

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

THIRD SUNDAY - ADVENT December 16th, 2018

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A fellow priest once said to me that there is a modern-day obsession with turning everything into entertainment. He is not against entertainment. He himself loved to tell jokes. To him, it was the artificiality of forced entertainment and the idea that everything in life has to be entertaining that troubled him.

In today's First Reading, Prophet Zephaniah prophesied that God Himself will be doing the entertaining. God will dance for His people and there will be shouts of joy. This is not an artificial entertainment but crowning joy of His people when He dwells among them and frees them from their enemies.

The people who went to see John the Baptist were not looking for entertainment; otherwise they would be disappointed. John's was a simple message of repentance. He offered no quick fix or feel-good solution to those who asked for his advice; but rather told them to live a just life. Yet, he himself was full of life, full of joy, and the source - Jesus Christ. John, the child who leapt in his mother's womb is the man who now utters every word and performs every action in witness to the one who is to come. The dance which begins before his birth now comes to fruition as his whole life becomes an utterance and performance pointing to the Christ.

The repentance which John preached was his invitation to enter into a dance of joy; the joy which comes when our lives are lived in response to the eternal dance of the creator. This is to live in justice, which brings the harmony of peace. Religion is our dance of joy in response to the creator, bringing harmony to our lives and through us to the whole of the material world.

John is emphatic: he is not the Christ. His dance is made possible only because of the one he points towards. When he leaps for joy it is in response to the dance of the one who will start a fire which will never go out; the one who is God among us, dancing in the midst of His people.

As we listen to the words of John and look to our own need for repentance, it is essential that we always do this in reference to Christ. Without Christ we cannot enter into the joy which is the crowning of our salvation. His is the dance of a mighty warrior, the dance of one who has freed His people and established them in the harmony of His kingdom of peace. This is entertainment on a cosmic scale, for through Him the whole of creation is transformed.

Advent prepares us for His coming, as we follow John the Baptist in seeking to live our lives in response to the coming of Christ. He comes to give us the fullness of life.

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 16 th THIRD SUNDAY ADVENT	9 am 11 am	Sp. Int. Margaret Chung FOR PARISHIONERS
Mon	December 17	8 am	Sp. Int. Jane Scholtz
Tue	December 18	8 am	† Wilfred Knoll
Wed	December 19	8 am	Sp. Int. Dorell Carlson
Thu	December 20	8 am	Sp. Int. Radziminski Family
Fri	December 21	8 am	Sp. Int. Albert Scholtz
Sat	December 22	9 am 5 pm	† Hernando † Lucy TORRES FOR PARISHIONERS
SUN	December 23 rd FOURTH SUNDAY ADVENT	9 am 11 am	Sp. Int. Sr. Severina Aquino † 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. Dec. 22 nd : 5PM	Sun. Dec. 23 rd : 9 AM	Sun. Dec. 23 rd : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	CLAUDIA ISLAS LORETTA van UNEN	ROCIO HAUSER KATHY NG	LARRY TRACH RITA RACZ
LECTOR	SUSAN MURPHY	PETER BALOGH	LARRY TRACH
EMHC	DEACON TONY	DEACON TONY	DEACON TONY
SOCIAL HOSTS	◊	ROCIO HAUSER	KAREN BALOGH

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.



THIS WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

Volunteers of *St. Vincent de Paul Society* help people in need wherever they live - in their homes, on the street, in shelters, in hospitals or in prison. Their ministry is always based on love of neighbor in the local community.

Your generous donation to the society helps these volunteers to continue in their ministry.

Thank you for your extraordinary generosity to the Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Drive and thanks also to all the Volunteers for your help.

Thanks to your support, many boxes of food were distributed to "The Door is Open", Harvest Project Food Bank and families in need.

JoAnn Cullen and Saint Vincent de Paul Society Volunteers

CATHOLIC FAITH in Plain English
Monday, Dec. 17th, 11 AM in the Hall.
Topic: "GOD: UNITY and TRINITY"
Catholics & non-Catholics, WELCOME!
Attend, even for just a few sessions.

The Catholic Faith
In Plain English



Advent
Penance
Service



PENITENTIAL SERVICES. . .

Wednesday, Dec 19th,
9:30 AM @ St Stephen's Parish;
7:00 PM @ St Edmund's Parish;
Friday, Dec 21st, 7 :00 PM
@ Christ the Redeemer Parish.

LECTIO DIVINA
Saturday, December 22nd
10 AM, in Church.
Praying with Scriptures
with Fr. Gary.
ALL WELCOME!



LECTIO DIVINA
Reading the Scripture
Reflecting on the Meaning
Responding through Prayer
Resting in God
Responding in Action

SCHEDULE OF HOLY MASSES

4th Sunday of Advent
5:00 PM Saturday December 22nd
9 & 11 AM Sunday, December 23rd

CHRISTMAS MASSES
5 PM Monday, December 24th
12 Midnight Mass
9 & 11 AM Tuesday, December 25th

(Dec. 26th *Boxing Day* 9 AM Mass - Feast of St. Stephen)



Blessing of "Your Christ Child" from your home's Crèche

If you bring your Christ Child figure from your home Crèche to any of the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Masses at St. Anthony's, they will be blessed.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Friday, December 28th

All Parishioners, Non-parishioners, Friends and Neighbours, are all invited to come. Join us for Lunch & Social.

RSVP the Parish Office (604) 926-6881 and advise us how many are coming. See you on the 28th!

Community Lunch



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: Dec. 1st - Jan. 5th

Saturday
December 15th
PRESENTING . . .

Noon to 1 PM:

The Viper Central Duo;

1 - 2 PM: *Vancouver Morris Men;*

2 - 3 PM: *Dundarave Celidh Royal Canadian Scottish Dance;*

3 - 4 PM *Burstin' with Broadway;* and

4 - 5 PM *Tiddly Cove Morris Dancers.*

Come and enjoy the *Forest of Miracles* and don't miss next Saturday's festive celebrations of concerts, food and drinks.

Details, phone Mary Markwick: (778) 847-1426.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." *Philippians 4:6*

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

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CONCERT . . . This Sunday, Dec. 16th

2 pm @ Memorial Library, West Vancouver;

4 pm @ St. Andrew's United Church, North Vancouver
Featuring *Laudate Singers'* concert for kids and their families.

For more information, phone: (604) 729-6814.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE

Friday, December 28th, 12:10 pm @ H.R. Cathedral

Join us as we celebrate the Annual Mass for Life with Archbishop Michael Miller.

MOVIES @ ST. ANTHONY'S

Friday, December 28th, 5:30 PM

Children of All Ages, come with your friends for *Pizza & Movie*.

Saturday, December 29th,
after the 5 PM Mass

Movie for All Ages,

the young and the "not so young"!

Light Meal, Pop-corn and a great movie.

Come, bring your friends too! *See you at the movies!*



FR. LARRY MARCHING FOR LIFE

Friday, January 18th, in Washington, D.C.

Father Larry Lynn is going to Washington, D.C. to march for joy, for love, for peace...to march for life. Anyone interested to join him? Clergy? Youth ministers, Old Guard Pro-Lifers?

Come to Washington and help Father Larry bring back some of that beautiful energy that is generated by 500,000 people, mostly young people, all celebrating the simple fact that life is precious.

URGENT NEED @ SA PARISH . . .

2nd Sundays, 9 AM After-Mass Host

to replace our former volunteer who just delivered her baby.

Please call Lollie (604) 926-1411.

