

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

4th SUNDAY in LENT
March 11th, 2018

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Driving down a country road the driver noticed a chicken running ahead of his car. His speedometer clocked fifty miles an hour. He increased speed to sixty, and then seventy miles an hour. But the chicken sped up too. Outrunning the car, it turned into a small farm and disappeared. Astonished by the performance of the chicken the driver pulled into the farm and knocked on the farmhouse door. The driver said, "I don't want to be bold, but do you know that you have a chicken that can run seventy miles per hour?" The farmer said, "Oh I have a lot of chickens who can do that. On this farm we breed three-legged chickens and they are very fast." "Three-legged chickens? I never heard of that! Why would you want them three-legged?" The farmer explained, "You see, my wife, my son and I like drumsticks and we always fight over who is going to get the drumsticks. But, with a three-legged chicken each one of us has one drumstick each and peace prevails in the family." The driver said, "That's amazing! I never heard of a three-legged chicken. What do they taste like?" The farmer shrugged his shoulders, "I have no idea. We haven't been able to catch one yet."

Sometimes more is not better. Just examine our Canadian culture. We are living in a country that has a very high standard of living. Longevity of life, discoveries in medicine, and the amount and variety of food are all increasing. But the number of sad people and people dealing with clinical depression is also increasing. People who are killing themselves with drugs because they think that drugs would bring them happiness.

Now this shows that the things we have do not guarantee happiness. For all our possessions, there are still many who live with emptiness, experiencing spiritual hollowness that robs us of joy. You can buy fun. But you can't buy happiness.

What we have does not make us happy. Who we belong to does. If we can love ourselves and give and receive love from others, that is the secret of happiness. If we can live in those relationships, we can be happy despite what we have or do not have. That is why Jesus' words are so important in today's Gospel. Jesus describes our most important relationship, our relationship to God. Jesus says that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that we might have life. We believe in a God who loves us and wants to give us life. Therefore, if we can open ourselves to that love, we can in the same action open ourselves to the love of others. Such love and such relationships are the only way of finding happiness.

So, if we can take God's love in and share it with others, that will make us happy. But do not be deceived. Our odds of being happy through the things we buy or possess are very small. They are about as good as the odds of catching a three-legged chicken.

Fr. Joseph

I find joy in every day, not because life is always good, but because God is.

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 11 th Fourth Sunday LENT	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS † Roger Latta
Mon	March 12	8 am	†Chris †Jonathan REARDON
Tue	March 13	8 am	† Gabriella Micallef
Wed	March 14	8 am	† Patricia Ceraldi
Thu	March 15	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Deacon Guy Zidago</i>
Fri	March 16	8 am 7:00 PM	† Fr. Xavier Royappan † Peter Seeley
Sat	March 17	9 am 5 pm	<i>In Honour of St. Philomena</i> † Remo Gambioli
SUN	March 18 th Fifth Sunday LENT	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS † Wegner † Kiefer 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	Sat. March 17 th : 5 PM	Sun. March 18 th : 9 AM	Sun. March 18 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	GLORIA LOWE	KAREN BALOGH KATHY NG	JOANN CULLEN MONIQUE CATTERMOLE
LECTOR	GLORIA LOWE	PETER BALOGH	JOANN CULLEN
EMHC	IRENE BOHJALIAN	ROSE ZALWANGO	BEATRIZ RAYNARD
SOCIAL HOSTS	◊	A & C ADAM	JOAQUIN GUE-GONZALES

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.

BRETT POWELL @ ST. ANTHONY'S!

Our Parish Mission (March 12th - 14th)

by Brett Powell, husband, father, disciple, Archbishop's delegate for *Ministries and Development*, and former CCO missionary, will present a three evening program titled: "ENCOUNTER".

"Faith is not a theory, a philosophy, an idea: it is an encounter.

An encounter with Jesus." *Pope Francis*

This mission will help long-time Catholics discover new inspiration and enthusiasm for the faith and will bless those just starting their journey, and even those who are just curious.

So invite your friends and come together.

Will begin at 7:00 PM all three nights.

PROJECT ADVANCE UPDATE

"... whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do..."
John 14:12

We are pleased to announce that Saint Anthony's Parish raised \$115,095.00 for Project Advance in 2017!

The total number of donors was 193.

Building on the success of past years, the amount raised by our parish and the number of donors continues to increase.

From this sum, our parish will receive \$79,547.00.

These funds do not go into general revenue, but are designated for projects the parish undertakes.

The Archdiocese will receive \$32,000.00 to advance its goals. Thanks to everyone for their generosity, which will allow the works of God to continue in our parish and the Archdiocese. *Sincerely, Leo Cullen & Susan Wynne*

GREETERS AND USHERS MEETING

If you are currently serving as a Greeter or Usher at our parish, we kindly request that you come to a meeting on:

Saturday, March 17th from 10:30 to 12:00.

We would appreciate your feedback as we move forward to serve these Ministries and our parish even better in the future.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL



STA congratulates the Senior Girls Basketball team who placed 4th at the AA provincial basketball championships, and also the eighteen gymnasts and nine wrestlers who competed at Provincial championships in Burnaby and Port Alberni.

STA will be closed for Spring Break from Monday, March 12th to Friday, March 23rd inclusive.

VIRGINIA FORSYTH BURSARY FUND

In memory of Virginia Forsyth, a former parishioner, a bursary fund will be administered by St. Anthony's Parish to provide funds for "St. Anthony's Parish students who can demonstrate financial need". The bursary may be used for a program at a Canadian post-secondary institution. It will be possible to award a bursary to two student applicants per year.

The Virginia B. Forsyth Bursary information package may be picked up from the parish office.

Completed application forms submission to the Parish Office by **April 30th**.

BURSARY ASSISTANCE



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Rev. Fr. Tim McCarthy

Prayer Vigil: Sunday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral Mass: Monday, March 12th at 11 a.m.

The prayers and funeral Mass will be held at Christ the Redeemer Parish in West Vancouver.

May +Fr. Tim's and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of our gracious God, rest in peace. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

Fourth Sunday in Lent

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..."

John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest.

How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

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CATHOLIC STREET MISSIONARIES

Join us on **Friday, March 16** to raise awareness and funds for those experiencing homelessness. We will start with Mass at 7 p.m., followed by prayer and sharing to get to know and bond with each other. There will be an opportunity to learn more about Catholic Street Missionaries. The next morning, we will end with sharing our experiences at breakfast. For more information, please visit: <http://rcav.org/event/sleep-out-2018>

SHARE LENT SPECIAL COLLECTION

March 17th - 18th

Share Lent theme is "Together for Peace," which follows up on our fall 2017 write-in campaign of "Peace be with Her." In a world rife with religious, ethnic, and political conflicts, D&P is working to heed the words of St. Francis and be "instruments of God's peace and of bringing hope where there is despair."

Thank you for your generous support of Development & Peace.

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.

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

IN THE GARDEN—LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Join us "In the Garden" – for meditation based on Matthew 26, the time Jesus spent praying in the Garden of Gethsemani moments before the events that led to his crucifixion.

Sign up at: <https://rccav.org/lent>

"Friday Night at the Movies"
will be back on the 30th March.
Fridays during Lent, we have Holy Mass at 7 PM followed by Stations of the Cross.