

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 23rd, 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 23 rd 16 th Sunday Ordinary Time	9 am 11 am	For Parishioners
Mon	July 24	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Peter & Karen Balogh</i>
Tue	July 25 St James	8 am	† Roger Latta
Wed	July 26 Sts Anne/Joachim	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Lily Margaret Junio</i>
Thu	July 27	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Deacon Tony Gray</i>
Fri	July 28	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Alexandra Sirutis</i>
Sat	July 29 St Martha	9 am 5 pm	† Roger Latta † George Yates † Margaret Coyle
SUN	July 30 th 17 th Sunday Ordinary Time	9 am 11 am	<i>Sp. Int. Jack Seymour</i> For Parishioners

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL
 (604) 922-0011;
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 (604) 987-4431

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



Abraham was shocked by the old man who joined him in his tent but refused to pray with him. The man ate his meals but refused to thank God. Abraham was grieved and indignant to find out that the old man was a fire-worshipper. Angrily, he drove him out of his tent. That night God appeared to Abraham in a vision and said: *"I have borne with that ignorant man for seventy years, and you could not tolerate him for a day."*

The parable of the weeds among the wheat addresses the recurring problem of believers who claim they can distinguish the righteous from the wicked, thereby separating themselves from the rest, to form a circle of respectable people. The task of separating the good from the bad should be reserved to God, who will set things right in His own time.

The Church has both wheat and weeds: good and bad people; good priests, bishops and religious as well as bad ones. Good Catholics have a right to be shocked, grieved and indignant at what is happening in the Church, but they need not be surprised.

Remember the tax-collector, who hardly dared to lift his head, but prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner". How unlike the Pharisee, whose prayer was a recital of his own virtues. The tax-collector was no saint, but the seed of God's presence was stirring in his heart. Jesus put him before us as the very model of how we should pray.

The parables are also telling us about the Church, the kingdom of God on earth. To be called into the Church is a grace. But membership of the Church does not mean automatic entry into the kingdom; *'not everyone who calls Lord, Lord will enter the kingdom'*, as we are taught elsewhere in the Gospel. It is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who sows the seed, which is the word of God. It grows, but weeds, which seek to supplant and destroy the kingdom of God on earth, also grow. There is constant struggle between the seed, which is the life of Christ within us, and the weeds which seek to destroy the kingdom on earth.

The parables also point to one of the central beliefs of Christianity: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ, who opened the way to the Kingdom of Heaven. Early Christian writers compared the blood of Christ to the

water, which irrigates the soil and gives life to the crops; and that the blood of the martyrs who literally, gave their lives for the Kingdom of God, irrigated the soil of the Church, and brought forth new life. We must be vigilant to care for and protect this new life. The Gospels exhort us to be alert and vigilant of the life of Christ within us. Finally, the parables teach us that at the end of time, at the harvest, there will be a judgment, when the wheat will be admitted to the kingdom of God, and the rest, the weeds, will be excluded.

Fr. Joseph



DATE	July 29 th : 5 PM	July 30 th : 9 AM	July 30 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	GLORIA LOWE	KATHY NG KAREN BALOGH	LORNA DALINGHAUS JOANN CULLEN
LECTOR	GLORIA LOWE	IVY WEI	DELIA HUGHES
EMHC	IRENE BOHJALIAN	ROSE ZALWANGO	MONIQUE CATTERMOLE
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	A. and CAROLINE ADAM	LOLLIE ADAM

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.



THANK YOU FR. SKIP!

For three evenings,
July 17th, 18th & 19th
we had been honoured to have
Fr. Jeffrey "Skip" Thompson,
lead our parish summer mission

on: **Evidence of God in Our Lives:**

The Garden & Mary, Eucharist & Real Presence.

A classmate and good friend of Fr. Larry, Fr. Skip is also a father of 3 children. He was ordained a priest on June 29, 2015 and completed his Masters Degree in Divinity and Theology in the same year with *Summa cum Laude* honours.

Watch Fr. Skip's interview on *EWTN* with Marcus Grodi at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIHgGPNTtRU>

"I find the mission very helpful in particular about Mary and her role in our lives. With Mary and her intercessions for us, our prayers are a lot likely most audible to the Lord Jesus as the same prayers have become His mother's on our behalf."

From a St Anthony's Parishioner

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. Come and bring a friend.
- **Parish Ministries Awareness Fair**, Saturday and Sunday, after all the Masses on the 16th & 17th September. **See you then at these happenings!**



ST ANTHONY'S PREP . . .

Welcome to all New and returning families to our Parish Religious Education Programme (PREP).

Classes are held every Wednesday for Grades 1-7 students who are not attending Catholic Schools in preparation to receiving the Sacraments.

This year, PREP will start on Wednesday, September 13th with the celebration of Holy Mass at 6:00 PM followed by a Pot-Luck Dinner in the parish hall after Mass.

Please register by August 28th.

Registration Forms can be downloaded from our parish website or simply phone or email the parish office.

NEW PROGRAM FOR GRADES 1 & 2 . . .

The programme is called "*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*".

It is inspired by the principles of Montessori education. It provides an opportunity for children to fall in love with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in a child-friendly space called an *Atrium*.

There will be guided activities to aid meditation on Bible scriptures and the mysteries of the Christian faith facilitated by trained catechists.

The "*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*" ensures that each child's unique spiritual needs and abilities are respected and nurtured.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE . . .

† Ian CAUNT (Late husband of Maggie).

Funeral Mass, Thursday, July 20th;

† Rita MCLEOD (Kim's late mother).

Funeral Mass, Friday, July 21st;

May Ian's and Rita's souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

"The Kingdom of Heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed, the children of the kingdom." *Matthew 13:24, 37-38*
As children of God, we are all "good seeds," blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow "good seeds" on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

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WILD GOOSE IS LOOSE!

Video Series, Thursdays @ 7 PM.

Frs. Gary & Larry leading. Exploring the role of the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives.

COME even if you missed some Thursdays.



PRO-LIFE MASS & VIGIL

Saturday, Aug 5th, 9 AM @ St Pius X, North Vancouver

Join us for a peaceful, prayerful Vigil for the unborn children and their parents.

Rosary will follow the 9 AM Mass at Lion's Gate Hospital.

Visit: <http://rcav.org/pro-life-mass-and-prayer-vigil/>

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 per 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>.