

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
February 11th, 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	February 11 th Sixth Sunday ORDINARY	9 am 11 am	† Gabriella Micallef † Barba & † Savin Families
Mon	February 12 BC Family Day	9:00 AM	† Chris † Jonathan Rear don
Tue	February 13	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Rocio Hauser</i>
Wed	February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY	8 am 6:30 PM	† Andy † Rose † Edward Vicic <i>Sp. Int. Jack Carthy</i>
Thu	February 15	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Florence Cacho</i>
Fri	February 16	8 am 7:00 PM	<i>Sp. Int. Justine Simmons</i> † Shau Yin Chung
Sat	February 17	9 am 5 pm	In Honour of St. Philomena † Basim Azzam
SUN	February 18 th First Sunday LENT	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS † Lourdes Balbin

There are no zombies in the Bible. But lepers would come rather close to creating the fear that we associate with the walking dead. Leprosy was a terrible disease that gradually ate away at the body. The people of Jesus' time did not understand the disease, but they knew it could spread. So, they quarantined lepers. (think of the recent events regarding the Ebola crisis to gain some sense of the concern and panic that leprosy caused in the ancient world.) So, if somebody with a dreaded and contagious skin disease would come up to you and want to shake your hand, what would you do? All of us would pull back and say, "No, stay away. There's no sense that both of us become infected." We would keep the leper away. Jesus does not.

In today's Gospel when He sees the leper He is moved to compassion. He stretches out His hand and touches him. Why would Jesus do this? He is not inviting us to set aside medical hygiene and go around touching infected people. Jesus touches the leper to show us what God does. Jesus reveals in this action that our God is willing to push past any barrier to touch and to save the infected, the ostracized, and the doomed.

We've often heard people say, "I felt like a leper!" No need to look at their skin, though, or to count their fingers; what they are saying is that they felt isolated or completely discredited. In that sense, the world's still full of lepers. There are lepers in every parish and in every community. A young man said to me that he felt like a leper in his own family; people were steering around him, he said; no one ever asked him what he thought or how he felt. There are lepers all around us.

What can you do for someone who feels isolated but to reach out and touch them? You are more than just you when you do that: you are society, you are community, you are the Church, you are the human race. One may even say you are Jesus. "Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him."

Now this is Good News for us because we are the leper, or sometimes we feel like lepers. Now, you'll say "Wait a minute, I'm not a leper. I'm healthy. I have family and friends around me. My life is good and successful." And, if that's the case, then this Gospel is not your Gospel—or this Gospel is not your Gospel today. But this is the Gospel to remember if your life takes a downward turn.

If your health fails, and you have to deal with sickness that limits your mobility or threatens your survival, this Gospel tells you that God will not forget you and that even in your sickness God desires to touch you.

So, on days that we are healthy and happy, we give thanks and praise God. But on the days when we are the leper, this Gospel is our hope.

When we see ourselves as the walking dead, God still sees us as beloved daughters and sons. And, if we call out, we will feel God's touch, and hear "I do choose. Be made clean." *Fr. Joseph*



ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

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



DATE	Sat. Feb 17 th : 5 PM	Sun. Feb 18 th : 9 AM	Sun. Feb 18 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	GLORIA LOWE	KAREN BALOGH KATHY NG	JOANN CULLEN RITA RACZ
LECTOR	GLORIA LOWE	PETER BALOGH	JOANN CULLEN
EMHC	IRENE BOHJALIAN	ROSE ZALWANGO	BEATRIZ RAYNARD
SOCIAL HOSTS	◊	A & C ADAM	MARRY VERBAARSCHOT

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.



“LIFE IN THE SPIRIT” SEMINAR

Yesterday, (February 10th) we had the FOURTH speaker of our 7-Saturday seminar called, “*Life in the Spirit*”.

Rev. Augustine Obiwumma, pastor, Holy Trinity Parish, North Vancouver, presented, “RECEIVING GOD’S GIFTS”.

NEXT SATURDAY, (February 17th), 7:00 PM, our Guest speaker, Rev. Fr. Gary Franken, our very own pastor, will be presenting, “BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”. Please join us in your prayers for all the people who are attending “*Life in the Spirit*” Seminar and for the Speakers.

HAVE YOU GOT WOOL?
Prison Ministry needs them for the Women inmates making Toques for the Homeless. It makes them proud being productive & helpful. Deposit BOX in the Vestibule.



SEASON OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14th, universal day of fasting and abstinence starts the Season of Lent.

Ash Wednesday Masses: 8:00 AM & 6:30 PM.

LENTEN FRIDAY MASSES 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM;

The 7:00 PM Mass will be followed by *Stations of the Cross*.

LENTEN EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Beginning next Sunday, February 18th, everyone is invited to a *Eucharistic Holy Hour* from 6:00 - 7:00 PM every Sunday. An opportunity to spend an hour in silent prayer to begin each week of Lent. We conclude with *Vespers* and *Benediction*.



“ROAD TO LA VERNA”

Feb. 19th, 7 PM & 20th, 9:30 AM. Secular Franciscans, Don & Anna, will lead us on an enriching journey to La Verna where St. Francis received the Stigmata. ALL WELCOME!

FREE WORKSHOP @ C/REDEEMER PARISH

Thursday, February 22nd, 7 PM

“*The Importance of the Power of Attorney and Representation Agreement*” Free Workshop.

These two agreements are very different and it is important to know the difference and what they represent.

Presenters: Tim Lack & Jacy Wingson, QC.

Register, at: <http://rcav.org/epg>.

STA HIGH SCHOOL

1st Place! North Shore Wrestling! For the 5th time!

“On behalf of STA’s drama department, I would like to invite St. Anthony’s parishioners to our presentation of “*Hoedown*” a romping two-act comedy with a western flair!

Thursday, March 1st, and Saturday, March 3rd, 7:00 PM

@ Kay Meek Centre for the Performing Arts.

Tickets: \$12/adult; \$8/student. (604) 9087-4431 for info/tickets.”

Dante Agosti-Mora

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The leper in today’s Gospel knew that Jesus had the power to heal him. Still, he wondered if Jesus would choose to do so.

Jesus’ response was, “I do choose.”

To serve a brother or sister in need we too must choose to do so.

Stewardship likewise requires that we make a choice.

In fact, making stewardship a part of our everyday life requires many choices. Begin by making a conscious decision, carried out in action, to be a follower of Jesus Christ, no matter the cost. The ‘carried out in action’ part is the challenge.

Stewardship invites us to use our gifts for the glory of God in the service of others. Is there an area in your life that the Holy Spirit is moving you to choose to be a better steward in?

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MASS OF ANOINTING

Tuesday, Feb. 13th, 11 AM @ OL of Sorrows, Vancouver Celebrant, Archbishop Miller, on *World Day of the Sick*. ALL sick and caregivers WELCOME! Refreshments in hall. <https://www.chabc.bc.ca/world-day-of-the-sick-february-13-2018>.

“DEMOCRACY & THE COMMON GOOD”

Saturday, Feb. 17th, 11 AM @ St. Mark’s College Presenter, Dr. Nicholas Olkovich will explore the relationship between distinctive conceptions of human nature and their respective accounts of liberal democracy in four related stages.

Contact: newmanassociationvancouver@gmail.com.

“FILL YOUR BOWL WITH JOY”

Wednesday, Feb. 21st, 12:10 PM, St Mark’s College Everyone is welcome to the Mass in St. Mark’s Chapel followed by a presentation at 12:45 PM in Plato’s Cave.

Presenter: Brayden Volkenant, Law Student, UBC.

Topic: “*Standing Up for Religious Freedom in Canada*”.

D&P FREE WORKSHOP

Saturday, Feb. 24th, 9:30 AM @ St. Patrick’s, Vancouver Development & Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to a free workshop, “*Together for Peace*”, Register: pinky.devpeace@gmail.com; (604) 612-9677.

CARDINAL TAGLE IN VANCOUVER

Monday, March 19th, 6 PM, QE Theatre, Vancouver Cardinal Luis Antonio TAGLE, Archbishop of Manila, will highlight one of our Archdiocesan Priorities and Goals: *Strengthening Marriages and Families*.

Cardinal Tagle will address the challenges of living the faith within family life. *Family time*, continues to be an almost lost reality for many today due to many distractions.

Visit: <http://rcav.org/event/cardinal-tagle>.

Diocesan Monthly HOLY HOUR of Prayer FOR VOCATIONS Thursday, Feb. 15th, 7-8 PM @ St. Anthony’s Church. “Lord, send forth labourers into the harvest.”

