

# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

## 24th Sunday Ordinary Time September 11, 2016

**Pastor:** Very Rev. Fr. Gary Franken  
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**V**isiting with Fr. Giovanni, Pastor of Santa Maria in Trastevere, Italy, I learned a pastoral lesson. He was a proud Italian priest, warm, witty and wise. During a parish social function, a concerned mother ran up to Fr. Giovanni and began to unload. *“Padre, I am worried about my son Luca. We did everything that we could. We went to church as a family and prayed at home. But once he went into college, his faith was gone. He will not go to church with us now, and he will not even speak about anything religious. Father, I love my son and I do not know what to do. I just want him to find God.”*

Identifying with the woman's pain, he sighed deeply and said, *“Lucia, you've done everything that you could. Luca now is an adult, and he will have to make his own decisions. But don't give up hope. Give it time, and never forget this. Luca might have no desire to find God, but God has a burning desire to find him.”*

Those words of Fr. Giovanni were true wisdom and true faith. We believe in a God who is actively reaching out to seek and find us. Like a shepherd who searches for a lost sheep or a woman who searches for a lost coin, our God is searching for us, finding us, and bringing us to life and to joy.

What is it about this woman and the coin? This was a small little silver coin. It was not worth much. Yet this woman lights a lamp and sweeps her house to find it. How can we explain her burning desire to find this coin? One way, is by recalling that at the time of Jesus, it was a custom in Palestine that a woman on her wedding day would wear a special headdress on which silver coins are attached. Those coins then became a symbol of the love and commitment of her marriage – much like a wedding ring is for us today.

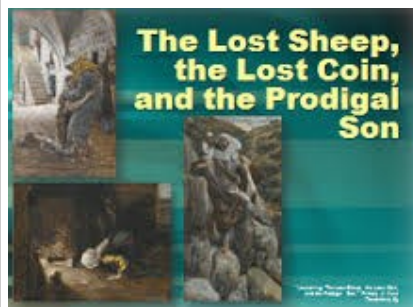
So if the lost coin is one of her wedding coins, the woman is so anxious to find it, not because of its monetary value. She searches for it because of what that coin meant to her. That coin was a part of her marriage and a part of her life.

The parable tells us that God is like the woman in the parable. God is committed to find us, not because we are so holy or perfect or successful but because we mean so much to God. God has freely chosen us to be daughters and sons. This

truth is Good News for us.

It means that there is nothing that we can do to stop God from saving us. God reaches out to find us not because of our love for God but because of God's love for us.

*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 11 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS <i>Sp. Int. Wendy Gray</i>
Mon	September 12	8 am	† Gabriella Micallef
Tue	September 13 St John Chrysostom	8 am	† Marlene Andrade
Wed	September 14 Exultation of Holy Cross	8 am 6 pm	<i>Sp. Int. Ed Hauser</i> † Josephine Gilroy
Thu	September 15 O. Lady of Sorrows	8 am	† Jess † Junior MARAVILLAS
Fri	September 16 Sts Cornelius & Cyprian	8 am	† Matthew Torresan
Sat	September 17	9 am 5 pm	<i>In Honour of St Philomena</i> † Basim Azzam
SUN	September 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY	9 am 11 am	<i>Sp. Int. Emma Torresan</i> FOR PARISHIONERS

### ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

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### S. T. A. HIGH SCHOOL

(604) 987-4431

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



DATE	Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup> : 5 PM	Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup> : 9 AM	Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup> : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	PAT BATTENSBY LORETTA v UNEN	ROCIO HAUSER	LORNA DALINGHAUS JO ANN CULLEN
LECTOR	GLORIA LOWE	IVY WEI	ADRIENNE LOUIE
EMHC	DELLA TSANG	GEORG ADAM	ALEJANDRO BEREZOWSKY
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).

## ST ANTHONY'S RELICS VISITING US !!!

Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

8 AM Mass, Veneration All Day & 7 PM Mass.

After successful visits to America, Canada, Europe, Asia and Australia, two first class relics of St. Anthony of Padua will return to Canada for an eight-day tour of the Archdiocese of Vancouver beginning on October 5 and ending on October 12. "Relics are parts of the body of a Saint who was the Temple of the Holy Spirit."

*Pope Francis*

Mark your calendars. October 12<sup>th</sup>. St Anthony's relics visit St. Anthony's.

Dates of visits to other parishes will be posted soon.

### ALPHA ...

**Thank you speakers, for promoting the Thursday program which starts on 22nd September here at SA Parish. All are INVITED. .join us for a Meal and a Video followed by discussion.**

THE ALPHA COURSE

explore the meaning of life!



### PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE!

Thank you for the great response! We begin taking photos this week. There still are a few appointments available for this Thursday and Friday.

The second week, the week of October 10<sup>th</sup>, is filling up so please book your appointment as soon as possible. You can do this via the link on the parish website or by calling the office (604) 926-6881 or Susan (604) 926-3326.

There is NO CHARGE, plus a free 8 x 10 photo and directory. The only cost is for additional photos, over and above the 8 x 10.

*Susan Wynne*

### STA High School Corner ...

Welcome All to a NEW school year!



According to the the Ministry of Education transcripts, 65 % of the 2016 Grad Class graduated with Honours.

Congratulations, STA!

### ST EDMUND'S INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM in Parish Hall

Please join us at our 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER

Thursday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM at The Hyatt, Vancouver.

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

**BIG thanks to Dan/Liliana Szocs, and Don/Ausma Vivic for your enthusiastic response to our invitation.**

### YEAR OF MERCY REFLECTION ...

"At the foot of the Cross, Mary, together with John, the disciple of love, witnessed the words of forgiveness spoken by Jesus. This supreme expression of mercy towards those who crucified Him show us the point to which the mercy of God can reach."

*St John Paul the Great*

### KEEP YOUR BRAIN HEALTHY AS YOU AGE

Wednesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### BISHOP DE ROO @ ST MARK'S COLLEGE

Thursday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM

He is the last surviving bishop to have participated in all four sessions of the *Second Vatican Council* and has kept alive its goal of *aggiornamento* - the renewal of the Church as it relates with the world. He will speak about his reflections on the Council's "Past, Present and Future" and its fruits with new eyes, ears and hearts.

**FREE but LIMITED SEATING. Register on-line.**

### POSITIVE PARENTING WORKSHOPS

Fridays: Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 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/](http://rcav.org/event/positive-parenting/).

### HELP CHILDREN BE THEIR BEST

Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM @ JPPI 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>.

### NEW HOPE FUNDRAISING GALA

"The Canadian Institute for Education on the Family" invites all to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual New Hope Fundraising Gala.

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

on Lonsdale, North Vancouver.

Guest speaker, **Bobby Schindler**, from

"Terry Schiavo Life/Hope Network".

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

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOU!

We are urgently looking for volunteers to help at the St. Vincent de Paul's store, 1738 East Hastings Street.

Please contact Anselmo at (604) 873-1303 or

[samm.ssvpvancover@gmail.com](mailto:samm.ssvpvancover@gmail.com).

