

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT November 27, 2016

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Four expectant fathers are in a Minnesota hospital while their wives are in labor. The nurse tells the first man, "Congratulations, you're the father of twins", the man exclaims, "What a coincidence! I work for the Minnesota Twins baseball team!". The nurse returns a short while later and tells the second man, "You are the father of triplets." He replies, "Wow, what about that! I work for the 3M Corporation." Not much later, the nurse tells the third man that his wife just delivered 4 babies. "Another coincidence! I work for the Four Seasons Hotel!" At this point, the fourth guy faints. When he regained consciousness, the others ask him what was wrong. He moans, "I work for Seven-Eleven!"

Advent is about waiting. There are two kinds of waiting: The first, is waiting for things we are certain about; the second, is waiting for those things that we are less certain. The first kind, requires patience; the second kind, requires trust.

A great deal of waiting in our life is of the first kind. At the checkout line, at a ticket counter, etc. If we hold on, we will eventually get to the head of the line, make our purchase, and be able to go home. The same kind of waiting as when we anticipate an important celebration that is soon to occur. A waiting with a result that is certainly close and clear to us.

The second kind of waiting has a goal that is less clear and less certain. It is the waiting of Advent. A kind of waiting that occurs when someone we love is diagnosed with an illness. We wait to see what the treatment will be, and if it will deliver success. We wait for a healthy and positive resolution, but how and if that resolution will occur is not always clear. A similar kind of waiting, as when we peek into years of retirement when we no longer bear the burden of labour, and when we continue in some new way to be productive. But how and if that retirement will come is less than clear.

Some of the most important life issues fall in this second kind of waiting. How it will occur and if it will occur is less clear. That is why we need not only patience but also trust. This is the waiting of Advent.

A waiting which is an act of faith and trust in a God who is with us, a God who will emerge in our lives. We do not know when God will come. We are not sure that God will bring about those things we expect and prefer. But we believe, as we wait in trust, that we who have faith in Him will not be disappointed.



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	November 27 th 1 st Sunday ADVENT	9 am 11 am	† Emanuele Fumagalli FOR PARISHIONERS
Mon	November 28	8 am	† Jacqueline Cummings
Tue	November 29	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Rocio Hauser</i>
Wed	November 30 St Andrew	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Barbara Robert Chase</i>
Thu	December 1	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Lyndon Little</i>
Fri	December 2	8 am 7:00 PM	For Vocations † Jacqueline Cummings
Sat	December 3 St Francis Xavier	9 am 5 pm	<i>Sp. Int. Karen Balogh</i> † Jacqueline Cummings
SUN	December 4 th 2 nd Sunday ADVENT	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS † Wegner † Keifer Families

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



DATE	Dec. 3 rd : 5 PM	Dec. 4 th : 9 AM	Dec. 4 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	PAT BATTENSBY LORETTA v UNEN	HANAN HADDAD	LORNA DALINGHAUS
LECTOR	ROBERT BUTLER	GLORIA LOWE	LARRY TRACH
EMHC	IRENE BOHJALIAN	SHARON BISHOP	GIOVANNI BITELLI
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	ROSE MOJECA	SUSAN MORABITO

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.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2016

Archbishop Miller, the entire Project Advance Office and St Anthony's Parish Project Advance Team, thank everyone who gave to our annual appeal.

We are deeply grateful for all the support.

Looking back in 2015 we raised \$7,080,876. Out of these funds \$3,000,000 (42.4%) was given to Projects and Special Grants and \$3,717,797 (52.5%) to Parishes as Rebates, and we're able to keep Administration & Expenses to 5.1%.

We encourage your Project Advance donation to make 2016 also a success.

See Georg or Katherine after Mass or phone the Parish Office.



CHRISTMAS HAMPER GROCERY BAGS

Grocery Bags along with a suggested list of food donations are distributed after Masses this weekend.

We ask that you use the suggested list of items to donate to ensure consistency and balanced selection of foodstuffs.

Groceries can be returned to the parish on the 3rd/4th December.

If you wish to donate to this initiative, *Cheques* can be made payable to St. Anthony's Parish and on the memo space, write: "SSVDP Hampers".

Phone parish office if you have any questions.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY FINAL CALL!

We have completed two weeks of photo-taking. It has been a lot of fun, and parishioners are very pleased with their photos.

We have just added some additional appointments for Friday & Saturday, **December 9th and 10th**, for those who have not had the opportunity to participate.

You can bring your dog. There is no cost, unless you decide to purchase additional photos.

To make an appointment, call the parish office (604-926-6881 or Susan Wynne (604) 926-3326 or visit the parish website: sawv.rcav.org and click on the link.

Thanks for participating. Our Directory won't be complete without you!

YOUTH MINISTRY SPECIAL COLLECTION

This archdiocesan collection is to assist the work of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office (OYYAM) in providing formation, training, and support for youth ministry.

Youth ministry in our diocese continues to grow, as evidenced by the number of parishes with youth ministry programming, and the number of participants at diocesan events and training opportunities.

Parishes with active youth ministry like St Anthony's will receive a rebate from this collection. Please be generous in supporting the youth of our parish and archdiocese.

STA CORNER . . .

Christmas Concert, Monday, 5th Dec, 7 PM in the school gym. FREE Admission/Refreshments.

Chamber Choir's "Out For Lunch Series"

Friday, 9th December, 12:00 P.M.

@ Vancouver Art Gallery. FREE Admission.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Especially at this time of year, but often throughout the rest of the year as well, we can occasionally get caught up in the busyness of day-to-day life.

With all the noise that surrounds us, it can be a challenge to hear the voice of God in our life. Advent is a wonderful opportunity to be purposeful in our preparations for the Nativity, and in this Sunday's second Reading, St Paul tells us we can be always ready by 'Putting on' Christ. This means that we endeavor, as closely as possible, to imitate Jesus in spirit, words, and actions. In other words, it means being a disciple of Christ. The call to discipleship is also a summons to stewardship.

Let us this advent, and all year, "put on" certain virtues particular to discipleship and stewardship; virtues like, simplicity, gratitude, humility, generosity and trust.

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THINK OF THE SEAFARERS AT CHRISTMAS

Please extend an act of God's love to sailors who will be spending their Christmas in Vancouver, away from families. Tired of shopping? Just make a cheque out to "Archdiocese of Vancouver," put "Seafarers Gifts" on the memo line and we'll do the shopping for you, bringing a gift to the sailors.

Please mail your cheque to 4885 Saint John Paul II Way, c/o Finance Office. A charitable receipt will be issued for donations of \$20 or more. Last year we gave out 3,000 presents. Donations can also be made online at rcav.org/seafarers.

ADVENT RETREAT - "NOURISH HOPE"

Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 9 am, @ JP II Pastoral Centre

Retreat Director, Ann M. Garrido, associate professor of homiletics at Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, MO. Retreat ends at 4 pm with Mass with Archbishop Miller.

Cost is \$25/person and includes retreat booklet and lunch. To register or for details, visit: rcav.org/oc-advent-retreat.

CATHOLIC DEAF ASSOCIATION DINNER

Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 5 pm, @ St. Francis de Sales, Burnaby
Raising money to attend the *National Deaf Catholic Conference* in Toronto in 2020. Mass (with ASL interpretation) begins at 5 p.m. with a Christmas dinner to follow. Tickets, \$30. Contact Juliana Musso at julianamusso3@hotmail.com.

WINGS OF CHRISTIANITY: REASON & FAITH
Monday, Nov. 28th, 6:15 pm @ Art Gallery Café, Vancouver
Join *Catholic After-Hours* at the Art Gallery Cafe, downtown Vancouver (enter from patio stairs off Howe Street).

Come for casual dinner and a conversation with presentations by David Klassen who has taught philosophy at Corpus Christi and Saint Mark's Colleges, and Daniel Hahn previous Coordinator, Archdiocesan Service and Justice Office.

To register, visit rcav.org/catholic-after-hours

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY . . .

LFA is accepting applications from prospective Grade Eight candidates for the 2017-2018 school year. All students wishing to apply must sit the **Entrance Exam on Saturday, December 10th**.

You can apply online: www.lfabc.org/apply or phone **Kathi Wilson** at (604) 738-9016 ext. 114.

