

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

20th Sunday Ordinary Time August 14, 2016

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

Little Johnny's preschool class visited a fire station. The firefighter giving the presentation held up a smoke detector and asked the class: *"Does anyone know what this is?"* Little Johnny's hand shot up and proclaimed: *"That's how Mommy knows when supper is ready!"*

When we come to Jesus, we do not expect fire. But this is what we get in today's Gospel. When we come to Jesus, we expect consolation and peace but Jesus' words today are words of conflict and division. What's going on here? It is important to note that when Jesus says He has come to set the world on fire, He is not speaking prescriptively but descriptively. That is, He is describing what will happen when we follow Him.

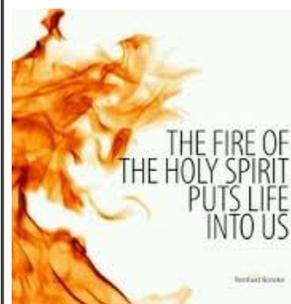
In the imperfect and often unjust world in which we live, speaking the truth, standing up for what is right, is not always welcome. It often causes fire and division. You just said no to your teenager. *"No, you're not going to the mall with your friends, when there's work to be done here at home. No, you're not going to an unsupervised party, even if everyone else is."* There's an angry comment, a slam of the bedroom door, and silence. You have done the right thing, but now there's fire.

You are out with some friends, maybe at a party or at lunch period at school. One of them speaks up and cruelly demeans another person, because of their religion, race, or their skin's color. For a minute you think you will let it slip, but then you speak out against the comment. Some of them hear what you are saying but others dismiss you as a hopeless fool. You have said the right thing, but you have also caused division.

How wonderful it would be if following Jesus was easy. When we stand for what is right or speak the truth, how great it would be to be greeted by applause. But this is not the world in which we live. So Jesus is telling us today that if we wish to assist Him in building the Kingdom of God, if we wish to contribute to making the world better and more just, then we cannot be afraid of fire.

In this sense maybe the words of Jesus are comforting after all. Often when we think of being a disciple or trying to be holy we imagine ourselves as being docile or peaceful. So, when we do or say things that get people upset or angry, we can begin to worry whether we are really doing what we should.

Jesus comforts us in today's Gospel by reminding us that speaking the truth and standing for what is right, even if it causes division, is not only compatible with the Gospel but essential to it. Our fundamental obligation is to speak the truth and to make choices which are right. If we do this, we will be following Jesus - even if we set things on fire.



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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	August 14 th 20 th SUNDAY ORDINARY	9 am 11 am	† Carmen Schemel † Harro Wegner
Mon	August 15 Assumption of BVM	8 am	† Jess † Junior MARAVILLAS
Tue	August 16	8 am	<i>In Honour of St Anthony</i>
Wed	August 17	8 am	† Norman Kauffmann
Thu	August 18	8 am	† Mary Maledy
Fri	August 19	8 am	† Hernando † Lucy TORRES
Sat	August 20 St Bernard	9 am 5 pm	<i>In Honour of St Philomena</i> † Emanuele Fumagalli
SUN	August 21 st 21 st SUNDAY ORDINARY	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS † Carmen Schemel

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



DATE	August 20 th : 5 PM	August 21 st : 9 AM	August 21 st : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	PAT BATTENSBY LORETTA v UNEN	HANAN HADDAD WENDY GRAY	RITA RACZ ELIZABETH HOLMAN
LECTOR	GLORIA LOWE	WENDY GRAY	JOANN CULLEN
EMHC	STEPHANIE LOCKING	ANDREW 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.

Parish BBQ



**PARISH
BBQ/PICNIC!**
Please join us for the
Parish Picnic on
Friday, August 26th
from 5:00-9:00 PM
at the Church.

There will be lots of food, good company, and games for the kids. All you need to bring is a lawn chair or blanket (if you wish to sit outside).

Pls. sign up so that we will know how many are coming.

We also need volunteers to help at the picnic.
The volunteer sign-up sheet is also in the foyer.

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH YOUTH HIKES!

Friday, August 19th

St Mark's Summit along Howe Sound Crest Trail

A family friendly hike leaving PARKING LOT 9:30 am
and return to St Anthony's parish by 3 pm.

We'll take a leisurely hike, have lunch on a scenic location,
and take in the sights. Bring your walking shoes, sunscreen,
water and of course your
camera!

Hope you can join us!

Sign up by emailing:
prep.sawv@rcav.org.

Leading the pack,
Fr. Gary and
Sr Angela Marie.



ST ANTHONY'S PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY!

Attached to this bulletin is our August Calendar
and on the flip side of it is the detailed information on

Photo Directory for St Anthony's parish.

Each registered parishioner or family is invited to have their
photos taken for the following several important reasons:

To continue to build our sense of community
by getting to know fellow parishioners by name;

To help our priests and parish staff
identify parishioners by name; and

To create a "snapshot" of our parish in 2016;
a snapshot that will be kept in our parish archives.

See the attached flyer for the advantages of participating
and how to book your appointment, convenient to you.

BISHOP-ELECT JOSEPH NGUYEN'S ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

Thursday, August 25th, 3:00 pm,
Sandman Centre, Kamloops.



PLEASE NOTE . . .

ROUND-TRIP BUS SERVICE
FROM VANCOUVER
TO KAMLOOPS:

Air-conditioned Tour buses leave
Holy Rosary Cathedral

Thursday, August 25th at 8:00 AM.

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

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

YEAR OF MERCY REFLECTION . . .

"Even if the grave sins of men provoke God's justice
and merit his just punishments, we must not forget
that God is 'the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,'
that He has appointed Mary most holy
as the generous steward of His merciful gifts."

Blessed Paul VI

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Saturday, August 20th, @ Heritage Park, Mission

Come to Fraser River Heritage Park, 7494 Mary Street, Mission
to pray and celebrate in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Confessions at 10 am, **Mass at 1pm by Archbishop Miller, CSB.**

After Mass, procession to the Grotto where Rosary is prayed
followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

For Bus service for the Disabled and Seniors, please call
Teresita Nixon at (604) 940-7006 or info@aquinasinstitute.ca.

Please bring picnic baskets and chairs.

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE GOSPELS?

Saturday, August 27th @ St Patrick's High, Vancouver

The Gospels are not just important but essential to our faith.

It is the Good News of Jesus' infinite love and mercy.

To Live and share Jesus' love is to know the joy of the Gospels.

The good news is, you don't have to be a theologian
or a scholar to understand the Gospels.

This course provides a better understanding of Jesus' ministry
and allow you to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Cost: \$40 per person and includes lunch.

More info or to register, visit rcav.org/oc-summer.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ASSISTED SUICIDE?

Friday, September 2nd, 7 PM @ JPPI Pastoral Centre

Assisted suicide is not purely a private matter.

It affects huge vulnerable populations who will experience
new pressures and financial incentives to die.

Fr. Spitzer will discuss why assisted-suicide is a fundamental
justice issue – giving freedoms to one group that impose
onerous burdens to die on other groups – the vulnerable,
disabled, and the economically and socially marginalized.

To register, visit rcav.org/assisted-suicide/

ONE-DAY SEMINAR WITH SHERRY

Saturday, September 10th

St Francis Xavier Parish, Vancouver

Sherry Weddell, is one of North America's leading voices
in the New Evangelization. Sherry wrote the bestselling book
"Forming Intentional Disciples", and is in high demand as a
speaker around the world. She is also the co-founder of the
Catherine of Siena Institute and developed the *Called &
Gifted*TM process designed to help Christians discern
the presence of charisms in one's life.

Cost is \$25 and includes lunch.

To register, visit rcav.org/event/making-disciples/

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

September 23rd & 24th, Broadway Church, Vancouver

Guest Speakers: Bishop Sam Jacobs; Dr. Margaret Schlientz.

Closing Mass celebration, Saturday, 24th, 5 PM
will be celebrated by Fr. Gary Franken.

Tickets/Info: (604) 597-8227; Email: fireblade@telus.net.