

# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

## 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time August 28, 2016

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**A**t the wedding reception, the father of the bride made this announcement: "I thank you all for coming. The seating arrangement has been specially organised with all the guests who brought large presents being seated at the front and those that brought smaller presents, seated at the back. (Pause) "A special thanks to Uncle Johnny at the back, for the Oven Glove (Pause); the bride would like to ask Uncle Johnny if she could have the other glove for their Silver Wedding Anniversary".

At a formal dinner, seating arrangements are important. Usually the most distinguished guests sit at the top of the table. To avoid the embarrassing situation described in today's Gospel a wise host will decide the order of precedence beforehand.

Here Jesus makes fun of those pretentious people who scrambled for the most prestigious places, only to be demoted on the arrival of someone greater. But Jesus wasn't interested in table etiquette, nor in helping us to avoid public humiliation! Still less interested in false humility. Such a person would simply be a crafty status seeker - far worse than someone who simply grabbed the best seat.

This dinner, like all the others in the Gospels, anticipated the heavenly banquet. Here Jesus is telling us that we are not the ones to decide which position we deserve. Our very presence at the heavenly banquet is God's gift. None of us deserves this. He will overturn our sense of priorities and will give the highest places to those whom the world consider to be the least important.

Jesus Himself came to serve, not to be served. While Adam fell through his pride, the Son of God emptied Himself of the glory which was His by right. Jesus became humble and obedient, even to death on the cross. The God of glory became despised and rejected. And yet it was precisely in His lowliness that Jesus revealed His true greatness. On the cross He showed the power and generosity of His love for His Heavenly Father and for us sinners. Jesus, who lowered Himself to become the least, was raised to become the first in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The crucified Christ shows us where our true greatness lies. Not in the honour or status, but in following Jesus along the way of the cross. Like Him, we are called to serve, rather than be served, to give of ourselves, rather than grab for ourselves. Sometimes that will be costly, painful and humiliating. But,

with the grace of God, this will bring out the very best in us. And God will give us a place of honour at His Heavenly Banquet.



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	August 28 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY	9 am 11 am	† Jess † Junior MARAVILLAS FOR PARISHIONERS
Mon	August 29 St John Baptist	8 am	Sp. Int. Deacon Richard Sp. Int. Angela Vendargon
Tue	August 30	8 am	† Mary Maledy
Wed	August 31	8 am	Sp. Int. Andrew Cho
Thu	September 1	8 am	† Jim Wynne
Fri	September 2	8 am 7:00 PM	Sp. Int. Alexandra Sirutis † Chunae Jin
Sat	September 3 St Gregory	9 am 5 pm	Sp. Int. Leonardo Cho FOR PARISHIONERS
SUN	September 4 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY	9 am 11 am	† Virginia Forsyth † Jimmy Mah

### ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

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



DATE	Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup> : 5 PM	Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup> : 9 AM	Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup> : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	PAT BATTENSBY LORETTA v UNEN	GLORIA LOWE ROCIO HAUSER	MONIQUE CATTERMOLLE JOAN FORRESTER
LECTOR	WALTON'S	GLORIA LOWE	DELIA HUGHES
EMHC	ELAINE MOONEN	ROCIO HAUSER	MONIQUE CATTERMOLLE
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	ROSE MOJECA	SUSAN MORABITO

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).



## **YOUR SIGNATURES, PLEASE!**

**This weekend, please see our CWL Volunteers in the Vestibule and use the power of your Pen!**

The CWL members are collecting signatures for 2 Petitions to the House of Commons.

**Petition 1:** petitioners call upon the Parliament of Canada to enshrine in the Criminal Code the protection of conscience for physicians and health care institutions from coercion or intimidation to provide or refer for assisted suicide or euthanasia;

**Petition 2:** petitioners call upon Parliament of Canada to establish a National Strategy on Palliative Care.

**Let our Signatures become loud and clear Living Prayers, for Reverence for Life from conception to its natural end!**

## **FLYERS!**

**Attached to this bulletin are Flyers on our up-coming CWL Thrift Sale, and St Anthony's ALPHA Program. Thank you for your participation. God bless!**

### **ST ANTHONY'S PROJECT ADVANCE**

Thank you to all who had already contributed.

For those who have not participated yet, you may do so by phoning the Parish Office or by donating online.

**The beautiful thing is that we have fulfilled our portion for the Archdiocese.**

**From now on, every Project Advance donations we receive until the end of December will stay in St Anthony's parish for our own projects and needs.**



### **ST ANTHONY'S PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY!**

Each registered parishioner or family is invited to have their photo 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.

### **NEW HOPE FUNDRAISING GALA**

The Canadian Institute for Education on the Family invites all to the *First Annual New Hope Fundraising Gala*.

**Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM**

**View Hotel on Lonsdale, North Vancouver.**

Guest speaker is from *Terry Schiavo Life & Hope Network*.

**Tickets, \$75, available in the Parish Office or Phone Mac & Renata Nowakowski (604) 926-0260.**

## **YEAR OF MERCY REFLECTION . . .**

"No one has experienced, to the same degree as the Mother of the Crucified One, the mystery of the cross, the overwhelming encounter of divine transcendent justice with love: the 'kiss' given by mercy to justice."

*St John Paul the Great*

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - SEPT. 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**, started in 2015 by Pope Francis, is "an opportunity to reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which He has entrusted to our care, and to implore His help for the protection of creation as well as His pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

*Pope Francis*

Visit: [rcav.org/laudato-si](http://rcav.org/laudato-si) to learn more.

### **WHAT'S WRONG WITH ASSISTED SUICIDE?**

**Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 PM @ JP/II 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/](http://rcav.org/assisted-suicide/).

### **ONE-DAY SEMINAR WITH SHERRY**

**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**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*<sup>TM</sup> 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/](http://rcav.org/event/making-disciples/).

### **KEEP YOUR BRAIN HEALTHY AS YOU AGE**

**Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2-3:30 pm**

**Van Dusen Garden, Vancouver**

Research shows that simple lifestyle changes can improve brain health while boosting memory and brain power.

Come and learn from neuroscientist **Dr. Max Cynader**, a passionate spokesperson for brain health.

Enjoy refreshments and display booths. Event is free.

Contact: *Tapestry Foundation Health Care*, (604) 806-9480.

### **POSITIVE PARENTING WORKSHOPS**

**Fridays, Sept. 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7, 14 & 21**

**@ St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver**

Six dynamic workshops supporting and equipping parents with tools to connect and guide children/teens to become capable, confident and responsible persons.

#### **SESSIONS:**

- 1 "Positive Parenting";
  - 2 "Parenting Teenagers";
  - 3 "How to Improve your Child's - Self Esteem";
  - 4 "Four Goals of Misbehavior";
  - 5 "Problem Solving and Family Meetings";
  - 6 "Finding God in the Home".
- For more info, visit: [rcav.org/event/positive-parenting/](http://rcav.org/event/positive-parenting/).