

# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

## FIRST SUNDAY - ADVENT December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

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**E**mest Hemingway wrote, "Chewing on the past is a bum way to spend your life." He was right. Yet, we all know how easy it is to get stuck in the past and it is both senseless and wasteful.

Approaching the season of Christmas, our tendency is to look back. Our Christmas cards and displays all tend to describe celebrations in terms of generations gone by. Our Christmas carols and family traditions bring back our childhood memories.

We can imagine that the purpose of this holiday is simply to provide similar memories for our children and our grandchildren.

Certainly, there is some good in this nostalgic, old fashioned approach to Christmas. But there is also the danger of us living our lives in the past. We can never be children again. Living in our childhood memories as a norm, we are saying that the best part of our lives is already behind us.

However, we are fortunate to have the season of Advent, because Advent is not about the past but the future. It is about the people we can become. It allows us to find God not only in the memories of our childhood, but also in the promises of the future. There is a pattern to Advent: the pattern of remembering and rehearsing.

Advent is not afraid to remember. It does not hold back from reliving what we have experienced and the things we have witnessed in our life. Remembering does not call us to the past but uses the past to allow us to live in a new way. That way is by rehearsing the coming of Christ.

Advent is about remembering and rehearsing: remembering the truth of our past so that we can live in the present open to the gifts of the future.

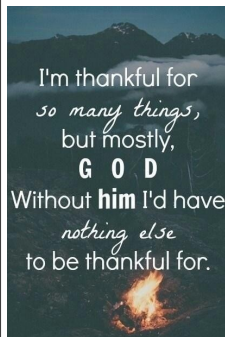
What should we remember in Advent? Two things: our mistakes and our blessings.

Advent calls us to remember our mistakes; those patterns of behavior that constantly trip us up. Advent calls us to a new step, a step that is wiser, generous, and life-giving. Remembering the mistakes of the past can lead us to a new way of living.

Advent also calls us to claim our blessings. Our blessings that will allow us to rehearse a conviction of hope, a hope that comes from realizing that if God has blessed us so much in the past, God will not abandon us in the future.

Make these upcoming weeks opportunities to remember and rehearse, so that you can live this Advent in preparation, so that you might be ready to stand before the Son of Man when He comes in glory.

*Fr. Joseph*



### 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	December 2 <sup>nd</sup> FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS <i>Sp. Int. Nowakowski Family</i>
Mon	December 3 <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	8 am	† Gina Charles
Tue	December 4	8 am	† Ed Hauser
Wed	December 5	8 am	FOR VOCATIONS
Thu	December 6	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Abraham Tsui</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Fri	December 7 <i>St. Ambrose</i>	8 am 7:00 PM	†John †Margaret MICALLEF <i>Sp. Int. Alicia Savin</i>
Sat	December 8 <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	9 am 5 pm	<i>Sp. Int. Elaine Moonen</i> †Jesusa Concepcion
SUN	December 9 <sup>th</sup> SECOND SUNDAY ADVENT	9 am 11 am	FOR PARISHIONERS <i>Sp. Int. Gary Ho</i>

### ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

(604) 922-0011;

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(604) 987-4431

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



DATE	Sat. Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup> : 5PM	Sun. Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup> : 9 AM	Sun. Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup> : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	ROSE ZALWANGO LORETTA Van UNEN	KAREN BALOGH HANAN HADDAD	JOAN FORRESTER JOANN CULLEN
LECTOR	ROBERT BUTLER	MARTINE BORE	JOANN CULLEN
EMHC	DEACON TONY	DEACON TONY	DEACON TONY
SOCIAL HOSTS		VOLUNTEER PLEASE ?	JULIE BARTLETT

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](mailto:parish.sawv@rcav.org).

## THIS SUNDAY'S SPECIAL COLLECTON

The purpose of this Archdiocesan collection is to assist the work of the Ministries and Outreach Office in providing formation, training, and support for youth ministry. St. Anthony's Parish will receive a rebate from this collection. Please be generous in supporting the youth of our parish and the Archdiocese.



## ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

**THIS SUNDAY**, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 6:00 PM  
with Benediction at 7:00 PM;  
**Every Thursday**: 5:30 PM with  
Benediction at 8:00 PM;  
**Every First Friday**, starting at 8:30 AM  
with Benediction at 4:00 PM;

**"So, could you not watch with me one hour?"**  
(Matthew 26:40)

**CATHOLIC FAITH in Plain English**  
**Monday, Dec. 3rd, 11 AM in the Hall.**  
**Topic: "Science and Religion"**  
**Catholics & non-Catholics, WELCOME!**  
**Attend, even for just a few sessions.**

The Catholic Faith  
In Plain English



## CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Grocery Bags had been distributed after Masses last week and will be distributed again this weekend. Please use the attached suggested list of items to ensure a balanced selection of foodstuffs for the needy.

You may return the grocery bags with your donations to the parish next weekend or when you can.

If you wish to donate to this initiative,  
Cheque can be made payable to:  
**St. Anthony's Parish.**

Please mark the memo space on your Cheque  
**"SSVP Hampers".**

For details or to help, contact the Parish Office.



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin in our parish, Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup>, and continue weekly thereafter. The sessions will begin at 7:15 p.m. and will conclude at 8:45 p.m. in the Hobson Room.

If you or a family member are considering coming into full communion with the Catholic Church or if you are a Catholic and would like to learn more about your faith come join us. Each session has a 'live' presentation and opportunity for discussion and questions. Companions are most welcome.

For more information, contact Deacon Tony.

## ALTAR FLOWERS AT CHRISTMAS

If you would like to contribute toward the flowers which will decorate our altar during the Christmas Season, and have your loved ones remembered at all the *New Year's Day Masses*, you may do so by completing the card inside the yellow envelopes which can be found in the Vestibule.

Simply print the names of those to be remembered on the card, and slip it back into the envelope along with your contribution. Seal the envelope and place it in the collection basket or hand it in at the parish office.

More information? See Deacon Tony.



## THANK YOU . . .

. . . to all of the people who so generously contributed to the success of our Alpha program this fall. To those who baked and provided the desserts and then cleaned up for us; to the group leaders who kept us on track while increasing our desire to learn more about Christianity; and to all those who looked after the technical and administrative details. Once again you made the program very



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

**"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Luke 21:28**  
We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

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## HANUKKAH AND CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, Dec, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm @ Beth Israel

Join a group of scholars to explore connections and influences between Christmas and Hanukkah at **Beth Israel**, 989 W 28th Ave., Vancouver. Event includes a traditional Hanukkah dinner and Christmas dessert. Cost: \$20.

Student subsidies available upon request.

Email: Marjeta Bobnar, [mbobnar@rcav.org](mailto:mbobnar@rcav.org) or (604) 731-4161.

Visit: <https://rcav.org/event/hanukkah-and-christmas>

## ORDINATIONS: PRIESTHOOD & DIACONATE

Saturday, Dec, 8<sup>th</sup>, 12 NOON @ Holy Rosary Cathedral

The Archdiocese of Vancouver joyfully announces the ordinations of Deacon Guy Zidago to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood and Felix Min to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB.

You are cordially invited to celebrate with us on the Solemnity of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 12 Noon at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver.

## ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday, Dec, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM @ St. Mark's College

The morning includes (8 AM Mass if you can), Scripture, Meditation, Art, Music, and small group faith sharing.

Coffee and lunch included. Cost, \$40; Students, \$20.

Visit: <https://rcav.org/event/advent-retreat-josephs-dreams>.

## EPIPHANY ARTS GUILD @ ST ANTHONY'S

December 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

*Epiphany Sacred Arts Guild*, is a society of artists in the Archdiocese promoting the practice and appreciation of the Sacred Arts.

Religious items and Icons **ON SALE**, week end of Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> after Masses in the Vestibule.

## ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Wednesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM, St. Stephen's Parish;

Wednesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, St. Edmund's Parish;

Friday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM, Christ the Redeemer Parish.

## BLESSING OF THE CHRIST CHILD FIGURE

As we begin Advent and families start to think about decorating their homes for the Christmas Season please remember as you set up your Christmas Creche, to bring the Christ Child Figure to any one of the Masses on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to have it blessed.