

# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in LENT**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

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**A**fter dying in a car crash, three friends go to Heaven for orientation. They are all asked the same question: *"When you are in your casket, friends and family are mourning over you, what would you like to hear them say about you?"* The first guy immediately responds, *"I would like to hear them say that I was one of the great doctors of my time, and a great family man."* The second guy says, *"I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher who made a huge difference in our children of tomorrow."* The last guy thinks a minute and replies, *"I'd like to hear them say, Look! He's Moving!"*

When does hope die? When do we come to a situation where we can no longer imagine any future good? When do we reach a place when we look forward and all we can see is despair? For the followers of Jesus, the answer to these profound questions is "never." Never do we believe that hope and goodness will be conquered by evil. Never do we believe that we come to the point where we can no longer look forward with some confidence. Never will hope die.

Now these are daring statements, statements that many would not accept. But, as believers in Christ, we accept them because we believe in God's power. We believe that God's power is active in our midst. We believe that God is in charge of the world, and God will not let the world fall apart. We believe that God is in charge of our lives, and God will not abandon us. We believe that God is opposed to the evil that surrounds us, and God has promised us an ultimate victory. For those who believe in Christ, there never comes a point where hope dies, because we believe that the power of God is stronger than any other power.

This does not mean that we are preserved from every evil, for the power of God is not yet complete. It waits for the day for Christ's final victory and return. Evil can still touch us and those who we love. But even as we face loss and sickness and rejection and death, we hold on to the hope that God's power is still active, and God's power will preserve us.

Martha, in today's Gospel, believed in Jesus' power. She believed that he was a great healer. She believed that had Jesus come, he could have saved her brother. "Lord," she said, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died." But he did die, and he was now in the tomb." And so for Martha, hope was gone. There was no way that she could imagine her brother alive again. Jesus confronts her understanding and asserts, "I am the resurrection and the life." To show that power Jesus calls forth Lazarus from the tomb. So we, too, if we believe in God's power, can always hold our hearts open to God's power in our lives.

It is not easy to hope in a world where so much is wrong, but Christians hold on to hope because we believe in the power of God. We believe in the power that raised Lazarus from the tomb. We believe in the power that brought Jesus to life after the third day. That power of God's presence is our hope, and that hope can never die.



*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

<b>SUN</b>	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday LENT</b>	9 am 11 am	<i>Sp. Int. Archbishop M. Miller</i> † Wegner † Kiefer Families
Mon	April 3	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Gloria Lowe</i>
Tue	April 4	8 am	<i>In Thanksgiving</i>
Wed	April 5	8 am	† Marjorie O'Connell
Thu	April 6	8 am	† John † Margaret MICALLEF
<b>1st Fri</b>	April 7	8 am <b>7:00 PM</b>	† Jack Lavoie † Kathleen Connolly
Sat	April 8	9 am 5 pm	† Bernadette Downey † Korabo Family
<b>SUN</b>	April 9 <sup>th</sup> <b>PALM Sunday</b>	9 am 11 am	<b>FOR PARISHIONERS</b> † Brzezina Family

## ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

(604) 922-0011;

## S. T. A. HIGH SCHOOL

(604) 987-4431

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



DATE	April 8 <sup>th</sup> : 5 PM	April 9 <sup>th</sup> : 9 AM	April 9 <sup>th</sup> : 11 AM
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	LORETTA van UNEN	BARBARA PENNEFATHER	JOAN FORRESTER
<b>LECTOR</b>	SUSAN MURPHY GLORIA LOWE	IVY WEI WENDY GRAY	DELIA HUGHES DANTE AGOSTI-MORO
<b>EMHC</b>	IRENE BOHJALIAN	DON VICIC	BEATRIZ RAYNARD
<b>SOCIAL HOSTS</b>	*	NERLYN LONTOK	JULIE BARTLETT

St. Anthony's **P**arish **R**eligious **E**ducation **P**rogram (**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).

## 40 - DAYS FOR LIFE . . .

We would like to commend those souls that braved the rains of March 24<sup>th</sup>, praying in solidarity with the most vulnerable people, the unborn, in front of Women's Hospital.

Also, thanks to everyone who came to the church to pray in adoration and solidarity as well as those who made a commitment to pray at some point on that day.

40 Days for Life continues until April 9<sup>th</sup>. So feel free to pop down and say a Rosary or just take a few minutes to pray for an end to abortion. To date, there have been 344 lives saved internationally since this Lenten campaign started.

*Fr. Gary*, Pastor

*Fr. Larry*, Assistant Pastor

### LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

Check out our new CD's, Books & Booklets on our Lighthouse Catholic Media Display!

Many titles to choose from: Seven Last Sayings of Christ by Dr. Scott Hahn; My Beloved Sons by Bishop Robert Barron; 7 Secrets of Confessions by Finny Flynn;

*Finding True Happiness* by Fulton Sheen, *and more!*

### PENITENTIAL SERVICES NORTH SHORE

**Thursday, 6th April, 7 PM**

**Holy Trinity Parish;**

**Tuesday, 11th April, 7 PM**

**Christ the Redeemer Parish.**

DON'T BE AFRAID  
TO GO TO THE  
SACRAMENT OF  
CONFESSION,  
WHERE YOU  
WILL MEET  
JESUS WHO  
FORGIVES YOU.



### THURSDAY SOUP & BUNFINAL SPEAKER

Annabelle CHONG

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon – 1 PM in Parish Hall.

Enjoy a Home-made Soup and welcome our FINAL Speaker.

**St Philomena Prayer Group  
meets every 3rd Saturday in the  
Hobson Room for Prayers & Social  
after the 9 AM Mass.**

**However, this month the meeting is  
on the 4th Saturday, the 22nd.**

**All Welcome!**



### ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH & SUICIDE

Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM

FREE Presentation hosted by STA

ALL parents with children in the Catholic schools in the area are invited to attend. Though this will be a free event, registration is required due to limited space. So register soon!  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/free-presentation-for-parents-teen-mental-health-and-suicide-prevention-tickets-32240837212>

### \$4,800 IN CWL BURSARIES AVAILABLE!

Application Forms & Criteria available in the Parish Office.

For details & information, please phone

Carmen Navarro, (604) 910-3470.



### INVITING ALL FAMILIES WITH 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

St. Anthony's School invites parents and their 3 & 4 year olds to their *Ready, Set, Learn* event on **Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** from 1:30 - 2:30 pm in the *Library*.

**RSVP** the school office (604) 922-0011.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

“. . . and you shall know that I am the Lord”

The people of Israel failed again and again to be good stewards of God's covenant with them. A stiff-necked and prideful people, they followed their own advice. Still, God is always merciful, and through the prophet Ezekiel He promises to restore them, not simply for their own good, but to remind them of His divine sovereignty over all that they are ever able to accomplish or possess. God is the one and only true source of all of our talents, abilities, opportunities, and possessions. Humbly accepting this stewardship reality is the way to avoid a prideful disposition. Humility is the stewardship virtue that gets pride out of the way and enables God to use us, and the gifts given to us, to advance His Kingdom.

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### REMEMBERING RIGOBERTA MENCHU

Today, *Solidarity Sunday* Development and Peace thank you for standing in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world through your prayers, your voice and your generous gift through Share Lent Collection.

These are truly acts of mercy. “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life” *Pope Francis*

TODAY we ALSO remember Rigoberta Menchú, 1992 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, in recognition of her work defending the rights of Indigenous peoples. Visit [www.devp.org/insp-women](http://www.devp.org/insp-women).

### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - June 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM @ Christ the Redeemer Parish  
Discover human nature as the “*Gift of Self*” in our relationship with God and one another through *Theology of the Body*.  
St. John Paul II reveals our true human nature, in the image and likeness of God, as a “*communion of persons, in the sincere gift of self,*” giving us the authentic meaning of our humanity.

Other locations and times are also being offered.

Register online at [rcav.org/tob](http://rcav.org/tob).

### VOCATION DISCERNMENT FOR WOMEN

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 7 pm for All Single Women, 18-35.

Have questions about discerning God's call for your life?

Vocations In Progress for women is an opportunity to meet Nuns and Religious Women, pray together, have dinner and ask questions and learn about their life and spirituality.

To register, contact: [vocations@rcav.org](mailto:vocations@rcav.org)

### GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM @ Queen Elizabeth Park

Organized by Communion and Liberation Vancouver.

Way of the Cross begins at the Fountain, next to Bloedel Floral Conservatory's parking area.

For details: [communionliberationvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:communionliberationvancouver@gmail.com)

### WORKSHOP @ CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH

Make Time for Life™ is a Canada wide campaign that draws attention to the Dying Healed™ program that pre-trains volunteers to visit people who are alone, sick, dying in hospital, or in long term care facilities. Many people who desire euthanasia, do not want death itself, but relief from loneliness.

Attend a one-day work shop hosted by Vancouver's Life Community.

*Annabelle Chong* (778) 839-0252

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 10 AM - 3 PM. \$15/person.**