

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

4th SUNDAY in LENT
March 26th, 2017

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Johnny just couldn't spend another minute with his blind date. His phone rang and Johnny excused himself to answer it. When he returned to his date, he lowered his eyes, put on a grim expression and said, *"I have some bad news. My grandfather just died."* Johnny's date replied, *"Thank heavens! If yours hadn't, mine would have had to!"*

This Gospel tells us of the healing of a man born blind. This man has not lost a capacity for light; he did not have it from the beginning. He does not deal with light, darkness, shadow and reflection. Jesus will not *restore* sight to this man: he will grace him with a capacity he has never had. This miracle does not point to the restoration of our human nature, but to its total re-creation. "Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind."

The healing of the man born blind will bear a resonance of the very beginnings of creation. As God made man from the dust from the ground, so Jesus remakes the man born blind with the dust of the Jerusalem street, and forms him anew. As the first man received the breath of life and became a living being, so this man is anointed with the dust mixed with spittle from the mouth of Jesus, and becomes transformed beyond recognition.

So the man owes his new being not to his parents, or to the Law of Moses, but to the sudden unearned gift of the encounter with Jesus. Falling down to worship Jesus, he recognises Him not just as the source of his sight, but more importantly as the origin of a whole new way of being.

In Jesus we are elevated into a new life. As the man born blind received a new capacity, a new way of experiencing the world, so too we receive a new capacity for a deeper way of life, to come to experience the familiar world around us in the unfamiliar light of Jesus, who is forever the Light of the World.

We have received the capacity for living this new life in our baptism, when the Lord anointed us with His own Spirit. But this capacity in us weakens through sin: we become more accustomed to darkness than to this new divine light. And so each year we pass through this holy season of Lent, when we open ourselves to the healing touch of Jesus, and prepare once



more to see the world anew in the blazing furnace of the paschal fire: a light lit in a darkened tomb two thousand years ago, nevermore to be put out.

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 26 th 4 th Sunday LENT	9 am 11 am	† Agnes Notte FOR PARISHIONERS
Mon	March 27	8 am	† Gabrilla Micallef
Tue	March 28	8 am 7:00 PM	† Villadiego † Elserner Families <i>Sp. Int. Florence Higgs</i>
Wed	March 29	8 am	† Mary Markey
Thu	March 30	8 am	† Gina Charles
Fri	March 31	8 am 11:00 AM 7:00 PM	† John Morden † Irene Masterman † Dan Kennedy
Sat	April 1	9 am 5 pm	FOR VOCATIONS FOR PARISHIONERS
SUN	April 2 nd 5 th Sunday LENT	9 am 11 am	<i>Sp. Int. Archbishop M. Miller</i> † Wegner † Kiefer Families

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	April 1 st : 5 PM	April 2 nd : 9 AM	April 2 nd : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	PAT BATTENSBY LORETTA VAN UNEN	GLORIA LOWE	LARRY TRACH LORNA DALINGHAUS
LECTOR	WALTONS	MARTINE BORE	DANTE AGOSTI-MORO
EMHC	ANNE FIELD	Hauser	CATTERMOLE
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	ROSE MOJECA	SUSAN MORABITO

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.

SHARE LENT SPECIAL COLLECTION

1st & 2nd April.

"For 50 years, the *Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign* has called us to solidarity with the world's most impoverished and oppressed.

This year's campaign, "**Women Are at the Heart of Change,**" echoes the Pope's prayer that women worldwide may be "honoured, respected and valued for their essential contribution to society."

Sadly, countless women worldwide bear a disproportionate burden of oppression and injustice, and are often denied their God-given human dignity.

This sacred season, as we pray, fast, give alms, and repent, let us listen to the cry of the poor in global solidarity with women at the heart of change worldwide.

This campaign will also highlight consecrated women, the Catholic Women's League, and the many lay women in the Church who, in the words of Dorothy Day, devotedly "take the lowest places," washing the feet of their brothers and sisters and loving them with "that burning love, that passion which led to the cross" as they live out the Gospel call to social justice." *Archbishop Miller, CSB*

PENITENTIAL SERVICES NORTH SHORE

Thursday, 6th April, 7 PM

Holy Trinity Parish;

Tuesday, 11th April, 7 PM

Christ the Redeemer Parish.

DON'T BE AFRAID
TO GO TO THE
SACRAMENT OF
CONFESSION,
WHERE YOU
WILL MEET
JESUS WHO
FORGIVES YOU.



THURSDAY SOUP & BUN

March 30th, 12 Noon – 1 PM in Parish Hall.

Come, enjoy our Home-made Soup & Bun and welcome our Guest Speaker, **Barbara MORNINGSTAR**, manager of *Crossroads Inlet Centre*, a 10-bed hospice residence in Port Moody.

She also directed *Surrey Hospice Society* for 13 years.

ALL WELCOME!

YOUR THOUGHTS ON POPE FRANCIS' "LAUDATO SI" PLEASE!

You're invited to come and join Fr. Gary and fellow parishioners, to reflect and discuss over coffee, Pope Francis' encyclical, "**PRAISE BE TO YOU**" in our Parish Hall,

Sunday, 2nd April, after the 11 AM Mass.

ALL WELCOME!

TALITHA KOUM SOCIETY
"Thank you St Anthony's Parish
for your generous financial help.
Your donations allow us to assist
the women who needed our help."



\$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; metzcnj@gmail.com.



REQUIESCANT IN PACE ...

† Roger LATTA; Funeral Mass, **Wednesday, 29th March, 11 AM;**

† Irene MASTERMAN; Funeral Mass, **Friday, 31st March, 11 AM.**

May Roger & Irene's souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ...

Stewardship is a call to collaborate with God.

In baptism we are anointed and called. We are called to be a light, as St. Paul says in today's Second Reading,

"Live as children of the light".

How is God calling you? What are the gifts He has given you to respond to this call? Spending some quiet time in prayer with God each day is the best way to discern His plan and purpose for our lives. Each of us can be a light in our own unique way. Finding that way in the busyness of life requires that we be good stewards of our time and make time to hear God's voice. God always provides what we need to be a light, provided we do our part and are good stewards of the gifts He has given us to be that light.

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WAY OF THE CROSS: MIGRANT WORKERS

April 1st, after 5 PM Mass @ St Mary's Parish, Vancouver

Many of us are Migrants and we will especially pray for those who have recently arrived or are temporary seasonal workers who often find themselves alone.

Join us for a special reflection on migrants and their current plight at the "*Way of the Cross for Migrant Workers.*"

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

April 3rd - June 26th, 7 PM @ Christ the Redeemer Parish
Discover human nature as the "*Gift of Self*" in our relationship with God and one another through *Theology of the Body*.

St. John Paul II reveals our true human nature, in the image and likeness of God, as a "*communion of persons, in the sincere gift of self,*" giving us the authentic meaning of our humanity.

Other locations and times are also being offered.

Register online at rcav.org/tob.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT FOR WOMEN

Friday, 7th April, 7 pm for All Single Women, 18-35.

Have questions about discerning God's call for your life?

Vocations In Progress for women is an opportunity to meet Nuns and Religious Women, pray together, have dinner and ask questions and learn about their life and spirituality.

To register, contact: vocations@rcav.org

GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS

Friday, 14th, 10 AM @ Queen Elizabeth Park

Organized by Communion and Liberation Vancouver.

Way of the Cross begins at the Fountain, next to Bloedel Floral Conservatory's parking area.

For details: communionliberationvancouver@gmail.com

CWL MASS & GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 28th

Mass at 7 PM, Meeting follows after.

All Non-member Women, ALSO WELCOME!

