

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

5th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME February 5th, 2017

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The ancient philosopher Aristotle wrote that of all the five senses we possess, sight is the most valued. By the sense of sight, we understand most about the world. By their nature, human beings want to see and understand. That is why phrases like 'I see' can refer to both physical sight and to understanding something. Other phrases like, 'it finally dawned on me', use the imagery of light to indicate understanding something.

When cartoon characters like Tom the cat or Wile E. Coyote have one of their 'bright' ideas, it's often represented by a light bulb appearing above their heads and being switched on (I don't know about you, but I really want the poor coyote to catch the smug, irritating roadrunner "Meep-Meep!" indeed.)

In today's gospel, Jesus wants us to be the light and salt of the earth. He talks about a goodness that leads to God. That's what will last. Saint Mother Teresa is an example of that kind of light and salt. With her wrinkled face and fragile body, no one would mistake her for a fashion model - yet she radiated a beauty that cast a spell over people. When they saw Mother Teresa, under the light of good works, they saw God. Her actions were not only good; they were attractive.

She began her extraordinary ministry by picking up an abandoned man who was dying, and she carried him to a hospital. The hospital did not want to receive him. Mother Teresa sat on the steps and did the best she could to care for him. From that single deed she launched a ministry of caring for abandoned people in Calcutta. Her deed eventually attracted thousands of young people to give their lives to God.

Now, Mother Teresa had extraordinary gifts. Before beginning her ministry among the abandoned, she was a popular teacher, a competent administrator and a sought-after spiritual guide. We might say, "I am no Mother Teresa." Perhaps you and I have lesser gifts, but we can still do things that are good and attractive. Jesus tells His disciples, "You are the salt of the earth." What is salt? Asked by his teacher, Johnny answers: "Salt is what makes French Fries taste good when you sprinkle it on." Salt of the earth! Jesus wasn't speaking about that white stuff in a shaker on the table. He was speaking about wisdom. The ancients associated salt with value. Slaves were often purchased for salt. The expression, "He's not worth his salt," is based on this.

When Jesus speaks about salt, He is speaking about that which gives us value, and value is that which we have received from God. This wisdom, this salt, is a new way of life, far different from the values of the world. By declaring that his disciples are the salt of the earth and the light of the world Jesus is placing on their shoulders great responsibility for the salvation of the world.

As Christians we are to be the element that purifies, preserves and gives taste to life. We are to saturate our human society with the values of the Gospel. **Our presence in the world cannot be private and hidden.** We have to stand out and shine forth.

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	February 5 th 5 nd Sunday Ordinary	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS † Wegner family † Kiefer family
Mon	February 6	8 am	† John † Margaret Micallef
Tue	February 7	8 am	† Anna Margaret Keys
Wed	February 8	8 am	† Therese Salisbury
Thu	February 9	8 am	† Nancy Herlihy
Fri	February 10	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Eva Lehoczi</i>
Sat	February 11	9 am 5 pm	† Gabriella Micallef † Robert St. Louis
SUN	February 12 th 6 th Sunday Ordinary	9 am 11 am	† Chris † Jonathan Reardon FOR PARISHIONERS

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



DATE	Feb. 11th: 5 PM	Feb. 12th: 9 AM	Feb. 12th: 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	GLORIA LOWE	HANAN HADDAD KATHY NG	LORNA DALINGHAUS LARRY TRACH
LECTOR	GLORIA LOWE	IVY WEI	LARRY TRACH
EMHC	IRENE BOHJALIAN	ROSE ZALWANGO	BEATRIZ RAYNARD
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	NERLYN LONTOK	JULIE BARTLETT

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.

OVER 18 DOCUMENTARY FOLLOW UP

Msgr. Smith, Fr. Gary & Fr. Larry would like to thank Mrs. Laila Maravillas, Principal of St. Anthony's Elementary School, for organizing the projection of the film **OVER 18**, a documentary about the pornography epidemic that is doing so much damage to our children. We would also like to thank the parents and grandparents who came to the screening and are committed to protecting their children from this destructive force in our society. For those who wish to start an open dialogue with their children and need some direction as where to begin, please visit:

<http://dads.org/all-articles/pornography-help/>

Reclaimsexualhealth.com is also a good Catholic resource for families or individuals. Visit: <https://reclaimsexualhealth.com/Education-Resources/help-for-parents.html> Excellent filtering software is also recommended at: <http://www.covenanteyes.com>

TALITHA KOUM SOCIETY

Talitha Koum Society is a non-profit organization empowering women with addictions to lead healthy fulfilling lives by providing a home, a nurturing community, 12 step programming and life skills training.

One of the women from Talitha Koum will offer her testimony next weekend Feb. 11 & 12th.

You will hear how her lived experience at Talitha Koum has transformed her life and those of her family. Monetary donations will be collected after all Masses. If you wish to write a cheque, please make it payable to: *Talitha Koum Society*. Tax receipts for all donations of \$20.00 and above will be issued by the society. Please visit: www.talithakoumsociety.org for more information.

Help Please . . .?!

Sundays after 9 & 11 AM Masses, we serve refreshments.

We need volunteer hosts for 2nd Sundays, after the 9 AM Mass.

Please call Lollie at (604) 926-1411. Coffee Fellowship



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL FESTIVAL

Join us for the 1st CHSCH, featuring award-winning choirs from Archbishop Carney, Holy Cross, LFA, STA and more... as they gather in song on **Thursday, February 16th, 7—9 p.m.**

St. Andrew's Wesley (1022 Nelson St., Vancouver)

Visit: www.catholicchoralfestival.bpt.me Cost: \$10

WORLD DAY OF MARRIAGE

Feb. 12th at 11:00 Good Shepherd Church (2250 150 St. Surrey)

Make Valentine's Day special this year by attending the World Marriage Day Mass! The event will include Mass, recognizing Marriages, followed by cake, coffee and fellowship. The newest and longest married couples in attendance will receive a gift!

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The 3rd International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking will be celebrated on **February 8th** with the theme: "They are children! Not slaves!" This event is celebrated on the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita who was kidnapped and sold in slavery in Sudan. We will observe this feast day as a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it.

Visit: rcav.org/world-day-of-prayer-for-human-trafficking

REQUIESCAT IN PACE . . .

†Irene Masterman

May Irene's soul and the souls of all faithfully departed, through the mercy of our gracious God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

"Let your light shine before human beings."

We know that St. Paul was knowledgeable, in fact he was an expert in the law, a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee. (Acts 23:6) Yet, we hear in today's second reading that he preached, not with lofty words and wisdom, he kept his proclaiming simple – "Christ, and him crucified". This simple proclaiming is good news for us as we strive to share the gift of faith that we have received with those who don't know Christ. We can let our light shine through simple words and deeds, praise God! **Being a light to others begins with acknowledging God as the very source of our lives, our words, our understanding and skills.**

This humble disposition creates room in our hearts, and minds, for our words and actions to be entirely inspired by the Holy Spirit, and in this way, we are good stewards of the mysteries of God.

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DIRECTORY UPDATE

The usual time from completing photos to receiving the finished directory is approximately 3 months. As our last photos were taken in December, we should have our order by the end of March.

ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER RED MASS

The Red Mass for lawyers is on:

Thursday, February 16th

Holy Rosary Cathedral at 5:10p.m.

The reception will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at the **Terminal City Club (837 West Hastings St., Vancouver)** Archbishop Michael Sartain from Seattle is the guest speaker, and will speak on the issue of "The Most Important Day in Your Life".

St. Anthony's will have a table.

Tickets are \$125 for one; \$250 for two.

Tickets for the reception can be purchased at:

www.rcav.org/red-mass

If you would like to join us, please contact the parish office.

ST. ANTHONY'S CWL ABBEY RETREAT

March 17th, 18th and 19th

Open to all CWL ladies of the parish. Fr. James Comey will be our retreat master and this year we will also be given a special talk about the history of the Abbey. The fee will be \$175 to cover the cost of food, boarding & retreat master. Forms are available on the parish bulletin board. *God Bless!*

ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATIONS FAIR

All are invited to attend the Archdiocesan Vocations Fair on **Tuesday, Feb. 21st at Notre Dame Regional Secondary School in Vancouver from 4-8 p.m.**

Contact Sr. Rhonda at: rbrown@rcav.org or 604-788-8592 for more information. *All are welcome! See you there.*