

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

4th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME January 29th, 2017

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Every human group or organization tries to attract new members, and often in this effort they will employ a slogan or a motto that helps identify who they are and why people would want to join them. The Marines are good at this.

Over the last number of decades they have come up with a number of memorable slogans: "We're looking for a few good men," or, more recently, "The Few. The Proud. The Marines." In these few words you can catch the sense of who the Marines are: a select group (not everyone can join), a proud group, and a group committed to accomplishing things. Religious communities have also come up with slogans to attract members. The Franciscans recently have adopted this one: "Clothed in prayer, community, and service." You can see by this slogan that this faith community is dedicated to shared living and the commitment to others.

It would be helpful to us to keep this idea of slogans or mottoes in mind as we hear today's Gospel. Because today's Gospel is the beginning of Jesus' great Sermon on the Mount. Matthew begins this sermon by giving us a series of sayings which summarize what Jesus' mission is about and what those who might want to follow him should expect.

Now these sayings are not slogans. They are beatitudes. So what do the Beatitudes tell us? They tell us how God sees the world. God sees as blessed those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are lonely, and those who are persecuted. The Beatitudes reveal that God is committed to those who are in need and those who suffer. It is because God is present to them, they are blessed. The Beatitudes do not say that it is a blessed or wonderful thing to be poor, or to be grieving, or to be persecuted. They do assert that whenever any of these distressful things happen to us, God comes to us because God knows our needs. If God is with them, God will lead those who suffer to a better place: those who mourn will be comforted; those that are lowly will inherit the land; those who are poor or persecuted will rejoice in the kingdom.

There are two distinct and immediate consequences that flow from this God of the Beatitudes, two things which those who follow Christ must adopt: hope and solidarity. To be a disciple of Jesus, we must be a people of hope. We believe this because we know that God is close to those who are poor or in need. We believe in a God who comes to us in our struggles, a God who is with us and leads us to a place of fullness and joy. Those who follow Jesus must be people of hope because God cares for us in our need.

We must also be people of solidarity, solidarity with the poor and oppressed. If God is close to those who struggle, if God is close to those who are persecuted or in need, we must act towards them in the same way. We cannot worship God and ignore those for whom God cares. We must as followers of Jesus be people who are committed to eliminating poverty and injustice and oppression because those are the very things that our God is also committed to eliminate.

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 29 th 4 th Sunday Ordinary	9 am 11 am	† Z. Borsos † Mr. & Mrs. Roft † Wegner Family † Kiefer Family
Mon	January 30	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Nora O'Meara</i>
Tue	January 31	8 am	† Elzbieta Brewka
Wed	February 1	8 am	VOCATIONS
Thu	February 2	8 am	† Kathleen Orr
Fri	February 3	8 am 7 pm	<i>Sp. Int. Robery & Magda Hadzik Sp. Int. Ivana Micallef</i>
Sat	February 4	9 am 5 pm	† Aurora Andres <i>Sp. Int. Pat Battensby</i>
SUN	February 5 th 5 th Sunday Ordinary	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHONERS † Wegner † Kiefer Family

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



DATE	Feb 4 th : 5 PM	Feb 5 th : 9 AM	Feb 6 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	PAT BATTENSBY LORETTA VAN UNEN	Wendy GRAY Barb PENNEFATHER	Monique CATTERMOLLE Joan FORRESTER
LECTOR	SUSAN MURPHY	WENDY GRAY	VERONICA MORABITO
EMHC	ROLANDO ISLAS	SHARON BISHOP	GIOVANNI BITELLI
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	ANDREW & CAROLINE ADAM	LOLLIE ADAM

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.



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

This upcoming Friday, Feb. 3rd
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 ...

The stewardship virtue of humility is encouraged in all the readings today. Stewardship proclaims that my gifts are not mine and they are not for my glory. All spiritual and temporal gifts belong to God and are to be used and shared in a manner that gives God glory. Christian stewards accept and acknowledge that all we are ever able to accomplish or accumulate in our lives, is only because our good and gracious God has enabled it.

This belief inspires us to embrace a humble disposition.

Humility does not mean we deny that we have a gift, it simply means we know the true and only source of all our gifts.

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



HISTORY OF COLONIZATION IN CANADA

On Feb. 11 the First Nations Office of the Archdiocese of Vancouver will host a workshop on the History and Legacy of Colonization in Canada. This workshop will offer insights into the experiences of Aboriginal People in Canada and the trauma caused by colonization and residential schools.

Join us on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre
in the Karol Wojtyla Hall. The event is free and includes lunch.

To register, visit: rcav.org/event/history-of-colonization
or for more information, please call:

Deacon Rennie Nahanee at rnananee@rcav.org

PRO LIFE MASS AND VIGIL

Join us on Saturday, February 4th at 9:00 a.m. for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents. Mass will be at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Vancouver, followed by the rosary at Burnaby Hospital. For more information, please visit:
rcav.org/pro-life-mass-and-prayer-vigil

ST. ANTHONY'S CWL RETREAT

March 17th, 18th & 19th Fr. James Comey will be our retreat master and this year we also will be given a special tour from Fr. Mark Schwab to learn more about the history of the Abbey. The fee will be \$175 to cover the cost of accommodation, meals and our retreat master. Forms are available on the bulletin board.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS UPDATE

The Open House will be on **Wednesday, February 8th** from 7:00—9:00 p.m. during Catholic Schools Week.

If you know families interested in registering for this September, please encourage them to come. *All are welcome!*

2ND ANNUAL ORDINANDI DINNER

Join Archbishop Miller and members of the Catholic faithful as we gather together in support of the men in our Archdiocese who are soon "to be ordained" ("ordinandi") to the priesthood. Meet your future priests: Deacon Francesco Voltaggio, Deacon Giovanni Schiesari, and Deacon Juan Lucca. Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the Italian Cultural Centre, 3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner begins promptly at 6 p.m. Cost: \$50. You can also sponsor a priest or seminarian. Student rate now available! To register or for more info. visit : vocationsvancouver.ca/events/

SHARE LENT WORKSHOP

Join us for Development and Peace's annual Share Lent Workshop entitled: *At the Heart of Change*. Learn about the challenges faced by women globally, and their contributions to the well-being of their families and communities. Participants will learn about the social mission of the Church, explore stories from various countries, engage in active reflection, and will be offered practical tools, resources and opportunities for engagement. Workshop is:

Sat., Feb. 4th at St. Jude's Parish, Vancouver
10:00—3:00 p.m.

To RSVP, please contact Pinky Pascual at:
pinky.devpeace@gmail.com or by phone at 604-612-9677

ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER RED MASS

The 2017 Archdiocese of Vancouver Red Mass and Reception will be on **Thursday, Feb. 16th.**

The Red Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Miller, will be at **Holy Rosary Cathedral at 5:00 p.m.**

A reception will follow at the
Terminal City Club

837 West Hastings St., Vancouver (*note the new location*) at 6:30 p.m. with our special guest speaker, Archbishop J. Peter Sartain of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Tickets can be purchased at www.rcav.org/red-mass. All are welcome!

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of you so much for the support and kindness you showed Gina and I throughout her slow decline and to me over these last few weeks since her death. As a parish you have been wonderful and I appreciate all the Masses that you have asked to be offered for her and our family. Regards, *Chris Charles*