

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

5th SUNDAY in LENT
March 18th, 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	March 18 th Fifth Sunday LENT	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS
Mon	March 19 St. Joseph	8 am	† Sr. Andrea AQUINO
Tue	March 20	8 am	† Bill SHKWAROK
Wed	March 21	8 am	† Raymond FARWAGI
Thu	March 22	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. St. Clare's Prayer Shawl Ministry</i>
Fri	March 23	8 am 7:00 PM	<i>Sp. Int. Phillip McDermott Sp. Int. Jack Carthy</i>
Sat	March 24 Blessed Oscar Romero	9 am 5 pm	† Emanuele FUMAGALLI † FOR PARISHIONERS
SUN	March 25 th PALM SUNDAY	9 am 11 am	† Christopher PRIOR † Chris † Jonathan REARDON

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL
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Catholic Cemeteries are a link
 between the living & the departed.



Realizing that death was approaching, a man in his eighties developed a strong desire to return to the place where he grew up. As he approached the cabin he was impressed by the large row of walnut trees that lined the pathway. He then remembered that shortly before he left this place as a child, he took a bag of walnuts and planted them along the side of this path. Over the years they had grown and now they were flourishing.

He also remembered that as a child he had decided to take a handful of those walnuts from that bag to keep for himself to eat. He had hidden them in a niche in the attic. He wondered if they were still there, so he searched the now abandoned attic. He found them. They were covered with decades of dust and were completely dried up. It struck the man that these walnuts provided helpful parallel to his own life. **The things he had let go of, the things that he had planted, would live on and continue to flourish long after he had died. The things that he had tried to keep for himself were dead already.**

Jesus is trying to do a difficult thing in today's gospel. He is trying to promote a positive dimension to death. Jesus describes His own death as His moment of glory, as the time when He will draw all people to Himself. But it is difficult for us to hear, to take in this positive dimension of death, because when we think of death, our first response is fear.

In fact, most of us spend our lives in denial over the inevitability of death. Jesus knows the danger of living in denial about death. He knows there can be a positive way to experience death, but only if we begin to prepare for death today. We cannot prepare for something we are trying to avoid. We cannot prepare for something that we are denying an inevitable part of our future.

So how can we prepare for death? Jesus gives us a direction through the image in today's gospel. "Unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain. But if it dies, it produces much fruit."

Now how does this image apply to us?

The next line explains:



What we plant in the soil of contemplation, we shall reap in the harvest of action.

Meister Eckhart

If we let go of our lives, we can keep our lives to life eternal.

To put this in other words, the only things that we will be able to hold in our hands at the moment of our death are those things that we have given away. *Fr. Joseph Le*

DATE	Sat. March 24 th 5 PM	Sun. March 25 th : 9 AM	Sun. March 25 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	GLORIA LOWE LORETTA VAN UNEN	KAREN BALOGH KATHY NG	LORNA DALINGHAUS LARRY TRACH
LECTOR	GLORIA LOWE	IVY WEI	DELIA HUGHES
EMHC	DEACON GRAY	DEACON GRAY	DEACON GRAY
SOCIAL HOSTS	◆	ROCIO HAUSER	KAREN BALOGH

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

A huge **THANK YOU** to Pat Battensby, Katherine Ivancic and **all of the wonderful people** who **endured the relentless rain, standing in witness to the sanctity of life.**

40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history, helping people in local Communities end the injustice of abortion through prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigils.

*As St. Pope John Paul II reminds us,
"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception. Christ is with you: be not afraid!"*

God bless, Fr. Larry & Fr. Gary

PROJECT ADVANCE 2017

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

We are pleased to announce that St. 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.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SOCIETY

You can make a difference in the lives of victims of abuse.

Our spring training dates for volunteers are coming soon!

Fridays: April 6, 13 & 20 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Saturdays: April 7, 14, & 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All sessions will be held at Holy Trinity Parish, North Van. Please call **604-585-6688** to register *or* for more information.

MENS DISCERNMENT NIGHT

Wednesday, March 21 from 7-10 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church.

Do you have questions about discerning God's call for your life? Vocations in Progress for men is an opportunity to meet priests, ask questions, and learn about their life and spirituality.

Please visit: vocationsvancouver.ca for more information.

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



MOVIE NIGHTS WITH FR. LARRY

Friday Night at the Movies is back on GOOD FRIDAY!!!

March 30th

at the end of the Good Friday service after 5:00 p.m.

* * * **Miracle of Marcelino** * * * *

(Marcelino, Pan Y Vino)

Come see this marvelous gem of a film about a miracle granted to a young orphan boy. It is a perfect film for Good Friday.

Alas, no popcorn on Good Friday.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jesus tells us that we must be willing to "hate our life in this world to keep it for eternal life." As His followers we must learn to die to self. *How does any of this play a role in stewardship?*

It's really quite simple; *stewardship declares that my life, and my possessions, are not mine; they are gifts given to me by our good and gracious God.* Stewards deny any self-confident pride in their accomplishments in this world and give all the credit to God. *Stewardship places Christ at the centre of how I choose to share and use my gifts.* Stewardship is living Christ-centered, not self-centred in this life so as to keep our eternal reward.

Still, Jesus promised an abundant life here and now (*John 10:10*).

Admitting that I utterly depend upon God for all that I have and all that I am is very freeing.

To be a steward is not to hoard my life, but to live it generously!

This is the abundant life we are created for.

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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>

ST. ANTHONY'S CWL

It is not too late to join us for our Annual Abbey Retreat.

We have 4 spaces left. Featuring Rev. Fr. Vincent Hawkswell.

The \$175 fee covers room, board and our retreat master.

Forms are available on the parish bulletin board for attendees.

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m.

All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend!

CATHOLIC GAP YEAR

Looking for adventure? Want to serve others? Seeking answers to life? Interested in becoming a missionary? If you answered yes to any of the above, then taking a Catholic Gap Year may just be what you're looking for! This is your chance to serve the Church and the world while exploring God's purpose for you. The Archdiocese of Vancouver is now accepting applications for the \$500 Catholic Gap Year bursary.

A total of four individuals who **apply by June 1** will be selected to receive an award of \$500 each to be applied to mission expenses. Learn more at: catholicgapyear.ca

**Fridays during Lent, we have Holy Mass
at 7 PM followed by Stations of the Cross.**