

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16th, 2017

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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	July 16 th 15 th Sunday Ordinary Time	9 am 11 am	† Patrick Leslie † Jan Hansson
Mon	July 17	8 am	† Peter Seeley
Tue	July 18	8 am	† Roger Latta
Wed	July 19	8 am	† Hernando † Lucy TORRES
Thu	July 20	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Allison Family</i>
Fri	July 21	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Cathy Gardner</i>
Sat	July 22 St Mary Magdalene	9 am 5 pm	† Hernando † Lucy TORRES † Kathleen Richardson
SUN	July 23 rd 16 th Sunday Ordinary Time	9 am 11 am	For Parishioners † Julius Dalinghaus

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

(604) 922-0011;

S. T. A. HIGH SCHOOL

(604) 987-4431

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



You know you're getting even older when . . .
 1) You and your teeth don't sleep together;
 2) When your idea of a night-out is sitting on the patio;
 3) When you're on vacation, and your energy runs out before your money does;
 4) Your idea of weight lifting is standing up; and when
 5) Your address book has mostly names that start with "Doctor".

Is the parable of the sower a positive or a negative parable? Is it a comedy or a tragedy? Like many of Jesus' parables, this parable can be read in different ways. Therefore, it is up to us to decide which way to read it. Some would conclude that it is a tragic parable because much, if not most, of the seeds do not grow. It is eaten by the birds of the air, choked by the thorns, or scorched by the sun. But others would see it as a positive parable of growth, because the seeds that fall on the good soil produces a bountiful harvest of a hundred, sixty, and thirty-fold.

I believe that Jesus is calling us to hear the parable positively, to see it as a parable of growth. The parable is carefully shaped to fit the contours of our lives. After all, the parable is not about agriculture, but about human existence. It is not about seeds, but the Kingdom of God.

What this parable tells us about our life is this: We will never succeed in all of our projects and goals. We will never fulfill all of our hopes and dreams. We will never remain connected to all of the people who we love. Some of our hopes and dreams will not grow and will disappear as quickly as the seeds that were eaten by the birds. Some of our projects and goals will start to grow, but then become scorched and wither away because of lack of root.

But this parable also includes a harvest – a rich harvest. For all the seeds that do not grow, there are other seeds that produce a hundred, sixty, and thirty-fold. Instead of lamenting about all the things in our life that did not happen, this parable calls us to rejoice in the things that did happen—in the goals we were able to achieve, in the hope that we were able to realize, in the relationships that still support us to this day. They are God's gifts to us. There might be many of our hopes and dreams that did not materialize, but the ones that did are enough to provide a bountiful harvest, a rich life.

So is the Parable of the Sower a comedy or a tragedy?

It all depends on how you read it. The same is true of our lives.

We can choose to focus on all of our dead dreams and wrap ourselves in despair. Or we can choose to accept the harvest that has been given us with thankfulness and joy.

How do you choose to live your life?

What do you choose to see . . .

a triumph or a tragedy? Only you can decide.

Let those who have ears to hear, listen.

Fr. Joseph



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.

DATE	July 22 nd : 5 PM	July 23 rd : 9 AM	July 23 rd : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	CLAUDIA ISLAS	BARBARA PENNEFATHER HANAN HADDAD	JOAN FORRESTER RITA RACZ
LECTOR	SUSAN MURPHY	WENDY GRAY	DANTE AGOSTI-MORO
EMHC	ROLANDO ISLAS	ROCIO HAUSER	GIOVANNI BITELLI
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	ROCIO HAUSER	KAREN BALOGH



PARISH SUMMER MISSION

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday,
17th, 18th & 19th of July
from 7:00 - 8:30 in the evening
Fr. Jeffrey "Skip" Thompson, MSA,
will lead our Parish Summer Mission on:

**Evidence of God in Our Lives:
The Garden & Mary, Eucharist & Real Presence.**

Fr. Skip is a father of 3 children and a late vocation priest after
30 years in California government advocacy.

Ordained priest on June 29, 2015 as a Missionary of the Holy Apostles;
completed his Masters Degree in Divinity and Theology in 2015
with *Summa cum Laude* honours. Vocations Director for the Missionaries of the
Holy Apostles & Dean of Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, CT.

Watch Fr. Skip's interview on *EWTN* with Marcus Grodi at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIHgGPNTtRU>

REQUIESCAT IN PACE . . .

†Walter BOPPART (Late father of Mrs. Meg Maledy).

Prayers, Tuesday, July 18th, 7 PM;
Funeral Mass, Wednesday, July 19th, 11 AM;

@ Christ the Redeemer Parish.

May Tom's soul and the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word
but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke
the word and it bears no fruit." *Matthew 13:22*

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God
out of your life?

Are you so caught up in worldly activities
that you have no time for God?

Stewardship is a lifestyle to be lived every day. It affects all the
decisions we make. What we receive at Mass every Sunday
should be shared with others all the other days of the week.

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"SEEKING GOD"

5-day PRH workshop facilitated by

Fr. John McCarthy,

July 24-28, 2017 at St Anthony's Parish.

This workshop will guide you in your search for
God, and provide effective means to help you continue your
search to deepen your relationship with God.

For more information, contact Fr. John (604) 916-4009 or
email: jmccarthy@rcav.org.

Registration Forms available from the Parish Office.

LAST
CALL!

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.

- Parish Ministries Awareness Fair, Saturday and Sunday, after all the Masses on the 16th & 17th September.

See you then at these happenings!



DRESSING WITH REVERENCE

While fashions go in and out of style, reverence never does.

No matter what the season, a gentle reminder is in order
as to appropriate dress for attending Mass.

The manner in which we dress when we gather together
to celebrate the Lord's Supper reflects our reverence and
our gratitude for the gift that we have in the Holy Eucharist.
As brothers and sisters in Christ, it also reflects our level of respect
for one another. Any clothing, or lack of clothing, that distracts
those around us is not appropriate.

As a Parish Family, let us encourage one another to be
witnesses to our faith with reverence and with mutual respect.

SURVIVING PERIOD OF DRYNESS RETREAT

Sat. July 22nd, 10 AM @ OL of Assumption Church

3141 Shaughnessy St., Port Coquitlam, BC

Spiritual Director: Father Justin Huang

Please bring your own lunch and drinks.

All are welcome!

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 a person.

If interested, contact St Anthony's Parish Office.

CALLED TO A PERMANENT DIACONATE?

Curious about the role of the Permanent Deacons?

*Men interested in this ordained ministry, along with their wives,
are invited to an introductory seminar covering the history,
theology and practicalities of the Permanent Diaconate.*

Sessions on Saturdays: Sept. 23rd, Oct. 28th and Nov. 19th.

Register at: <http://stmarkscollege.ca/programs/deacon>.

