco;

*How to Talk About LGBT Issues* by Peter Nation;

*Praying the Liturgy of the Hours for the Laity*

by Deacon Terry McLaughlin; and

*Singing the Mass* by Margaret Barry.

Online registration at: [www.rcav.org/oc-summer-institute](http://www.rcav.org/oc-summer-institute);

Cost includes morning snack and lunch.

Phone: (604) 683-0281 or Email: [ocregistration@rcav.org](mailto:ocregistration@rcav.org).

## "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](mailto:jmccarthy@rcav.org).

For more background details on this workshop,

Visit: [www.prhcanada.com](http://www.prhcanada.com) or [www.prhinternational.com](http://www.prhinternational.com).

Snacks included and

Lunch available at nominal cost.

Registration Forms available  
in the Parish Office.

