

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

26th Sunday Ordinary Time September 25, 2016

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A soldier went to a monk wanting to learn about heaven and hell. The monk looked at him and said: *"I see that you come to see me but you also carry a gun. But I bet that you do not know how to use that gun."* Angrily, the soldier took out his gun, and pointed it at the monk. The monk told him: *"That's hell."* The soldier calmed down and holstered his gun. The monk looked at him and said: *"That's heaven."*

As Christians we believe in heaven and hell. Heaven is easier to understand than hell. It makes sense that if we have a loving and caring God, then that same God would extend life and joy after death. Hell, is a stickier issue. How can we explain a loving and forgiving God who condemns his creatures to eternal torment? Is not God all merciful and forgiving? How can we explain eternal damnation?

Today's story of the rich man and Lazarus is one of the few times in the New Testament when we are given a glimpse of the afterlife. What we see is instructive.

In the story, the rich man never changes. While alive he is completely absorbed in himself, his purple clothing, fine linen, and sumptuous dinners. After death he is still the same way. His only concern is securing a drop of water to cool his tongue. It is all about him, from start to finish, in this world and in the next. What this story is telling us is that we are responsible for our own future, whether is it heaven or hell.

The great chasm in the story is created by the rich man, himself. His heart is so closed in that he can neither give nor receive love and mercy. He does not understand that his condemnation is the result of his own selfishness. His isolation results from a chasm he has created through his own choices.

We are, today, shaping the person we will be for all eternity. When we make decisions that are based only upon our own comfort and pleasure; with each one of those decisions our heart closes in a bit more on itself. On the other hand, whenever we open ourselves to service and reach out to others and share what we have to those in need, our heart opens a bit more to love.

Heaven is offered to every creature at every time. God does not send anyone to eternal torment. But we can choose to go there. Our choices today determine how much room we will have in our own hearts to accept love.

So choose carefully. 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 25 th 26 th SUNDAY ORDINARY	9 am 11 am	† Emanuele Fumagalli <i>Sp. Int. Sarah Seymour</i>
Mon	September 26 Sts Brebeuf & Jagues	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Wendy Gray</i>
Tue	September 27 St Vincent de Paul	8 am 6 PM	† Alicja Nowakowska <i>Sp. Int. S. of the Sea Parish CWL</i>
Wed	September 28	8 am	† Mary Downey
Thu	September 29 Archangels	8 am	† Jess † Junior MARAVILLAS
Fri	September 30 St Jerome	8 am	† Gloria Battiston
Sat	October 1 St Thérèse	9 am 5 pm	† Ber Kelleher † Andrade Family
SUN	October 2 nd 27 th SUNDAY ORDINARY	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS † Harro Wegner

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

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principal@saswv.ca

S. T. A. HIGH SCHOOL

(604) 987-4431

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



DATE	Oct. 1 st : 5 PM	Oct. 2 nd : 9 AM	Oct. 2 nd : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	PAT BATTENSBY LORETTA v UNEN	GLORIA LOWE ROCIO HAUSER	MONIQUE CATTERMOLLE JOAN FORRESTER
LECTOR	WALTONS	IVY WEI	DELIA HUGHES
EMHC	ANNE FIELD	ROCIO HAUSER	MIMI TANG
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.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Thursday, 29th Sept. @ 7:15 pm.

If you, or someone you know, is seeking more information about the Catholic Church, with a desire to enter into full community through the

Sacraments, this is the program to consider.

For more information and details, call Tony at: (778) 877-8661.

ST ANTHONY'S RELICS VISITING US!!!

Wednesday, October 12th

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 our Archdiocese beginning October 5th and ending on October 12th.

"First class relics are parts of the body of a Saint who was the Temple of the Holy Spirit."

Pope Francis



**CWL Mass & Potluck
Tuesday, 27th Sept @ 6 PM
All ladies of the parish,
Members & non-Members,
WELCOME!**

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE!

Those who had photos taken last week were very pleased with the results. We will be taking photos again the week of October 10th. Please book your appointment now so that we can determine if we need to schedule the photographer for additional days.

There is no cost to have your photo taken. Plus, you will receive a FREE 8 x 10 photo and a directory.

Call parish (604) 926-6881 or Susan (604) 926-3326 for your photo appointment or visit: sawv.rcav.org.

Thanks for participating. The directory will not be complete without you! *Susan*

YOUTH MINISTRY Movie & Dinner

Friday, 30th September, 5:30 pm in Hall.

ALL students in Grades 4 & up, WELCOME!

Invite your friends. Call parish office
604.926.6881 or email Sr. Angela Marie.



STA WALKATHON

Altar server and STA student, Dante AGOSTI and his classmates invite everyone's support to their humble effort to raise funds for STA through a *Walkathon*. They will be visiting with us next weekend to collect *Pledges* of support.

ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER

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

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

St Anthony's 2nd Table is almost full now with 7 parishioners around it. Please join us! Phone the parish office.

UPDATE!

YEAR OF MERCY REFLECTION . . .

"Indeed, mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message; it is the very name of God, the face with which He revealed Himself in the Old Covenant and fully in Christ Jesus, the incarnation of creative and redemptive love."

Pope Benedict XVI

PILGRIMAGE with FR LARRY!

April 17-29, 2017 to Milan, Padua,
Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rome...Italy.
Call Priscilla/Isabel (604) 874-9533.



MOVIE: "OPEN BETHLEHEM"

Monday, Sept 26th, 5:30 PM, *Rio on Broadway, Vancouver*

We encounter Bethlehem in the Christmas story. Yet, how much do we know about contemporary Bethlehem?

Come to *Rio*, 1660 East Broadway, Vancouver.

Tickets \$13; \$15 at the door. Must be 19+.

Visit: rcav.org/event/open-bethlehem-film-screeningqa/

ST MOTHER TERESA'S MASS

Sunday, Oct. 2nd, 2:30 pm, Holy Rosary Cathedral

Join Archbishop Miller marking the canonization of St. Mother Teresa. *Reception to follow in Rosary Hall.*

ST EDMUND'S INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

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

7th Annual International Night. Food, good company and fun!

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.

MARRIED, SINGLES LIFESTYLE

October 14th-16th, 2016

The *Married Singles Lifestyle* describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are now living more like roommates.

Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive these situations in their marriages and has helped 1000's of couples from disillusionment and deep misery.

Phone (604) 530-6710; email: vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org.



LIFE CHAIN 2016

Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of Pro-life.

Volunteer individuals stand at a designated location for 90 minutes, praying for our nation and for an end to abortion.

It is a visual statement of our solidarity that abortion kills children and that the church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Visit: rcav.org/lifechain for a list of dates and locations of Life Chain events within our Archdiocese.

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.