

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

2nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME January 15th, 2017

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King Henry III of Bavaria was a God-fearing king but the demands of being a ruler kept him from doing spiritual exercises. One day he got so fed up ruling that he went to see the Abbot and asked to be admitted as a monk for the rest of his life.

The Abbot protested, *"Your Majesty, do you understand that the most important vow in this monastery is one of obedience? That will be hard because you have been a king."* King Henry responded, *"I understand. The rest of my life I will be obedient to you, as Christ leads you."* The Abbot continued, *"Then I will tell you to go back to your throne and serve faithfully in the place where God has put you."* Meekly and quietly, King Henry returned to his throne, ruled his people with the fear of God, and became a saintly king.

We have one common theme in all Readings today: to recognize our calling, "to be saints" and help others to recognize the "Lamb of God".

In the First Reading from Isaiah, God is calling Israel, the lowest and smallest of nations to do something great. He wants them to be a light to the nations. At the time this was written, Israel was in exile in a hostile nation and no one thought there was any future for the Jewish nation.

In the Second Reading, Paul reminds us that we are "called to be Saints."

Finally, in the Gospel, John the Baptist recognized Jesus as the "Lamb of God" and pointed Him out to his followers and some of them became Jesus' disciples.

Like King Henry, we sometimes believe that we need to run away from the demands of family and profession and escape to a monastery, a convent or the desert, where it will be easy to become a saint. But, as we learn from the wise counsel of the Abbot, God expects us to be saints in the concrete situations of our personal, family and business or professional lives.

It is not easy to recognize our vocation or what God calls us to do in life. Sometimes, we just refuse or ignore His voice. Sometimes, we just misread all the signs that God has given us.

John the Baptist found the reason for his existence. He looked to Jesus and said, **"There is the Lamb of God."**

We have been called to do the same. God calls you and me. Our answer should be: **"Here I am Lord: I come to do your will."**

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	January 15 th 2 nd Sunday Ordinary	9 am	FOR PARISHIONERS † Kathleen Herlihy
		11 am	
Mon	January 16	8 am	† Marlene Andrade
Tue	January 17 St Anthony	8 am	† Harry James
		6 PM	† Gina Charles
Wed	January 18	8 am	Sp. Int. Baines Family
Thu	January 19	8 am	† Peter Irving
Fri	January 20	8 am	† Kieran O'Farrell
Sat	January 21 St Agnes	9 am	In Honour of St Philomena † Emanuele Fumagalli
		5 pm	
SUN	January 22 nd 3 rd Sunday Ordinary	9 am	Sp. Int. Nowakowski Family FOR PARISHIONERS
		11 am	

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

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



DATE	Jan 21 st : 5 PM	Jan 22 nd : 9 AM	Jan 22 nd : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	PAT BATTENSBY LORETTA v UNEN	ROCIO HAUSER KATHY NG	LORNA DALINGHAUS JOAN FORRESTER
LECTOR	SUSAN MURPHY	GLORIA LOWE	DELIA HUGHES
EMHC	STEPHANIE LOCKING	ROCIO HAUSER	MONIQUE CATTERMOLLE
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	A & C ADAM	MARRY VERBAARSCHOT

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.



**What are you doing
Friday night?
Youth Alpha Film Series
is Starting!**

Beginning January 20th,
every other Friday night,

COME for a great meal, great video and great discussion!

If you're 12 years old or older,

call the Parish Office
to sign-up!
(604) 926-6881 or email
Sr. Angela Marie at:
prep.sawv@rcav.org.



SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS @ SA SCHOOL

Tuesday, 31st January, 6 PM, in Gym.
"Sexuality and Your Child" and "Over 18"
a documentary film about pornography.
Parents/guardians, all caring adults come!



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

Today's Readings all in some way speak of our purpose or calling. St. Paul tells us that we are *"called to be saints"*;

John the Baptist was clear about his calling; and, the Psalmist invites us to respond,

"Here I am Lord, I come to do your will".

To be a saint is to be set apart by God. This call comes from God the Father. What purpose or calling have you been set apart for? What unique gifts has God provided to enable you to live a life of purpose?

Following God's will may not always be easy, however God always provides. . . provided we do our part! Being a good steward of our individual calling is doing our part.

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CAN YOU PROVIDE A RIDE?

There are parishioners who do not drive and would be most appreciative of a ride to Sunday Mass or other parish events.

For many of these people, the parish community, attending Mass, and participation in parish events are important components of their lives.

If you are able to provide a ride for someone - regularly or occasionally - please contact the parish office (604) 926-6881 or email: parish.sawv@rcav.org.

We plan to compile a list of volunteer drivers.

Thank you for considering how you could help meet this need.

2017 Sunday Envelopes
Ready for pick-up in Vestibule.
Can't find your set?
Phone Joseph (604) 926-6881.



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



SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is an international Catholic voluntary organization dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing direct practical assistance to anyone in need, addressing social and material needs in all its many forms.

Thank you for helping the Society help others.

KINDERGARTEN . . .

Saint Anthony's Elementary School is accepting Applications for Kindergarten.

Please contact the school to pick-up an Application Package. Email: office@saswv.ca or phone, (604) 922-0011.



For ALL 6th, 7th Graders and older
Snowshoeing at Hollyburn

Saturday, 28th January,
10:30am - 4pm.

Please Sign-up.
Pick up a Permission Form
(see Bulletin Board in Lower Lobby)
and return it, completed & signed,
to the Parish Office.



WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Today, 15th January, *World Day of Migrants and Refugees*, we consider the words in Psalm 40, *"Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."* *Thank you*, for announcing God's justice by making our parish family a welcoming home for refugees and migrants. Today, we are confronted with many situations where people have been displaced due to injustice and violence, such as in South Sudan where in July, 35,000 people were displaced by the ongoing conflict.

Development and Peace has also been supporting local partners providing food, water, shelter, health care, psycho-social services and access to education.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18th - 25th

Theme of the Week of Prayer:

"Reconciliation - The Love of Christ Compels Us"

prepared by churches and Christian communities in Germany.

2017 also marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The emphasis of this year's service is on Jesus Christ and His work of reconciliation. The love of Christ compels us to pray, but also to move beyond our prayers for unity among Christians. Join with brothers and sisters of various churches in prayer, song, and witness to unity as followers of Christ.

For a schedule of services, visit: <http://www.rcav.org/christian-unity>. Contact Marjeta at mbobnar@rcav.org or 604-683-0281.

STA HIGH SCHOOL

Basketball Teams winner of four out of five tournaments entered.

Open House:

Wednesday, 8th February, from 7 - 9 pm.

All are welcome.

