

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

1st SUNDAY in LENT
March 5th, 2017

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Back in 2013, Fr. Gary, and I climbed to the top of *Crown Mountain* and had a stunning view of the city. We can be struck by the wonder of creation in the smallest and closest things, but there is something awe-inspiring in looking out to the horizon and seeing the world down below.

The experience of looking down from a great height can bring into focus questions about ourselves and how we relate to the world around us. What am I in this vast world? How small I seem in comparison to the great expanse below and the vastness of the universe above. Is my life here just a chance event or is there something beyond all change and decay; something which I can hope in despite all that might befall me in life?

In the Gospel today St Matthew tells us how Jesus is set by Satan on a very high mountain and offered the kingdoms of the world in return for worshipping him. The picture is a vivid one, and it powerfully engages our imagination. From the great height Jesus is tempted with the question which is put to each of us, if you could hold the world in your hand what would you do?

Not all of us are great rulers surveying the extent of our kingdom, but each of us has been entrusted with some share in God's creation. The temptation is this: through pride, greed or fear to hold fast to that portion of the good things of this world we have been given.

It is this temptation which Adam and Eve succumb to in the garden. They grasp for the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden but rather than rising to be like the gods they fall, and lose their innocence.

In the Second Reading, we are told that "as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life." Here St. Paul is referring to the cross; it is the crucifixion of Jesus Christ which brings life.

On the cross Jesus unites Himself to each one of us as we are faced with the choice between life and death: do I grasp hold of the world beneath me, asserting my power and control over it, or do I return it in love to the one who has given it in love? On the cross Jesus Christ utters His great "yes" to the Father,



to the gift of creation, a "yes" that He makes on behalf of each one of us, and He invites us to share in this prayer of thanksgiving - to live our lives in the hope of the resurrection, not the despair of our own desires.

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;

Sat: 9:30 AM & 4:15 - 4:45 PM.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUN	March 5 th 1st Sunday LENT	9 am 11 am	† Rev. John Hayes, <i>OP</i> FOR PARISHIONERS
Mon	March 6	8 am	† John † Margaret MICALLEG
Tue	March 7	8 am	† Agnes Notte
Wed	March 8	8 am	† Christine † Peter BALOGH
Thu	March 9	8 am	FOR VOCATIONS
Fri	March 10	8 am 7:00 PM	† Gina Charles † Norma Belden
Sat	March 11	9 am 5 pm	† Joan † Matthew NEIMA FOR PARISHIONERS
SUN	March 12 th 2nd Sunday LENT	9 am 11 am	† Gabriella Micalleg † Chris † Jonathan REARDON

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

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



DATE	March 11 th : 5 PM	March 12 th : 9 AM	March 12 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	GLORIA LOWE	KATHY NG	MONIQUE CATTERMOLE
LECTOR	GLORIA LOWE	IVY WEI	LARRY TRACH
EMHC	IRENE BOHJALIAN	ROSE ZALWANGO	BEATRIZ RAYNARD
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	NERLYN LONTOK	JULIE BARTLETT

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.



WELCOME DEACON GREG BARCELON!

Saint Anthony's Parish welcomes Deacon Greg Barcelon, *Ph.D.*, an ordained Permanent Deacon of Queen of All Saints Parish in Coquitlam. Starting Sunday, 6th March at 7 PM, Deacon Greg will lead Saint Anthony's Parish's 3-Night Lenten Retreat entitled, "Cross Over" a Reflections on Matthew 16:24 . . .

Then Jesus said to His disciples,

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

"Cross Over" is about intimacy with the Cross.

Learn how to face our crosses in life . . . failures, sufferings and pain, and journey from struggle to abundance and fullness.

After the 3rd & Final Talk on Tuesday, March 7th, everyone is invited to a Social in the Parish Hall.

For more information, call Tony Gray (778) 877.8661 or email: tg.wvan@gmail.com.

"Cross Over" Lenten Retreat, 7:00 PM in Church March 5th, 6th and 7th.

2016 DONATION RECEIPTS
Please pick-up your Receipts from the Table in the Vestibule. You are saving the parish, postage. Thank you. God bless!



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

In falling to the devil's temptation, Adam and Eve went against God's divine plan for humankind. Not content with being created in the image of God they sought equality with God.

The spirituality of stewardship gives us the strength to resist any temptation to think that our accomplishments, abilities, opportunities, health, relationships, and even our financial blessings, are of our own doing.

We can find many rewards in daily life by acknowledging that all of our gifts come from, and belong to, God.

Rewards like peace of mind, hope, and confidence are just the tip of the iceberg.

Stewardship inspires us to use and share our gifts in a manner that recognizes that God is first in our life.

Stewardship is a central part of God's divine plan for us.

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THURSDAYS "SOUP & BUN" & GUEST SPEAKER

March 9th, with Archbishop Michael Miller.

Born in Ottawa in 1946, attended University of Toronto; and joined the Basilian Fathers in 1966.

Speakers for March 16th, 23rd, 30th, and April 6th . . . will be posted pending speakers' confirmation

12 Noon – 1 PM in St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

\$5/person donation for *Euthanasia Prevention Coalition & Palliative Care Support*.

Home-made & Delicious Soup by Parish CWL.

Please help us serve you better by reserving your seat 1 week ahead or pre-book the entire programme.

Phone the Parish Office: (604) 926.6881.



Christ the Redeemer Parish
LENTE MISSION
Saturday, 11th March
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Mass.
\$15/person; \$30/family. Lunch.
Tickets: (604) 922.1371.

FREEDOM

Friday, 10th March, @ St Patrick's, Vancouver

Freedom, the annual reconciliation event for youth.

Participants will experience first-hand the healing power of Christ through music, prayer, testimonies and teachings, the sacrament of reconciliation, and adoration.

Special Guest Speakers include Archbishop Miller, *CSB*; Sr. John Mary Sullivan, *FSE*; and Fr. Lucio Choi.

Visit: rcav.org/freedom

LENTE RETREAT @ ST MARY'S

13th - 15th March: 8 AM or 7 PM with Mass

Theme: *"I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me."*

Speaker, Msgr. John Esseff, who was guided by Padre Pio in the beginning of his ministry and later became a spiritual director to Mother Teresa.

"SHARE LENT" SPECIAL COLLECTION

Sunday Masses: April 1st & 2nd

Your generous solidarity is vital to the mission of Development and Peace and its ability to help, respect, and promote the poor.

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." For more details, visit: www.devp.org

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH DAY OF PRAYER VIGIL - 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Friday, 24th March, 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Each parish commits to one Day of Vigil, praying, and witnessing to the sanctity of life,

St. Anthony's Parish Day of Vigil is on

Friday, 24th March, 6 AM to 6 PM

In front of *The Women's Hospital* and

along West 29th Avenue & Heather Street, Vancouver.

Extra, extra . . .

For parishioners who cannot do the Vigil in Vancouver, please come to St Anthony's Church.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 8 AM Mass and finish at 4 PM with Benediction.

KINDERGARTEN . . .

Saint Anthony's Elementary School is accepting Applications for Kindergarten.

Please contact the school to pick-up an Application Package. Email: office@saswv.ca or phone: (604) 922-0011.



LENTE RETREAT FOR MEN
Saturday, 11th March, 9 AM - 3 PM
St Stephen's Church Hall
with Fr. Mark Schwab.
\$20 with Snack & Lunch.
Tickets: (604) 926.1411 or 926.6881.
Sponsors: K of C #7095.

