

# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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**J**ohnny was playing basketball in his driveway with his friends. In the course of the game he lost one of his contact lenses. He searched up and down the driveway to find it without success. So he gave up and he went in the house to tell his mother. She undertook the cause and went out to look. In just a few minutes she came in holding the contact lens in her hand. "I don't get it," said Johnny. "I looked everywhere. How did you do that?"

"Well," she explained, "we were looking for different things. You were looking for a small piece of plastic. I was looking for \$300."

Every parable has multiple meanings. And when you put two parables together, even more insights emerge. This is what our liturgy does for us today. In our gospel we have two small parables: the parable of the treasure hidden in the field and the parable of the pearl of great price.

In both parables a person finds something of immense value: a cache of gold that was buried in the field or a pearl that is so exquisite that it puts all other pearls to shame. Clearly in Jesus' preaching, the treasure and the pearl stand for that which is most important, that which could bring us the most joy. **Ultimately, they stand for our salvation, for our relationship with God.** So these two parables are a way of showing us how we find our heart's desire. Clearly the characters in the parable know this. When they find what is most important, they both sell everything that they have in order to possess it.

Recognizing the similarity of the parables allows us to discover a truth in their differences. In these parables each of the characters finds that which is most important in a different way. So when you put these two parables together, they tell us that **sometimes we find the kingdom of God by looking for it and other times it comes to us even when we are not looking for it.**

Sometimes we find our heart's desire because we are searching for it, and other times we simply stumble upon it.

These two little parables help us in our approach to salvation. They remind us that obtaining the most important things in life is not a process over which we have control. It is a process over which God has control. And God is not bound to use our wisdom or our efforts. *Now, should we go for what is the most important thing? Should we seek our heart's desire?* By all means. If we try sincerely, sometimes like the merchant searching for fine pearls, we will find it. But on those days when our energy runs out, on those days when our searching seems futile, on those days when we cannot even think of another thing we can try, **the gospel reminds us not to give up hope.**



God still intends to save us. God still intends to give us our heart's desire. And it is possible to stumble on the most important things, like finding a treasure hidden in a field. Therefore, we should live with confidence. God is in charge. Whether we are looking for God or not, God is looking for us. And God is always successful.

*Fr. Joseph Le*

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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 30 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	9 am 11 am	<i>Sp. Int. Jack Seymour</i> <b>For Parishioners</b>
Mon	July 31	8 am	† Gina Charles
Tue	Aug 1	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Elias &amp; Hanan Haddad</i>
Wed	Aug 2	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Grace Clark</i>
Thu	Aug 3	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Charity &amp; Justice Millare</i>
Fri	Aug 4	8 am 7 pm	† Roger Latta † Peter Seeley
Sat	Aug 5	9 am 5 pm	<i>Sp. Int. Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <b>For Parishioners</b>
SUN	Aug 6 <sup>th</sup> Transfiguration of the Lord	9 am 11 am	† Irene Masterman † Mary Ellen Hunter

### 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.



DATE	Sat. Aug 5 <sup>th</sup> : 5 PM	Sun. Aug 6 <sup>th</sup> : 9 AM	Sun. Aug 6 <sup>th</sup> : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	LOERTTA VAN LINEN PAT BATTENSBY	KATHY NG ROCIO HAUSER	RITA RACZ JOAN FORRESTER
LECTOR	THE WALTONS	MARTINE BORE	LARRY TRACH
EMHC	ANNE FIELD	SHARON BISHOP	BEATRIZ RAYNARD
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	ROSE MOJECA	SUSAN MORABITO

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](mailto:parish.sawv@rcav.org).

## NATIONAL LITURGICAL CONFERENCE

This year's National Liturgical Conference takes place from **Monday, Nov. 6, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., through Tuesday, Nov. 7, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Guest speaker **Father Michael McGourty**, a liturgist from the *Archdiocese of Toronto*, will reference The Order of a Dedication of a Church and an Altar to reflect on our identity as members of the Body of Christ visibly evident in our sacred spaces and their liturgical symbols.

Registration is \$73, or \$105 with lunch. Registration for the closing banquet Tuesday evening is \$35.

You are also invited to join a pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey in Mission on Monday, Nov. 6, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost for the pilgrimage is \$55.

For more info, please contact **613-241-9461 ext. 154** or **Visit:** <http://nlo.cccb.ca/index.php/announcements>

## UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

- **Annual Parish Picnic**, Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5 PM;
- **LifeCanada Gala**, Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 - 2:00 PM. Hosted by the parish CWL.
- **Alpha Programme for Adults**, Thursdays, 6:30 PM, starting September 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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 for 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**.

## 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.

For more information, please contact the CGS instructor: **Wendy Gray at 778-877-1291**.

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

## REQUIESCENT IN PACE . . .

†**Susan KEARNEY** (*Wife of Frank Kearney*)

Funeral Service, Friday, July 28th

† **Mae DUFFY** (*Mother of Colette McLaughlin*)

May **Susan's** and **Mae's** soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Amen.**



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose."

*Romans 8:28*

Do you *really* trust God? Do you believe that *all things* work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God's plan for our lives may be different than our plan.

When one door closes, another one opens.

**Trust in God, His plan is always better.**

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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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, @ 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/](http://www.rcav.org/missionpilgrimage/)

## SEARCHING IN THE SPIRIT

**Aug 28<sup>th</sup> - Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, @ 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, please contact: St Anthony's Parish Office.*

## MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MILLER

**Special Collection on Aug. 12th and 13th**

There will be a special collection in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver for those affected by the wildfires. Please pray for everyone affected by the wildfires in our province, especially in the Diocese of Kamloops and Prince George.

**Visit:** <http://rcav.org/prayer-and-humanitarian-appeals/>