

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

21st Sunday Ordinary Time August 21, 2016

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

Late one night, Fr. Johnny was driving on a country road and got into an accident. A farmer stopped and said, "Sir, are you okay?" Fr. Johnny said, "Yes, I had the Lord riding with me." The farmer opined, "Well, you better let him ride with me, because you're gonna kill him."

So what does today's Gospel mean that when we try to enter, when we seek to come in, the door will be locked?

To answer that question let us start with what we know is true. God's will is to save every person in the world. God is always willing and open to invite us into eternal life. But salvation is a two-way street. It requires our participation. God will never change in God's desire to save us. But two things can change: our circumstances and our very selves. When these things change we can find that the door in fact is locked.

There are many stories that have resulted from the tragic events of 9/11. But one of the most poignant for me was a story that happened on 9/12. During that time many people came to church and spent time in prayer, a priest encountered a woman leaving church. He said to her, "I am glad you came today to pray. We all need prayers." She responded, "Some more than others. Do you want to know who I was praying for today?" the priest replied, "Sure". She finished saying, "I was praying for all the spouses of the people who died in those twin towers who left for work yesterday morning angry at their husband or wife. They always thought that there would be time to make peace. They always thought that there would be another opportunity to be reconciled. Yet there was not. They will have to live with that for the rest of their lives."

Circumstances in our life change. What is possible today is not always possible tomorrow. The people with whom we need to be reconciled with will not always be with us. The people we want to thank or tell that we love them could be taken in an instant. When that happens the door is locked and we can no longer get in.

This is the warning of today's Gospel. God will never change in God's desire to save us. But our circumstances can change and we can change. God will never lock the door to shut us out. But the circumstances of our life can shut us out, and we can lose the desire to enter by the choices we refuse to make.

The message of the Gospel, then, is *carpe diem*. It is a Latin phrase which means "seize the day." **The day is now. Today is the day of salvation.**

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	August 21 st 21 st SUNDAY ORDINARY	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS † Carmen Schemel
Mon	August 22 Queenship of Mary	8 am	† Hernando † Lucy TORRES
Tue	August 23	8 am	† Marlene Andrade
Wed	August 24 St Bartholomew	8 am	† Jess † Junior MARAVILLAS
Thu	August 25	8 am	† Paul Murphy
Fri	August 26	8 am	Sp. Int. Eileen Gray
Sat	August 27 St Monica	9 am 5 pm	† Mulej † Skumavec Families † Basim Azzam
SUN	August 28 th 22 nd SUNDAY ORDINARY	9 am 11 am	† Jess † Junior MARAVILLAS FOR PARISHIONERS

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



DATE	August 27 th : 5 PM	August 28 th : 9 AM	August 28 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	PAT BATTENSBY LORETTA v UNEN	HANAN HADDAD ROCIO HAUSER	JOANN CULLEN LARRY TRACH
LECTOR	SUSAN MURPHY	IVY WEI	LARRY TRACH
EMHC	ANNE FIELD	GEORG ADAM	MIMI TANG
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	ROCIO HAUSER	JOAQUIN CUE-GONZALEZ

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.



ST ANTHONY'S PARISH PICNIC!

Friday, August 26th, 5:00 to 9:00 PM
Lots of food, good company, and games for the kids. Bring a lawn chair or blanket (if you wish to sit outside).

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

Volunteers' sign-up sheet is also in the foyer.

If you missed church this weekend and wishes to come to the parish picnic, phone-in the parish office no later than Tuesday, 23rd August.

Pat Battensby

ST ANTHONY'S ALPHA!

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly open environment. It offers a simple and attractive invitation to all wanting to reinvestigate Christianity, consider it for the first time, or for those asking life's big questions such as, *"Is there more to life than this?"*

Our Alpha sessions will be on THURSDAYS, beginning September 22nd. More information to come!

THE ALPHA COURSE

explore the meaning of life!



ST ANTHONY'S PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY!

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.

Visit our parish website for a very easy link to book your photo appointment on-line, or phone

Susan (604) 926-3326; Parish Office (604) 926-6881.

Susan Wynne

YOUR SIGNATURES, PLEASE!

Next weekend: 2 Petitions to the House of Commons.

1. Euthanasia & Conscience Protection;
2. National Strategy on Palliative Care.



LIVE BROADCAST!

Bishop-elect Joseph Nguyen's Ordination & Installation

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

Salt + Light Media will broadcast the event live on their network and livestream channel, featuring interviews with those close to the Bishop-elect Joseph Nguyen.

Watch for more details on www.saltandlighttv.org or their live stream page: saltandlighttv.org/live/.

YEAR OF MERCY REFLECTION . . .

"Mary is...the one who obtained mercy in a particular and exceptional way, as no other person has. At the same time, still in an exceptional way, she made possible with the sacrifice of her own heart her own sharing in the revealing of God's mercy."

St John Paul the Great

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE GOSPELS?

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

The Gospels are 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.

To register, visit rcav.org/oc-summer.

ARCHDIOCESAN SUMMER INSTITUTE

Saturday, August 27th @ 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;

Cost includes morning snack and lunch.

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

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, SJ philosopher, educator, author, and world-class speaker 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, wrote the bestselling book *"Forming Intentional Disciples"*, and also the co-founder of the Catherine of Siena Institute and developed the *Called & Gifted™* process, designed to help Christians discern the presence of charisms in their 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.