

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

2nd SUNDAY of EASTER

April 8th, 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.

A religious sister was teaching little Johnny's class about the meaning of Easter and the traditional Easter morning greeting and response, "He is risen/He is risen indeed!" After class, little Johnny ran home and shouted the good news to his dad: "Daddy! Daddy! God's back! God's back!"

Poor "Doubting Thomas" has suffered rather unfairly under this traditional nickname. The problem with it is not only that it rather ignores the second half of today's Gospel but also that it seems to single out Thomas as the one disciple who didn't believe a report that Jesus had risen.

In fact, though, across the four Gospels we find many examples of confusion and doubt among Jesus' disciples surrounding the event of the resurrection. Both evangelists, Mark and Luke relate the universal disbelief experienced by the women coming from the empty tomb who were met by the disciples, and even many of those who encounter the Risen Jesus do not recognize Him.

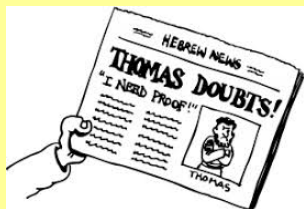
Indeed, when we survey the Gospel accounts, we find that in each instance where someone comes to believe that Christ is truly risen, it is ONLY because they have seen Him. So, we shouldn't think of Thomas' doubt as something which singles him out among the disciples. The contrast Christ makes between those who believe after seeing and those who believe even without seeing would put all the disciples together with Thomas on the same side.

Understanding this also helps us think about what is being said of those who, unlike Thomas and the other disciples, have not seen and yet believe. Christ calls such people "Blessed". It is all too tempting for us Christians, who ourselves have not seen and yet believe, to read this as a word of congratulation, an approving moral judgment on our faith: we have believed in Christ even without seeing Him, and so we are blessed. When we consider Christ's appearances after resurrection, it is Jesus who appears, It is Jesus who reveals His identity and it is Jesus whose words and actions invite the disciples' response. His act comes first, and only after He has revealed Himself are when His disciples able to accept the truth of the Resurrection.

All the more then for us, the blessedness attributed to those who have not seen but believe can be understood not as a reward for belief, but a condition of belief: it is because God has freely given the gift of faith - something we have not earned and never could - that we are able to profess Christ's Resurrection. Just as Jesus invites Thomas to put his hand in His side, and so doubt no longer but

believe; we also are invited to encounter Christ in the Scriptures, in the Sacraments, in the life of the Church whose mission it is to bring people to that faith in Christ through whom sins are forgiven.

Fr. Joseph



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUN	April 8 th 2 nd Sunday EASTER	9 am 11 am	Sp. Int. Pat Battensby FOR PARISHIONERS
Mon	April 9 Annunciation	9 am	Sp. Int. Hanan Haddad
Tue	April 10	8 am	Sp. Int. Tricia Andrew
Wed	April 11 St Stanislaus	8 am	Sp. Int. Lorna Dalinghaus
Thu	April 12	8 am	† Gabriella Micallef
Fri	April 13	8 am	Sp. Int. Peter & Karen Balogh
Sat	April 14	9 am 5 pm	Sp. Int. Gloria Lowe FOR PARISHIONERS
SUN	April 15 th 3 rd Sunday EASTER	9 am 11 am	Sp. Int. Stany Sirutis † 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. April 14 th : 5 PM	Sun. April 15 th : 9 AM	Sun. April 15 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	PAT BATTENSBY LORETTA VAN UNEN	WENDY GRAY VALERIE DUNCAN	LARRY TRACH LORNA DALINGHAUS
LECTOR	WALTONS	PETER BALOGH	DELIA HUGHES
EMHC	ROLANDO ISLAS	DEACON TONY	GIOVANNI BITELLI
SOCIAL HOSTS	◊	A & C ADAM	MARRY VERBAARSHOT

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.



EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

“So, could you not watch with me one hour?”

Matthew 26:40

THIS SUNDAY, April 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Vespers - Adoration - Benediction.

St. Anthony's Church. **ALL WELCOME!**

RETIREMENT PARTY!

Robert's retiring as our Custodian after 38 years of service.

Let's celebrate Mass and Pot-luck Finger food party: Monday, April 9th, 6:30 PM. Gift for Robert, welcome!



PARISH GALA EVENING

Saturday, May 12th,

St. Anthony's Elementary School Gym, 5:30 PM.

Join us for an incredible evening of “Fashion, Food and Fun!”

Featuring Deacon Tony as our emcee and Fr. Craig Scott as our fashion show host.

How would all of you, lucky folks out there who have access to a Vacation Spot, a Boat Cruise, a Golf Course, a Ski-Cabin at Whistler or wherever, like to share and contribute any of the above as an Auction Item for our Parish Gala Evening? You, great Cooks and Chefs . . . Will you sponsor a Dinner for 6 Auction item?

Donation Forms are available in the Vestibule or from the Parish Office.

Special Models: Fr. Gary, Fr. Larry and Fr. Jerry D' Souza.

Tickets are \$75 and include one free drink from the bar.

Bring a friend or come and make a new one!

We hope to see you there.

For more information, please call:

Pat Battensby at 604-926-4291.

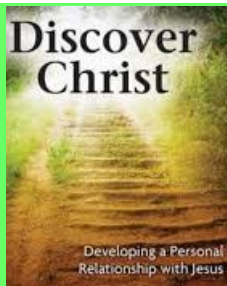
DISCOVERY!

Our parish is pleased to offer the *Discovery Series* beginning Monday, April 16th.

The programme consists of 6

One-hour sessions focusing on developing our understanding of and coming to know Jesus, and how He can be active in our lives. Sessions will be offered at 5 different hours during the week.

See Deacon Tony for more information or phone Deacon at (778) 877-8661.



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 **June 30th**.

BURSARY ASSISTANCE



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Easter Sunday

“The kingdom is where God provides for all that we need. It is the realm of sufficiency where we are no longer pulled here and there by anxiety about having enough”

(Henri J.M. Nouwen).

Armed with a God-grounded confidence, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, the first Christians embraced radical stewardship and shared everything they had! Believing that everything we possess is a gift from God stirs up the virtue of gratitude in our hearts. Gratitude to God then inspires us to make a conscious and confident decision to share our gifts.

Stewardship is sharing in gratitude, not out of obligation or duty.

When grateful hearts inspire giving, joy always accompanies the gift.

Imagine how grateful the first Christians were? They had just received the incredible gift of a new life in Christ. The first followers were “all in” and their stewardship was rewarded both personally, “God greatly blessed His followers, and no one went in need of anything” and as a community of believers, “each day the Lord added to their group others who were being saved”.

In the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that stewardship is not new.

Stewardship is God's idea. It's radical stuff, and God likes it.

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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL

70 STA students participated in *Thinkfast* held March 29th-30th. This was an overnight retreat where students fasted from food and technology in order to grow closer to Jesus and explore the issues of hunger, poverty and find effective ways to show charity and promote justice.

\$2,700 was raised by the students for “*Development & Peace!*”

SPRING GALA

April 27th, 6 PM, @ the Italian Cultural Centre

Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary invites ALL to Dinner, Dancing, Door Prizes, and Silent Auction.

St. Anthony's Parish has reserved a table.

Please join us by phoning the Parish Office.

HELPLINE TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

April 13th & 14th; 20th & 21st, 9 AM - 3 PM, @ Holy Trinity Parish

Domestic Abuse Services – O Lady of Good Counsel Society is offering volunteer training for individuals to work on our helpline. Be the gift of a good listener! Cost: \$50.

Call: (604) 585-6688.

<http://rcav.org/event/helpline-training-volunteers>.

FAITH, FREEDOM & TRUE POTENTIAL

Saturday, April 14th @ Notre Dame High School, Vancouver

1) A growing number of social issues are challenging freedom of religious beliefs and expression in Canada these days.

What rights and responsibilities do Catholics have with respect to these issues? Whether it's in person or through social media, Catholics often find themselves in a position of having to defend or clarify the faith.

Learn how to explain and defend the Catholic faith on issues as diverse as assisted suicide, same-sex marriage, and others;

2) Live your fullest potential and discover God's unique blueprints for your life.

Avail of either of these 2 courses at:

\$40/person and includes lunch.

Visit: <http://rcav.org/oc-spring>.

