

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 4, 2016

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As a seminarian, I wanted to do some prison ministry. But before I began I asked an older seminarian what his experience was like. He said: "Oh it's challenging, but quite important. I think you'll learn a lot from it." Then he looked at me and said, "But get ready to meet a lot of old altar servers." What did he mean by that comment? I discovered later, that a remarkable number of the inmates would tell me, "I used to be an altar server." Perplexing as it might be, I have to assure our present altar servers that there is no connection between altar serving at young age and ending up in prison in later years.

However, one important question to ask is not what have we done for God but what have we done for God *lately*?

St. John the Baptist in today's Gospel insists that these religious leaders coming for baptism must demonstrate their goodness by their actions. Having Abraham as their ancestor was a good thing and John the Baptist certainly respected it. But he insisted that their pedigree be accompanied with action. Or to put it in other terms, what had they done for God lately?

To be Jesus' follower is not simply to collect a couple actions of faith and love. To follow Jesus is a way of life. Being a disciple is living today and every day as a person who is trying to build the Kingdom of God. That is why Jesus asks us to take up our crosses and follow Him daily.

Now that question of Christ can seem demanding and even unreasonable. But I assure you, it is not Christ's intention to shame us or to place heavy obligations upon us. For the truth is that doing what Christ asks us to do, following His will, is the best thing that we can do for ourselves. There is no deeper satisfaction than knowing that we have served as He has asked us to serve, that we have forgiven as He has asked us to forgive, that we have loved as He has asked us to love. Doing His will is the greatest joy we can achieve. He asks us to do His will, not for His benefit, and not only for the benefit of others, but for ourselves.

Christ is counting on us today and every day, to build His kingdom, to be people of service, justice, and love. That is what He asks. That is what He commands. We would do well to follow His commands, for doing His will brings us lasting joy. His question, "What have you done for me lately," is really asking, "What have you recently done for yourself?"

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	December 4 th 2 nd Sunday ADVENT	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS † Wegner † Kiefer Families
Mon	December 5	8 am	† Ray McLeod
Tue	December 6	8 am	† John † Margaret MICALLEF
Wed	December 7 St Amrose	8 am	† Jacqueline Cummings
Thu	December 8 Imm. Conception	8 am	Sp. Int. Podgurski Family
Fri	December 9	8 am	Sp. Int. Barbara & Robert Chase
Sat	December 10	9 am 5 pm	† Jacqueline Cummings † Cheung Family
SUN	December 11 th 3 rd Sunday ADVENT	9 am 11 am	† Hernando † Lucy TORRES FOR PARISHIONERS

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

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



DATE	Dec. 10 th : 5 PM	Dec. 11 th : 9 AM	Dec. 11 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	PAT BATTENSBY LORETTA v UNEN	WENDY GRAY ROCIO HAUSER	LARRY TRACH MONIQUE CATTERMOLE
LECTOR	SUSAN MURPHY	WENDY GRAY	ADRIENNE LOUIE
EMHC	ROLANDO ISLAS	ROSE ZALWANGO	MONIQUE CATTERMOLE
SOCIAL HOSTS	*	BEVERLY CARSON	JULIE BARTLETT

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.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY FINAL CALL!

We have completed two weeks of photo-taking. It has been a lot of fun, and parishioners are very pleased with their photos.

We have just added some additional appointments for Friday & Saturday, **9th and 10th December**, for those who have not had the opportunity to participate.

You can bring your dog. There is no cost, unless you decide to purchase additional photos.

To make an appointment, call the parish office (604-926-6881 or Susan Wynne (604) 926-3326 or visit the parish website: sawv.rcav.org and click on the link.

Thanks for participating. Our Directory won't be complete without you!

Dearest Parishioners,

My name is Emanuele Mainoli. I am an altar server at Saint Anthony's. This year, my school challenged me to create a social project to help the community. I have accepted this challenge and am aiming to raise funds for the **PALS Autism School** in Vancouver along with two other friends. This school helps the young and old to achieve their full potential in life.

As I am an avid beekeeper, I will be selling jars of honey after Mass on Saturday & Sunday, 10th & 11th December in the Lobby.

The organic honey was harvested from a hive here in West Vancouver. All the proceeds go directly to the **PALS Autism School**. Thank-you for your support.
Emanuele Mainoli



SNOWSHOEING ANYONE?

Saturday, 10th December, 10:30 AM
Sr. Angela Marie is inviting **All Youth Snowshoeing** up on **Dog Mountain Trail**, on Seymour Mountain.

It is a short (5 km return), easy hike that offers a spectacular view of Vancouver.

Please complete the Permission Form (see Bulletin Board) and leave it in the Parish Office or email it to Sister at: prep.sawv@rcav.org.

LECTIO DIVINA

**Saturday, 10th December,
10 AM, in Church.**

**Praying with Scriptures
with Fr. Gary. ALL Welcome!**



LECTIO DIVINA
Reading the Scripture
Reflecting on the Meaning
Responding through Prayer
Resting in God
Responding in Action

Lectio Meditatio Oratio Contemplatio Operatio

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Monday, 12th December

Mass at 6 pm followed by Pot-luck Dinner in the Hall.

If you wish to contribute or help, phone Sole Barrasa (925-4360) or Beatriz Raynard (921-6011) who coordinate this event.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2016

Archbishop Miller, the entire Project Advance Office and St Anthony's Parish Project Advance Team, thank everyone who gave to our annual appeal.

We are deeply grateful for all the support.

Looking back in 2015 we raised **\$7,080,876**.

Of these funds \$3,000,000 (42.4%) was given to Projects and Special Grants and \$3,717,797 (52.5%) to Parishes as Rebates, and we're able to keep Administration & Expenses to 5.1%.

We encourage your Project Advance donation to make 2016 also a success.
See Georg or Katherine after Mass or phone the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER GROCERY BAGS



Thank you for your generous response to our **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Drive**. If you missed receiving a Bag for needy families with the **Wish List** of grocery items attached to it, you still can get these from the parish office.

Sunday, 11th Dec. is the final day of sorting and delivering.
From the volunteers & families, **Thank you!** *JoAnn Cullen*

Pro-Life Christmas Cards Sold-Out!
Thank you for promoting sanctity of life.
Sending these cards, packs a powerful testimony of your commitment through simple & concrete ways. God bless!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ...

St. John the Baptist was chosen to be a prophet of God.

As baptized people, we too are called to be prophets.

Being prophetic is a part of our identity as followers of Jesus.

Advertisers today are very adept at luring us into a case of mistaken identity.

They relentlessly tell us our identity is found in what we possess.

Stewardship prophets, in today's culture, swim against the tide of excessive materialism and consumerism.

We are called to be God's instruments by speaking truth.

We can confidently do so by completely relying on God's spirit working through us, giving us the words and courage we did not know we possessed. Speaking the truth can be very disconcerting, especially to those who wish to simply go with the flow. However, good stewards joyfully and kindly profess the truth, because they know that by sharing the hope and the joy that they have, others will be set free.

Thus, like St. John the Baptist, we too can prepare the way of the Lord.

**As a Parish community, we welcome
Franco Enrico SCHMITZ
to God's Family as he receives the
Sacrament of Baptism.**



THINK OF THE SEAFARERS AT CHRISTMAS

Tired of shopping? We will do the shopping for you!

Write a cheque to "Archdiocese of Vancouver," with "Seafarers Gifts" on the memo line. A charitable receipt will be issued for donations of \$20 or more. Last year we gave out 3,000 presents.

Donations can also be made online at rcav.org/seafarers.

DAY OF PRAYER WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Monday, 12th December

The **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops** and the **Aboriginal Council** have promoted the annual **National Day of Prayer** since 2002. It is celebrated on **12th December**, the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, whom Pope Pius XII proclaimed patroness of the Americas in 1946.

STA CORNER ... (604) 987-4431

Fine Arts Evening, Monday, 12th December,
7 PM in the school gym.

Open House, Wednesday, 8th February;
Placement Exam, Tuesday, 21st February.

