

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 23rd, 2017

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On April 2nd 2005, Saint Pope John Paul II took his last breath and brought to a close nearly a quarter of a century of leading the Catholic Church. For many days until that evening, the world had been in vigil anticipating the pope's death. Already many commentators had begun to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of his pontificate from political and religious standpoints.

But for us who are believers, I would like to pose a more fundamental question concerning somebody's life or legacy. This question is one which addresses everyone who is baptized: **In what ways did our life reflect the truth of the Gospel? How did our lives reflect the Good News of Christ and perhaps lead others to follow Christ?** Some day each one of us will face that question.

When you ask that question of someone who has lived as long and as publicly as John Paul II, there are many ways to answer it. But I would like to suggest today two qualities of his life, which truly reflect the Gospel and also open the way to imitation. Both of these qualities flow from the predominant theme of his pontificate: **the belief in the value of human life.**

Right at the start, he speak forcibly for the dignity and the sacredness of life. His teaching on life did not attach itself to any particular political agenda.

Yet, he was not about simply teaching these things. He lived them.

The two qualities that I would like to highlight from his life: the example of his happiness and his suffering.

John Paul II was a happy man. and was described as "the smiling pope." He loved being the one who could give voice to the presence and love of Christ in the world as the leader of the Catholic Church. True joy is an indisputable sign of the presence of God. John Paul II was successful as a pope because he was happy with his life, happy as a follower of Christ.

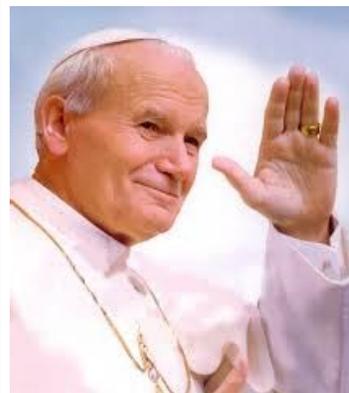
His life also gave witness to suffering. In his later years we all watched as the Parkinson's disease and the aging process took its toll. A once vigorous and active pope became more and more frail and feeble. There were some people who called for his resignation saying it was time for him to step down in light of his sickness. But John Paul II saw his role as more than an administrator.

He saw his mission to give witness to what it meant to follow Christ.

Therefore, as his health failed, as his life became more difficult, he chose not to hide that deterioration but instead to display it to the world. This flowed from his belief that life, even when reduced by aging and sickness, still had value in the eyes of God.

**St. John Paul II,
Pray 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	April 23 rd DIVINE MERCY Sunday	9 am 11 am	† John O'Brien † Wegner † Kiefer FAMILIES
Mon	April 24	8 am	† Gina Charles
Tue	April 25	8 am 7:00 PM	<i>Sp. Int. Bernie Chung</i> † George Allan
Wed	April 26	8 am	† Daphne Orr
Thu	April 27	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Maria Hadzik</i>
Fri	April 28	8 am	† Villadiego † Elsener FAMILIES
Sat	April 29	9 am 5 pm	† Peter Chaung <i>Sp. Int. Zoe Family</i>
SUN	April 30 th 3rd Sunday Easter	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS † Wegner † Kiefer FAMILIES

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 29 th : 5 PM	April 30 th : 9 AM	April 30 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	PAT BATTENSBY	HANAN HADDAD	LORNA DALINGHAUS
LECTOR	SUSAN MURPHY	WENDY GRAY	LARRY TRACH
EMHC	ROLANDO ISLAS	DON VICIC	GIOVANNI BITELLI
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	A & CAROLINE ADAM	LOLLIE ADAM

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.



Dear St Anthony's Parishioners,
Thank You All for choosing to give through our *Gift Catalogue* last Fall. Overall, across the country, we had a record increase in donors. Thanks to those gifts, more children will be healthier and have a brighter future.

Special Occasion Gift Catalogues are attached for you to take home. Please feel free to share them with your friends, and families. In Christ, *Chalice Canada*

CWL MASS & GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 25th.

Mass at 7 PM. Meeting follows in Hall.

All the ladies of the parish are invited.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENING

The Parish Leadership Team (PLT) is hosting the **Volunteer Appreciation Reception**, Saturday, April 29th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. If you have volunteered in the parish in any capacity in the last year, we would love to see you there. *RSVP* (604) 926-6881.



MARCH FOR LIFE

Thursday, May 11th

Holy Mass & March to

BC Legislature, Victoria, BC.

A "MUST-SEE" FILM "Right Footed"

Saturday, 6th May, 7 PM, St Patrick's, Vancouver

A documentary on the life of Filipina-American, **Jessica Cox**. Despite being born without arms, she overcame her disabilities and become a martial artist, a licensed pilot, a motivational speaker and a disabilities rights activist.

Winner of 15 Awards and represented the USA in the American Film Showcase.

Tickets, \$20. (604) 874-9533 or priscilla@sampaguitatravel.com.

The proceeds will go to Filipinos in Vancouver who are in need and/or marginalized as they endeavour to settle in and adapt to the Canadian way of life in British Columbia.

"BEAUTY & THE BEAST" by STA SCHOOL

May 11th, 12th & 13th, 7:30 PM

@ Capilano University's Centre of Performing Arts

Come out to witness the greatest act of love as Belle takes her father's place at the hands of the Beast, only to find in him "something that wasn't there before."

Tickets: \$16/adult; \$11/student. (604) 987-4431.

PRISONERS' MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

St Anthony's Parish Prison Ministry hope to be able to provide at least 500 unsigned *Mother's Day Cards* to the men and women confined at several penal facilities as they would have a card to send their mothers, spouses, daughters, etc. It is designed to help build healthy relationships and foster positive communication between those who are in prison and their loved ones.

A **Drop-Box** will be in our Vestibule **NEXT WEEKEND** for your donations. **Thank you.** *Mary Clare Board*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe".

Believing is seeing!

Stewardship is rooted in the belief that all we possess, the goods of this earth, the relationships we enjoy, the talent and abilities we have, even our opportunities are all created by and come from our good and gracious God. Having this belief, we see all of life with new lenses – it's all God's gift, and He desires for us to be good stewards of it all. In believing this basic truth about stewardship our eyes are further opened to seeing God's goodness and generosity everywhere around us.

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Giving blood is one of the most direct ways to help a cancer patient, and a car crash victim through surgery.

A little of your time could give someone else a lifetime.

Online Appointment: www.blood.ca or (888) 236-6283.

12 HOUR-PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

Thursday 4th May

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) invites All for a 12-Hour Prayer for Palliative Care.

We encourage everyone to pray either at home or with your CWL parish council and sign the Petition to the House of Commons asking that hospice and palliative care be included as a defined medical service under the Canada Health Act.

Visit: <http://rcav.org/palliative-care/>.

ONE-DAY OUTREACH TRAINING

Saturday 6th or Sunday 7th May @ St Mary's, Vancouver

Train to become a Street Missionary.

Register @ <http://www.catholicstreetmissionaries.org>.

Skills Training, Bible Meditation, Outreach Training, Homeless Outreach, Socials & Pizza.

INT'L CONCERT ORGANIST @ HRC

Friday 12th May, 8 PM

Enjoy works by Bedard, Jongen, Rheinberger, Guilmant, Callahan, and Hielscher. **Hans Uwe Hielscher**, Marktkirche, Wiesbaden, Germany's principal organist has given more than 3500 recitals worldwide. Adults \$20, students/seniors \$15.

To purchase tickets, contact 604-682-6774.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

May 2017

For most post-abortive women, the forgiveness of God is a concept which they can mouth, yet difficult for them to digest. How can they feel forgiven when every instinct in their nature says they *cannot* be forgiven, even *should not* be forgiven?

God can forgive any sin, even abortion.

Come experience God's merciful forgiveness on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat. Register @ (604) 525-0999.

FOCUS ON LIFE GALA DINNER

Monday, 15th May, 6:30 PM @ the ICC.

Vietnam war survivor, **Kim Phuc**, Speaker.

St Anthony's Parish Table is NOW still OPEN.

\$75/person. Please phone Parish Office.

