

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 13th, 2017

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Johnny heard a rumor that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had all walked on water on their 21st birthdays. So, on his 21st birthday, he and his good friend Tommy headed out to the lake. "If they did it, I can too!" he insisted. When they arrived at the lake, they rented a boat and began paddling. When they got to the middle of the lake, Johnny stepped off the side of the boat into the water... and almost drowned. Furious and shamed, they headed for home.

When Johnny arrived back at the family farm, he asked his grandmother for an explanation. "Grandma, why can I not walk on water like my father, and his father, and his father before him?" The feeble old grandmother took Johnny by the hands, looked into his eyes, and explained, "That's because your father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were born in January... you were born in July, dear."

What is Peter doing walking on water! Now I know that it is frightening to cling to a little boat in the midst of the storm. But isn't stepping out of that boat onto the waves complete madness? Why would Peter leave the relative security of the boat and set out on his own onto the sea? Peter leaves the boat and sets out into the storm, because he knows that Jesus is there. In doing this, Peter gives us an example of discipleship.

The disciple always realizes that the safest place to be is close to the Lord. Even though a boat might be keeping us afloat, that boat could sink. And when it comes to sinking, we want to be close to Jesus. The gospel shows us that Peter's decision was right. Because when he begins to sink, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

Today's gospel, then, calls us to discern: where is Jesus? Is Jesus sitting with us in the boat of security in which we sail, or is Jesus calling us to step out of that boat and come to Him? We might have realized for some time that the job we are in is not the best one for us and that we will never reach our potential if we stay in it. And yet, there is security in that regular paycheck and we have no assurance that we could find something better.

The disciple asks, "Where is Jesus?" Is He with me in the boat in which I sit? Or is He asking me to step out of that boat and walk on the water? We might be in a relationship that is abusive, in which we are not valued or respected. And yet, there is stability and some companionship in the relationship, and we are terrified to think that we might have to live alone. **The disciple asks whether Jesus is asking us to stay in the security of that relationship or to leave it behind.**



Now to be sure, there are many times when Jesus is with us in the boat, and He wants things to stay just the way that they are. But today's gospel reminds us that that is not always the case. Sometimes Jesus is asking us to leave what is familiar, what is easy, what seems secure, and come to Him in the midst of the storm. And when He calls us, here is the good news... although the waves may be high and the winds strong, and people

might think that we are crazy to step out of the boat, we are simply being disciples. **We are only going to where Jesus is, taking with us the confidence that He will not let us sink. He will give us life.**

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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	August 13 th 19 th Sunday Ordinary Time	9 am 11 am	For Parishioners † Roger Latta
Mon	Aug 14	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Pat Byers</i>
Tue	Aug 15	8 am	† Jacques Savin
Wed	Aug 16	8 am	† Edward Vicic
Thu	Aug 17	8 am	† Korabo † Bernatowicz families
Fri	Aug 18	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Georg & Lollie Adam</i>
Sat	Aug 19	9 am 5 pm	<i>Sp. Int. St. Philomena</i> † Ronald Hugh Irving
SUN	August 20 th 20 th Sunday Ordinary Time	9 am 11 am	† Takaaki Okamura For Parishioners

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL
 (604) 922-0011;
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 (604) 987-4431

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



DATE	Sat. Aug 19 th : 5 PM	Sun. Aug 20 th : 9 AM	Sun. Aug 20 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	CLAUDIA ISLAS	KAREN BALOGH WENDY GRAY	ELIZABETH HOLMAN LARRY TRACH
LECTOR	SUSAN MURPHY	WENDY GRAY	DELIA HUGHES
EMHC	ROLANDO ISLAS	ROCIO HAUSER	GIOVANNI BITELLI
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	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.

TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Please join us for a special Catholic-Lutheran ecumenical fellowship of prayer, song, and discussion in September on the North Shore.

Pastor Jennifer Marlor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and **Deacon Hilmar Pabel** of the Archdiocese of Vancouver will lead our three celebrations of fellowship in Jesus Christ. Our three meetings are faithful to the joint effort of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation:

Personal Ecumenical Relationships: Saturday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, North Van.

Ecumenical stories and aspirations of our churches: Saturday, Sept. 16, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, West Van.

Meaning and dignity of our common baptism: Saturday, Sept 23, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, North Van.

For more info. contact: Marjeta Bobnar at: mbobnar@rcav.org.

UP-COMING EVENTS . . .

- **Annual Parish Picnic**, Sunday, September 3rd, 5 PM;
- **LifeCanada Gala**, Friday, September 8th, 5:30 PM @ *The View*, North Vancouver. Guest Speaker, **Wesley Smith**, Award-winning author and senior fellow at the *Discovery Institute's Centre on Human Exceptionalism* who is also a consultant to the Patients' Rights Council.
- **Annual Parish Thrift Sale**, Saturday, September 9th, 10:00 AM. Hosted by the parish CWL.
- **Alpha Programme for Adults**, Thursdays, 6:30 PM, starting September 14th. Small Meal and a Video, followed by the opportunity for discussion. Hear about Jesus in a new way and the life He shares with us. Come and bring a friend.
- **Parish Ministries Awareness Fair**, Saturday and Sunday, after all the Masses on **Sept. 30^h & Oct. 1st**.
See you then at these happenings!

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THE DATE



ST ANTHONY'S PREP . . .

Welcome to all New and returning families to our Parish Religious Education Programme (PREP).

Classes are held every Wednesday for Grades 1-7 students who are not attending Catholic Schools in preparation to receiving the Sacraments.

This year, PREP will start on Wednesday, September 13th with the celebration of Holy Mass at 6:00 PM followed by a Pot-Luck Dinner in the parish hall after Mass.

Please register by August 28th.

NEW PROGRAM FOR GRADES 1 & 2 . . .

The programme is called "*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*".

It is inspired by the principles of Montessori education. It provides an opportunity for children to fall in love with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in a child-friendly space called an *Atrium*.

There will be guided activities to aid meditation on Bible scriptures and the mysteries of the Christian faith facilitated by trained catechists.

For more information, please contact the CGS instructor:

Wendy Gray at 778-877-8661.

The "*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*" ensures that each child's unique spiritual needs and abilities are respected and nurtured.

BLACK MOUNTAIN YOUTH HIKE AUG. 18



Join Rev. Fr. Larry, Sr. Angela and Winfred for an amazing hike through Cypress Provincial Park. Eat fresh wild blueberries, see amazing views and swim in the cool waters of Cabin Lake.

Please RSVP to the parish office at: 604-926-6881



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

"He said, "Come". Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." "

Matthew 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! **When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives.**

We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has in mind for you.

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WILD GOOSE IS LOOSE!

Video Series, Thursdays @ 7 PM.

Frs. Gary & Larry leading. Exploring the role of the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives. COME even if you missed some Thursdays.



PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY'S GROTTTO

Sat. Aug 19th, @ Fraser River Heritage Park, Mission

Bishop David Monroe, 1 PM Mass Celebrant;

Confessions begin at 10 AM.

Transportation? Please contact Teresita Nixon (604) 940-7006.

Please bring picnic baskets and chairs.

www.rcav.org/missionpilgrimage/

SEARCHING IN THE SPIRIT

Aug 28th - Sept 1st, @ Camp Jubilee, North Vancouver

Fun and faith-filled experience for students

who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The week includes social activities, prayer experiences,

Holy Mass, reconciliation, and camping skills.

12 and 13 year olds need to be accompanied by adults from their parish as mentors and guides during the program.

Cost: \$425 per person.

If interested, contact St Anthony's Parish Office.

MEN'S RETREAT

The Men's Retreat is for every man searching for a deeper relationship with God and a fuller understanding of what it means to live as a son of the Father. Get away from the busyness and demands of our schedules to personally encounter God the Father and experience His generous love.

Join us from Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, at Rockridge Canyon, Princeton, 2000 Willies Ranch Rd. Register today!

<http://rcav.org/mensretreat/>

BREATHING & RELAXATION CLASSES

Every Friday at 10:00 in the parish hall

For more information, please call the program instructor

Maria Carmen Navarro at: 604-910-3470