

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

3rd SUNDAY in LENT
March 19th, 2017

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Just as Jesus gave sight to the blind *Bartholomew* or welcomed the disdained *Zaccheus*, Jesus reaches out in today's Gospel to make a Samaritan woman whole.

Now there are several indications in the Gospel that reveal the brokenness of the Samaritan woman who comes to get water at noon instead of in the morning. There is the obvious discussion about her multiple failed marriages. It seems that this Samaritan woman was not welcome in the company of other women. She was an outcast. She came to the well alone.

But what is important about this story is the manner in which Jesus exercises His healing ministry. In this story, Jesus takes His time to heal her.

So often in the Gospels Jesus' miracles seem to happen in a flash. He runs across someone in need and suddenly the blind can see, and the lame can walk, and the deaf can hear.

But in today's Gospel, Jesus sits with this woman at the well and enters into an extended conversation with her about water, about her marriages, about worship, and about the Messiah. In that conversation, over time, this woman begins to change: from someone who is suspicious, to someone who trusts, from a doubter to a believer, from an outcast to a disciple.

All of us have something in our lives that we want to change, a brokenness that we want to heal. It might be a habit of sin that keeps recurring, a prejudice we cannot erase, a hurt we cannot forgive, or a fear we cannot overcome. When we recognize that fault, we want to fix it at once. And when we try and fail or when we think we have succeeded and it comes back again, it is easy to become discouraged.

This Gospel tells us that God is willing to give us time. It reminds us that healing does not always happen suddenly. God is willing to sit with us, talk with us, and lead us step by step to life. That process might take a few days or a few years. But there is always hope as long as we stay in the conversation.

Our God is committed to healing us. Our God desires to take our brokenness and make it whole. But the Samaritan woman reminds us that such change seldom happens in an instant. This is why Jesus is willing to sit with us in the noonday heat and to talk to us as long as it takes, leading our lives to the truth, guiding our hearts until they rest in Him.

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;

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUN	March 19 th 3 rd Sunday LENT	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS † Wegner † Kiefer Families
Mon	March 20 St Joseph	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Tony & Wendy GRAY</i>
Tue	March 21	8 am	† Gina Charles
Wed	March 22	8 am	† Rev. Peter Orr
Thu	March 23	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Marina ANDREW</i>
Fri	March 24	8 am 7:00 PM	† Sr. Andrea Aquino † Remo Gambioli † Fletcher Kimmel
Sat	March 25 Annunciation	9 am 5 pm	† Marian Vonnegut † Chris † Jonathan REARDON
SUN	March 26 th 4 th Sunday LENT	9 am 11 am	† Agnes Notte FOR PARISHIONERS

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

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S. T. A. HIGH SCHOOL

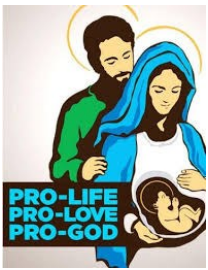
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Catholic Cemeteries: are a link
 between the living & the departed.



DATE	March 25 th : 5 PM	March 26 th : 9 AM	March 26 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	PAT BATTENSBY LORETTA VAN UNEN	GLORIA LOWE	LARRY TRACH LORNA DALINGHAUS
LECTOR	ROBERT BUTLER	MARTINE BORE	ADRIENNE LOUIE
EMHC	ANNE FIELD	DON VICIC	JAN HERRICK
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	ROCIO HAUSER	KAREN BALOGH

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.



**PRAYER VIGIL @ HOSPITAL,
ADORATION @ ST ANTHONY'S,
&
SOLIDARITY IN PRAYER.**

Friday, 24th March.

Sign-up Sheets in our Vestibule.

Rev. Fr. Larry Lynn,

40-DAYS FOR LIFE Archdiocesan Chaplain,

does not want to leave any of us stuck without an OPTION to participate in this Annual Stand for Life.

Option 1: Prayer Vigil at The Women's Hospital and along West 29th Avenue & Heather Street, Vancouver. A prayerful and peaceful stand to the Sanctity of Life;

Option 2: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Anthony's Church from 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM. Spend A PRICELESS hour or more in-front of the Blessed Sacrament in support of those standing up for life at the Prayer Vigil;

Option 3: Solidarity in Prayer with those who are standing up for life and those in church doing Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. **PRAYER IS POWERFUL.**

We don't have to be in the thick of the action to be part of the campaign for Sanctity for Life. Even in our offices, at home doing house chores, in hospital beds convalescing or in the airport waiting for our flights we still can be actively involved through PRAYER. Every moment that we commit in prayer we can offer in solidarity with our fellow parishioners who are either standing up for the Sanctity of Life or doing Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Please signify your support by signing up in whichever way you choose. See table in the Vestibule. God bless!

+ROGER LATTA PASSES AWAY

My Roger, loving husband and father, 79 years old died recently. For a while he had been living with illness. Stripped of his physical freedom and the dignity of being an independent individual, he never look at the desire to escape or take a short-cut in life through suicide or legal euthanasia.

I will always love and remember him for his resolve and faithfulness in standing up for the Sanctity of Life from conception to its natural end.

Wife, *Suzanne*, (one of the organizers of the CWL Thursday "Soup & Bun").

THIS Thursday, March 23rd, from 12 Noon – 1 PM, come, enjoy our Home-made Soup & Bun and welcome our Guest Speaker, Vancouver Archdiocese Vice-Chancellor, Barbara Dowding. She will share her thoughts on Euthanasia and the loving alternative, Palliative Care.

\$4,800 IN CWL BURSARIES AVAILABLE!

Application Forms & Criteria available in the Parish Office.

For details & information, please phone
Carmen Navarro, (604) 910-3470.

ST ANTHONYS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL . . .

Joshua Metz, Grade 6 student, has asked us:

"I want to help the Scouts raise funds, by selling Steer Manure, BUT I am not allowed to sell at our Townhouse Complex."

Can we support him?

Saturday/Sunday: April 1st/2nd: 10 AM - 3 PM.
Edgemont Village Chevron Station.

40 lb Bag/\$5; Delivery available.

Joshua (604) 512-4950;

Email: metzcnj@gmail.com.



VOLUNTEERS' APPRECIATION

Saturday, 29th April: 7-9 PM

All parishioners who had volunteered in the past year in any capacity, please come!

Phone Parish Office: (604) 926.6881.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

In today's Gospel, the Samaritan woman allows herself to experience a life-changing encounter with Jesus. As she conversed with Jesus her understanding of who he was grew, and this inspired her to want to bring others to also know him. The more we come to know Jesus the more we desire to share the joy that we have discovered in knowing and following him. Prayer and fasting are ways in which we can all deepen our relationship with Jesus.

Sacrificial almsgiving closes the gap between what we are comfortable in giving and what God calls us to give and thus strengthens our trust in God because we trust that he will always provide for our needs. And, when we give in gratitude for all that God has given us, and not merely out of a sense of obligation or duty, we grow in our relationship with him. We do well to invest a generous portion of our time in growing in our faith this Lent by allowing ourselves to truly encounter

Christ and accept our mission to be stewards of the Good News.

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THRIFTERS' PARADISE

Domestic Abuse Services – Our Lady of Good Counsel Society operates a thrift store at 20566 56th Avenue, Langley.

We need Volunteers & Donations of used clothing, shoes, books, housewares, craft items, etc. Call (604) 514-7001.

DRUG CRISIS: SAVE OUR CHILDREN!

Tuesday, 21st March, @ St Mary's, Vancouver

We are in the midst of a deadly drug epidemic!

Dr. UNGAR will explore the latest research on the roots of addiction in developmental neurology. Families and church traditions that foster the nurturing bond between parents and children are uniquely situated to deal with the crisis.

Presentation is followed by a question and answer session.

Admission by donation.

MEN'S VOCATION DISCERNMENT

Wednesday, March 22nd, @ St Patrick's, Vancouver

Do you have questions about discerning God's call for your life? Vocations in Progress (V.I.P.) for men is an opportunity to meet priests, ask questions, and learn about their life and spirituality. This informal event will include prayer, dinner, and discussion. Visit: www.vocationsvancouver.ca/events/vip

INTERNATIONAL EARTH HOUR

Saturday, March 25th, 8:30 - 9:30 pm

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and The United Church of Canada, invite everyone to observe, in prayer and worship, the *International Earth Hour* by turning off non-essential lights for one hour. Visit <http://www.earthhour.org/>

LENTEN RECOLLECTION @ ST EDMUND'S

Saturday, March 25th, 9 AM - 12:30 pm

"Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield" (Psalm 5: 12).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows recollection.

Contact: The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites at:

ocdswest@gmail.com.

Event is free.