

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time September 4, 2016

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Jesus places some extreme demands on us in today's Gospel. Does He really expect us to hate our father and mother? Does He expect us to renounce all of our possessions? How can we live without healthy human relationships? How can we survive without a house for shelter, a car for travel, and some money in the bank to deal with unexpected crises? Why is Jesus so insistent that we renounce our relationships and our possessions?

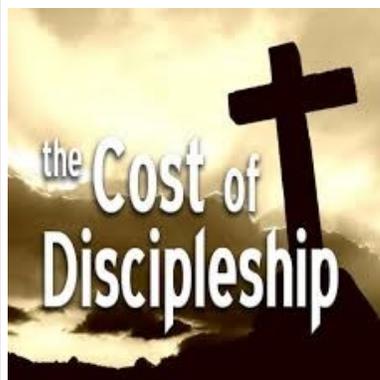
Perhaps a story might help. A man was travelling through a desert, and he ran out of water. He realized in short order that unless he could find some, he would die. Then in the middle of nowhere he saw a shed. Inside, he found a jug of water, a pump, and a note which says "Take the jug of water, pour it into the shaft of the pump to prime it, then move the lever, and you will have all the water that you need." The man thought, should he do what the note said, or should he drink the water in the jug because he was dying of thirst? After all the water is in the jug, but no guarantee that the pump would work. After a long while he took the jug of water and poured it into the pump. He moved the lever. Nothing. He moved the lever again. A small gurgle. He moved the lever a third time, and water began to flow. He drank all that he needed, filled his water bottles, and refilled the jug for the next traveler who might pass by.

This story is about **finding the freedom to let go**. Jesus understands that unless we find the freedom to let go of some of the good things in our lives, we will never be living the lives that are best for us.

It is hard to let go of good things in our lives, but there are times when it is essential to do so. In those times, if we try to hold on to our children, to our marriage, to our popularity, or to our health, it will not bless us but only harm us.

Our faith can help us here. Jesus tells us that when we find the freedom to let go of things of which we must put behind us, God will act and lead us to a new and perhaps deeper good. That promise of Jesus is something that we must hold on to, because at times letting go of the good things in our lives seems like taking the last bit of water we have and pouring it down a dry pump. But Jesus tells us that if we let go of the good things that we must, we can become His disciples. That is good news, indeed. When we are in the presence of Christ, there is not only water but wine, not only survival but the fullness of life.

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	September 4 th 23 rd SUNDAY ORDINARY	9 am 11 am	† Virginia Forsyth † Jimmy Mah
Mon	September 5 LABOUR DAY	9:00 AM	† Jess † Junior MARAVILLAS
Tue	September 6	8 am	† John † Margaret MICALLEF
Wed	September 7	8 am	† Devi Sakhrani
Thu	September 8 Nativity-BVM	8 am	† Jess † Junior MARAVILLAS
Fri	September 9	8 am	† Maria De Cotiis
Sat	September 10	9 am 5 pm	<i>Sp. Int. Abeir Haddad</i> † CRAWFORD Family
SUN	September 11 th 24 th SUNDAY ORDINARY	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS <i>Sp. Int. Wendy Gray</i>

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



DATE	Sept. 10 th : 5 PM	Sept. 11 th : 9 AM	Sept. 11 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	PAT BATTENSBY LORETTA v UNEN	JOANN CULLEN WENDY GRAY	RITA RACZ LARRY TRACH
LECTOR	ROBERT BUTLER	WENDY GRAY	ADRIENNE LOUIE
EMHC	JANE TORRESAN	DON VICIC	RANDY HOLMAN
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	BEV CARSON	JULIE BARTLETT

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.

WELCOME FR. LARRY LYNN!

St. Anthony's Parish is not only happy to have help for Fr. Gary, but also very excited to welcome Fr. Larry Lynn as the Assistant Pastor!
Thank you both for giving us the gift of your priesthood.

CWL ANNUAL THRIFT SALE

SEPTEMBER 10

The St. Anthony's Catholic Women's League is again organizing their *Annual Fall Thrift Sale*, Saturday, September 10th from 10 am - 2 pm.



DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING HOUSEHOLD ITEMS GREATLY APPRECIATED:

Housewares, Clothing, Jewelry, Books and Toys.

For more details or further information, please phone Renata (604) 926-0260 or Katherine (604) 971-4591.
Donations Drop-off starts, Tuesday, September 6th.

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR PHOTO APPOINTMENT YET?

Please book NOW by going online or by phoning Susan (604) 926-3326 or by phoning parish office.

St. Anthony's Parish is offering the *Alpha* program starting Thursday, September 22nd. Alpha is a program which has been very successfully put on by thousands of different churches in the world.

Come join us for a *Meal* and a *Video*, followed by the opportunity for discussion.

We get to hear about Jesus perhaps in a new way and the life He shares with us. If you wish to come, please bring someone who has not been attending church, or does not know the faith.

Alpha is designed to introduce people to Christianity in a non-threatening way. Please register (**no cost**), so we can be prepared for how many are coming!

THE ALPHA COURSE

explore the meaning of life!



HAVE YOU BORROWED

DVD's FROM THE PARISH?

Please look in your TV corner. Our Alpha DVD's currently missing. Please phone parish office.

NEW HOPE FUNDRAISING GALA

"The Canadian Institute for Education on the Family" invites all to the 1st Annual New Hope Fundraising Gala. Thursday, September 29th, 6:00 PM, View Hotel

on Lonsdale, North Vancouver. Guest speaker, Bobby Schindler, *"Terry Schiavo Life/Hope Network"*.

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



YEAR OF MERCY REFLECTION . . .

"Chosen to be the Mother of the Son of God, Mary, from the outset, was prepared by the love of God to be the Ark of the Covenant between God and man. She treasured divine mercy in her heart in perfect harmony with her Son, Jesus..."

St John Paul the Great

ONE-DAY SEMINAR WITH SHERRY

Saturday, Sept. 10th St Francis Xavier Parish, Vancouver
Sherry Weddell, wrote the bestselling book *"Forming Intentional Disciples"*, also co-founded the **Catherine of Siena Institute** and developed the *Called & Gifted*TM process, designed to help Christians discern the presence of charisms in their life.

Cost is \$25. **LUNCH PROVIDED!**

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

KEEP YOUR BRAIN HEALTHY AS YOU AGE

Wednesday, Sept. 14th, 2 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. 16th - Oct. 21st, 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 Teens"; 3 "How to Improve your Child's - Self Esteem"; 4 "Four Goals of Misbehavior"; 5 "Problem Solving and Family Meetings"; and 6 "Finding God in the Home".

For more info, visit: rcav.org/event/positive-parenting/.

HELP CHILDREN BE THEIR BEST

Saturday, Sept. 24th, 9 AM @ JP/II Pastoral Centre

A one-day sensitization module aimed at helping parents to: Explore how to best recognize and respond to the capacities and aspirations of their children; Discover their own traits and capabilities in the art of apprenticing their children in becoming themselves. Cost: \$35. **LUNCH PROVIDED!**

Register: <http://secure.rcav.org/helping-my-children-be-their-best>.

ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER

Thursday, Oct. 27th, 6 PM at *The Hyatt*, Vancouver.

We invite you to join us for the 5th Annual Archbishop's Dinner celebrating the Year of Mercy and support our expanding efforts to serve the poor and marginalized in the community.

Ticket, \$150 with a portion receipted as a charitable donation.

In support, St. Anthony's parish has reserved a table for 10.

Please join us. Phone parish office.

ST EDMUND'S INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Saturday, Oct. 8th, 6 PM in Parish Hall

Please join us at our 7th Annual International Night for good food, good company and fun!

535 Mahon Avenue, North Vancouver.

50/50 Draw; Door prizes; Dinner for 2 at *Pinnacle Hotel*, etc.

Tickets: \$5.00/adult; \$2.00/child 12 year old & younger.

Tickets or Information: (604) 988-3211.