

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
January 28th, 2018

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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	January 28 th Fourth Sunday ORDINARY	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS
Mon	January 29	8 am	† Peter Seeley
Tue	January 30	8 am	<i>In Thanksgiving</i>
Wed	January 31 St John Bosco	8 am	† Charity Jalbuena
Thu	February 1	8 am	† Paul Marcel Boisvert
Fri	February 2 The Presentation	8 am 7:00 pm	For Vocations <i>Sp. Int. Cecilia Son</i>
Sat	February 3	9 am 5 pm	<i>Sp. Int. Rocío Hauser</i> † Maria Morden
SUN	February 4 th Fifth Sunday ORDINARY	9 am 11 am	† Ed Hauser FOR PARISHIONERS

The United Church of Christ has sponsored a rather extensive campaign to promote the Gospel. The title of the campaign is *"God is still speaking."* The statement asserts that God has a message and a meaning for our lives today. Another part of this campaign is a red banner on which there is nothing except one large comma. Now, of course the banner is meant to provoke our interest to ask, *"What's the comma?"* The comma refers to a quotation from Gracie Allen. In one of her diaries she writes, *"Never place a period where God has placed a comma."*

Often in our lives when we experience pain or trouble, we conclude that misery will last forever. We place a period and say, *"That's it. I'm finished."* The comma is a sign of hope, an indication that we will not remain where we are forever. God can move us forward. God can do something new.

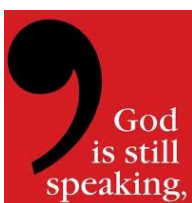
Now new things are certainly happening in today's Gospel in the synagogue at Capernaum. Jesus enters with a new teaching and a new authority. The man in the synagogue with an unclean spirit needs something new. The evil spirit that possesses him has robbed him of his freedom and of his joy. The man has probably concluded, *"I'm done. This spirit will continue to enslave me for the rest of my life."* But then Jesus speaks and the spirit cries out. The man begins to understand that what he thought was the end was only a pause. Jesus drives out the demon, and the man enters into a new life.

When you and I feel that we have come to the end of our rope, that nothing new can happen, today's Gospel encourages us to hope that God can move us forward. When we find ourselves alienated from our friends, because we said something that was wrong, did something that was cruel, or tried to slip by with a lie, we can find our relationships in shambles. Today's Gospel encourages us to believe that estrangement does not have to be final, that apologies work, and that humility has traction. God can heal what is broken.

When we are dismayed because of the bad decisions made by our children or our grandchildren, we say, *"Things could have been so well if they had used money responsibly, if they married somebody else, if they avoided alcohol and drugs. But now they are finished. They have no future."* This Gospel asks us to believe that God can still surprise us. God can still move the people we love beyond their mistakes.

When we are devastated because we have lost someone that we love in death, and the hole in our heart is so huge that we are certain we will never recover, this Gospel encourages us to believe that God can still save us, still move us to a new place.

Never put a period where God has placed a comma. Our lives may have ground to a halt. But where we find ourselves is not the end. We believe in a God who can do new things and is committed to save us. Jesus can drive the demon out. Our God can move us past the painful pause and lead our lives to a blessed conclusion. *Fr. Joseph*



ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

(604) 922-0011;

S. T. A. HIGH SCHOOL

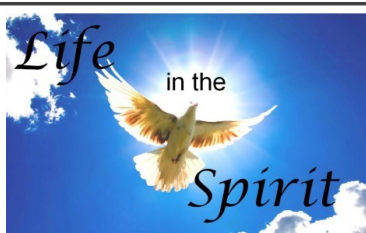
(604) 987-4431

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



DATE	Sat. Feb 3 rd : 5 PM	Sun. Feb 4 th : 9 AM	Sun. Feb 4 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	CLAUDIA ISLAS	HANAN HADDAD BARBARA PENNEFATHER	JOAN FORRESTER RITA RACZ
LECTOR	ROBERT BUTLER	IVY WEI	DANTE AGOSTI-MORO
EMHC	ROLANDO ISLAS	ROCIO HAUSER	GIOVANNI BITELLI
SOCIAL HOSTS	◊	ROSE MOJECA	CECILIA SON

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.



“LIFE IN THE SPIRIT” SEMINAR

Yesterday, (27th January) we had our second speaker of our 7-Saturday seminar called, “Life in the Spirit”.

Rev. Fr. James Hughes,

St. Patrick’s parish pastor, presented the topic, “SALVATION”.

Next Saturday (February 3rd), 7:00 PM, our Guest speaker, Rev. Fr. Jerry D’Souza, *OCD*, pastor of St. Edmund’s parish will be presenting, “NEW LIFE”.

Please join us in your prayers for all the people who are attending “Life in the Spirit” Seminar and the Speakers.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s Gospel St. Mark mentions twice that Jesus taught with “authority.” This authority did not come because of Jesus’ position or title. Jesus’ authority came from God.

As stewards of our common vocation – discipleship – we too have access to authority from God through the Holy Spirit.

All the baptized have access to a charismatic authority.

When we humbly place ourselves under the authority of the Holy Spirit, then and only then are we given any authority and the charisma and wisdom to lead others to Christ.

This is stewardship of the Good News.

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“BRAIN ON TWITTER” @ ST ANTHONY’S

Wednesday, Jan. 31st, 6 PM, in the Parish Hall

How can we help children and ourselves cope amidst the ever-increasing culture of distraction?

Video games, online gaming, social media and all things electronic are here to stay with both positive and negative outcomes.

Dr. Emi Garzitto will explain what happens to our brains bombarded with constant distraction and will provide a “cheat sheet” to take home containing key point materials.

ALL WELCOME!

RESPONSE TO AGGRESSIVE SECULARISM

Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 6:00 PM @ St. Pius X Parish

Sponsored by the *Catholic Physician’s Guild*.

Presenter, Dr. Brooke Herbert.

UNIVERSITY MASS 2018

Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 6:30 PM, HR Cathedral

Celebrant: Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB,

All students, faculty, and staff with their families from public and private post-secondary institutions are invited.

Confessions available at 6:30 p.m. Reception follows the Mass.
rcav.org/universitymass

PRO-LIFE MASS & VIGIL

Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 9 AM,

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Vancouver,
followed by Rosary at BC Women’s Hospital.

25TH ANNIVERSARY BREAKFAST

Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 9 AM, IC School, Delta

You are invited to the *Prayer Breakfast* celebrating our 25th Anniversary of Life in the Spirit Seminar, at Immaculate Conception School gym.

Guests: Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, Fr. George Montague (Texas) & Fr. Michael Barry (Los Angeles).

For tickets and info, e-mail lenniept@telus.net.

VOCATION LIVE-IN FOR MEN

Feb. 16th - 18th, @ Seminary of Christ the King, Mission

Vocation Live-In for young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life.

Call: (604) 826-8715;

Visit: <http://www.sck.ca/>

ENCOURAGE GROUP MEETING

Sunday, Feb. 18th, 2:30 PM, St Helen’s Church, Burnaby
EnCourage is a support group dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and relatives and friends of persons who experience same-sex attraction.

If you would like to join *EnCourage*,

Contact Deacon Bruce Fraser at: encourage@rcav.org.



EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR
“So, could you not watch with me one hour?” (Matthew 26:40)

Sunday, February 4th, 6:00 PM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Vespers-Adoration & Benediction @ 7:00 PM.
ALL WELCOME!

BC CATHOLIC SPECIAL COLLECTION

2018 marks the 107th anniversary of the Catholic Press Association. Next weekend, there will be a second collection for BC Catholic.

For those who are not currently receiving the paper at home and wish to do so, please call the parish office so you can be included in the mailing list.

SA Elementary School
Accepting Registrations
in Junior K to Grade 7.
(604) 922-0011.



Catholic Schools
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STA High School
1st Place! Championship,
BC Catholic Basketball.
Open House: Feb. 7th.

ONE CONFERENCE 2018

Saturday, February 10th, Chandos Pattison Auditorium

This annual conference brings parish and ministry leaders from across Catholic Vancouver together to connect, learn, and inspire each other.

Theme: *Mercy and Beyond: Sharing our Joy*

Keynote Speakers:

Fr. James Mallon and Dr. Josephine Lombardi.

Breakout Session Speakers: Dr. Deborah MacNamara, Abbott John Braganza, OSB, Jake Khym, and Brett Powell. Deacon Tony and Wendy Gray are attending and are personally inviting you too. Please call the Parish Office to register.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Thank you to all who came to our first gathering (January 18th).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

Thursday, April 5th,

NEXT GATHERING TOGETHER!

Community Lunch

