

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

PALM SUNDAY

April 9th, 2017

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One of the features linking the birth of Christ with His death is the presence of a donkey. There is a Christmas poem by E. Fanthorpe, in which the donkey tells of his experiences at the birth of Jesus in the stable at Bethlehem. The donkey's words at the end of the poem are quite prophetic: *"Still, in spite of the overcrowding, I did my best to make them feel wanted. I could see the baby and I, would be going places together"*.

Of course it's fanciful to think that donkey in the stable could be the same animal that Jesus would ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. If it is, then it would be really old in the animal kingdom (a thirty three years old donkey, it is impossible). But it stresses the journeying aspect of human life.

Passion Sunday, known also as Palm Sunday, is a day of many journeys but the particular journey we remember today is that of Jesus riding on a donkey from Bethany into Jerusalem to begin His Passion. The crowd praises Him exultantly as 'He who comes in the name of the Lord', but that same crowd, fickle as ever and reflecting our own moral instability, will in a few days cry out with the demand for His crucifixion.

Palm Sunday also marks the story of God's people from their origins in Abraham culminating in God's only begotten Son, Jesus - a journey that took almost 2,000 years. Then there is the journey of the Church. This journey began with creation and comes to fulfillment with God's new creation, His Kingdom as brought about by His Son and those who follow Him. There is also Jesus' life journey to think about, from the wood of the manger in Bethlehem to the wood of the cross in Jerusalem.

And then we have the journey of our own individual lives. I'm sure many of us, looking back to our origins wonder how we got from there to where we are today. A lot of water has gone under the bridge. A lot of mistakes have been made but, hopefully, much that is good has happened to us as well.

Perhaps the most important journey we make during our lives, and which we should contemplate every Holy Week, is from our own sin and selfishness to a life lived with God. That journey is made possible by yet another journey we remember today - Jesus' ultimate journey to Calvary.



Today, and for the rest of this week, we join our life's journey with His and our two journeys merge on the same road as we accompany Him on His journey towards our salvation.

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 9 th PALM Sunday	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS † Brzezina Family
Mon	April 10	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Hazumi Kaziko</i>
Tue	April 11	8 am	† Andrew Vicic
Wed	April 12	8 am	† Gabriella Micallef
Holy Thursday	April 13	7:00 PM	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Good Friday	April 14	3:00 PM	PASSION OF THE LORD <i>Fast & Abstinence</i>
Holy Saturday	April 15	9:00 PM	EASTER VIGIL † Basim Azzam
SUN	April 16 th EASTER Sunday	9 am 11 am 2:00 PM	† Wegner † Kiefer FAMILIES FOR PARISHIONERS <i>Sp. Int. Tony Gray</i>

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 22 nd : 5 PM	April 23 rd : 9 AM	April 23 rd : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	PAT BATTENSBY	KATHY NG	LARRY TRACH
LECTOR	ROBERT BUTLER	GLORIA LOWE	DELIA HUGHES
EMHC	JANE TORRESAN	ROCIO HAUSER	JAN HERRICK
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	ROCIO HAUSER	KAREN BALOGH

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.



“CROSSWALK”

Ecumenical Holy Week Liturgies

Monday, 10th April, 9:30 am @ West Vancouver United, 2062 Esquimalt; **Tuesday**, 11th April, 9:30 am @ West Vancouver Presbyterian; **Wednesday**, 12th April, 9:30 am @ St. Francis, 4773 South Piccadilly Road; **Thursday**, 13th April, 9:30 AM @ **St. Anthony's Church**. *Each service is a 30-minute Liturgy followed by Reception.*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, 13th April:

NO 8 am Mass.

9:30 AM - *Ecumenical Liturgy*; Reception follows in the Hall.

7 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper;

Adoration follows until 10:00 PM.

Good Friday, 14th April:

NO 8 am Mass; *Office of Readings* @ 8:30 AM;

Stations of the Cross for Families @ 11 AM;

3 PM - The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, 15th April:

Office of Readings @ 8:30 AM; **NO** 9 am & 5 pm Masses.

9 PM – Easter Vigil Mass;

Reception follows in the Hall.

Easter Sunday, 16th April:

Masses @ 9 & 11 AM and 2 PM.

Easter Monday Holiday, Mass @ 9:00 am.

CONFESSIONS

@ **Christ the Redeemer Parish**; Tuesday, 11th April, 7 PM

@ **St. Anthony's Parish**;

Good Friday, 9:30 -10:30 AM; Holy Saturday, 9:30 AM *and* 4 PM.

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.

WHERE ARE THE PHOTO DIRECTORIES?

We had expected the directories to be ready by now. But, there have been several delays in production, and we will likely not receive them until early summer. They are coming . . . just not as quickly as we would like.

Thanks for your participation and patience. *Susan Wynne*

STA FREE PRESENTATION

Adolescent Mental Health & Suicide: April 11th, 7 PM
Inviting ALL parents with children in the Catholic schools.

Please register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/free-presentation-for-parents-teen-mental-health-and-suicide-prevention-tickets-32240837212>.

EASTER LILIES, Please!

You are all invited to donate a plant for our Easter Celebrations. If donating funds, please mark "Lilies". Thank You! GOD BLESS!



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 18th** from 1:30 - 2:30 pm in the *Library*. **RSVP** the school office (604) 922-0011.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL WILL COME TO A CLOSE SUNDAY, APRIL 9 AT MIDNIGHT.

I'd like to invite anyone who is interested to join me and a few others to meet in front of Women's Hospital at 10:30 that evening and pray until midnight.

It will be a lovely way to end the Vigil - on the eve of Holy Week. Thanks and God bless you. *Fr. Larry*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God highly exalted Him...

Jesus humbled Himself and became the suffering servant for our salvation.

As Stewards of the Good News entrusted to us, we too may suffer for the faith from time to time.

Jesus completely emptied Himself in serving God's purpose, and ultimately His suffering was rewarded. For us, being God's servants has its rewards in the life to come, but also in the life we enjoy here and now. Rewards like peace of mind that comes from trusting in God, and the feeling that we are making a difference in the lives of others. Still, we may occasionally suffer rejection for being good stewards of what we profess to believe.

So, we pray this Holy Week that we may empty ourselves of pride or fear, and have the humility, wisdom, and courage to share our faith where and when needed.

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VOCATION DISCERNMENT FOR WOMEN

Friday, 7th 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

GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS

Friday, 14th April, 10 AM @ Queen Elizabeth Park

Organized by Communion and Liberation Vancouver.

Starts @ the Fountain, Bloedel Floral Conservatory's parking area.

For details: communionliberationvancouver@gmail.com

RETRouvaille WEEKEND

21st - 23rd April, Vancouver

Does your marriage need a tune up? A major overhaul? Sometimes a marriage can run along fine and then things change. It may need your time and attention. (604) 530-6710 or Visit: <http://www.retrouvaillevancouver.com>.

Dear Parishioners . . .

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (*SSVP*) thanks everyone for the generous **\$2,092.95 Second Collection**, 22nd January. *SSVP* feeds the homeless every two weeks at the *Door is Open* in downtown Vancouver. *Shane Nossal*

The **Latta Family** thanks Fr. Gary, Fr. Larry and parishioners for the love and support during Roger's illness and specially at our time of grief at Roger's passing. *Suzanne*

