

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

5th SUNDAY of Easter
May 14th, 2017

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A priest found himself wondering whether there were any golf courses in Heaven. He even began to ask the question in his prayers. One day, he received a direct answer from on high. "Yes," said the Heavenly messenger, "There are many excellent golf courses in Heaven. The greens are always in first class condition, the weather is always perfect and you always get to play with the very nicest people."

"Oh, thank you," said the priest, "That really is marvellous news." "Yes, isn't it?" replied the messenger, "And we've got you down for a four-some next Saturday."

Today's Gospel is indeed an attractive image of Jesus as way to heaven, of Jesus going ahead of us to prepare a place for us in His father's house. It is comforting to know that our belief in Jesus, as the way the truth and the life, is our means to eternal life. But if you listen to the Gospel carefully, it is clear that it asks more of us than simply believing in Jesus.

Jesus asks us not simply to believe in His name but to do His works. He says, "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do." So belief is not sufficient in itself, it must be accompanied by the works that Christ calls us to do.

Now this is not to say that the works that we do in any way earn heaven or our relationship with God. Such gifts are always God's grace. Believing is essential, but we must also work in such a way that we manifest God's goodness.

There must be a connection between the work that we do and our following of Christ. If our faith does not make some impact on the ordinary things we do day in and day out it is doubtful whether that faith is real. This is certainly the testimony of the Scriptures. The great figures of the Scriptures often encounter God in the midst of their work. Moses was a shepherd, and while tending the sheep he encountered God in the burning bush. When Jesus was born, the shepherds received the message of the angel while they were tending their sheep. The first apostles were fishermen and at their jobs when Christ came to call them. Matthew had a government job and met Christ while he was collecting taxes. Martha and Mary came to know and love Christ while they did their work in the home.

Jesus is the way the truth and the life. Our believing in Him leads us to eternal joy. But faith is not sufficient in itself. It must be lived out in a way that it reflects God's love in our lives. Those who are willing to live their lives with integrity, with compassion, and a willingness to witness identify themselves as true followers of Jesus.

I am
 the Way
 the Truth
 and the
 Life.

What will you do this week to make it clear to others that you are a believer? What will you do this week so that others might see God's love in the work that you do?

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	May 14 th 5 th Sunday Easter	9 am 11 am	<i>Sp. Int. Rev. Giovanni Schiesari</i> † Wegner † Kiefer FAMILIES
Mon	May 15	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Tony Gray</i>
Tue	May 16	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Dr. Paterno Millare</i>
Wed	May 17	8 am	† Gina Charles
Thu	May 18	8 am 11 AM	<i>Sp. Int. Margaret Ivancic</i> <i>Sp. Int. of Anna, for Parents</i>
Fri	May 19	8 am	† Lucy † Hernando TORRES
Sat	May 20	9 am 5 pm	In Honour of St Philomena † Basim Azzam
SUN	May 21 st 6 th Sunday Easter	9 am 11 am	For Parishioners † Spick FAMILIES

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	May 20 th : 5 PM	May 21 st : 9 AM	May 21 st : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	PAT BATTENSBY LORETTA van UNEN	BARBARA PENNEFATHER HANAN HADDAD	JOAN FORRESTER RITA RACZ
LECTOR	ROBERT BUTLER	IVY WEI	ADRIENNE LOUIE
EMHC	STEPHANIE LOCKING	DON VICIC	JAN HERRICK
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	A & CAROLINE ADAM	MARRY VERBAARSCHOT

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.

ORDINATION TO PERMANENT DEACONATE

NEXT Friday, 26th May, Archbishop Michael Miller will be ordaining 3 men to the *Sacred Order of Deacons*. The following weekend (27th & 28th May), we will welcome our parishioner, **Deacon Tony GRAY** to assist in the Sunday Masses. That Sunday, during our After-Mass Socials, parishioners may offer him congratulations and pass on our prayers for his diaconal ministry.

THIS SUNDAY . . .

**Mother's Day Flowers Sale
by the Knights. Proceeds for Pro-Life.**

NEXT SUNDAY . . .

**Second Collection will be taken up
for Pope's Pastoral Works!
Thank you for your generosity!**



ONE FAITH, ONE CHURCH, ONE FAMILY

Our annual **Project Advance Appeal** is well underway. We continue to gratefully welcome our new donors who, so far, account for 25% of donors. Thank you to our new donors and our past donors who have made their donation, and to everyone contemplating a donation. We encourage all parishioners who have not yet donated to pick up their donation form from the tables in the foyer. While the initial donations are encouraging we, as a parish, have quite a way to go to meet our minimum objective. Project Advance allows us to share the gifts we have been given with those in less fortunate circumstances, the sick, those in prison, the elderly in need. Project Advance allows our diocese and our parish to undertake necessary capital projects which are beyond the scope of our weekly Sunday offerings.

All donations, regardless of the amount, are gratefully received. Our goal is still to achieve full participation from all our parish members. You can make your gift online at www.projectadvance.ca (please indicate the donation is for our parish), stop by the tables in the foyer, drop by the parish office or drop an envelope in the collection basket.

Thank you for your generosity. Your fellow parishioners,

Leo Cullen, Susan Wynne, and Joseph Maravillas

ANOINTING MASS

Thursday, 18th May, 11 AM

followed by Reception.

ALL Elderly & the SICK

PLEASE COME & JOIN US.



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT @ STA

Friday, May 26th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Come sample delicious food from around the world, enjoy entertainment by the *STA Jazz Band*, and be part of the multicultural community that is St Thomas Aquinas!

It is an excellent opportunity to meet STA families, celebrate the cultural diversity of our school community, and help raise funds for Campus Ministry and charities.

Entrance: \$2/person; \$5/family. Food tickets: \$2/ticket.

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy some delicious food, fellowship, and entertainment.

GREEK DINNER @ ST ANTHONY'S

Saturday, 10th June, 6 PM in the Parish Hall

Organized by *St Anthony's Parish CWL* to raise funds for *Talitha Koum* and *The Northshore Neighbourhood House*.

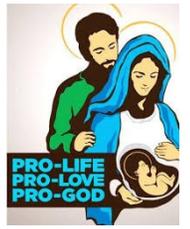
Tickets are On-sale NOW after Masses. (604) 922-7752.

VIGIL @ LGH - TODAY!

Sunday, May 14th, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Join us at this peaceful gathering to speak for the weakest of our society - the unborn.

"It is horrific even to think that there are children, victims of abortion, who will never see the light of day" - Pope Francis



RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

May 2017

Come experience a spiritual awakening and allow God to change your life forever. Come on a *Rachel's Vineyard™* Retreat. To register call 604-525-0999.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Thursday 18th May, @ Christ Church Cathedral

For those who have been affected by the **Drug Overdose Crisis**.

Prayer services will be led by Clergy and Aboriginal elders. 1:30pm Opening Ceremony; 2:00pm Open Space for prayer, reflection, and mourning those that have died in our communities; 5:30 pm Interfaith Memorial Service.

Please share with community members, families, first responders, and anyone else who has been affected.

PRIESTHOOD ANNIVERSARIES

Monday, 22nd May, 5 PM, St Monica's, Richmond

Fr. Francis and Fr. Peter CHIANG's Anniversaries

Thanksgiving Mass with Archbishop Michael Miller, followed by dinner at *Continental Restaurant*.

Please contact: Mary Waung at 778-321-0618.

"LUMINOSITY" BY AMABILIS SINGERS

Saturday, 27th May, 8:00 PM @ HR Cathedral

30-minute composition from written texts of St John, St Teresa of Avila, St Julian of Norwich and St Isaac of Nineveh.

\$20 @ the Door; Kids under 12, FREE. (604) 503-2074.

BIRTHRIGHT MASS & CROWNING OF MARY

Saturday, 27th May, 12:10 PM, HR Cathedral

Reception in Rosary Hall. Finger-food donations appreciated.

Phone Jane (604) 323-1401; Helen (604) 687-7223.

DINNER & DANCE @ STA GYM

Saturday, 10th June, 6:00 PM.

\$60. Dance to the "*Gemino Boys Band*". (604) 988-3211.

PARISH ELECTION: Parish Education Committee

Parish election for our elementary school education committee takes place on the **27th/28th May** weekend.

There are a total of eight members on the school Education Committee: 4 from Christ the Redeemer & 4 from St Anthony's. Two of the positions from each parish are renewable every year.

One position is open for election and one filled by appointment by the pastor.

We look forward to receiving nominations for this position.

Nomination Forms: In the Vestibule & Parish Office.

Dear Pastor and St Anthony's Parishioners,

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is hosting the *Western Canadian Catholic Stewardship Conference* in partnership with the

Northwest Regional United States Catholic Stewardship Conference June 9-11.

The theme is "*Stewards of Christ's Mission.*" Guests include Deacon Keith Strohm and Divine Renovation coach and St. Benedict staff member, Ron Huntley.

Please see the website for more details: www.wccsc.ca

