

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

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Tommy, the pessimist and Johnny, the optimist were out walking up a hill. "This hill is steeper than I remember it," said Tommy, "I thought we were going for a walk, not a hike. By the time I get to the top I'll be covered with perspiration." Johnny responded, "Exercise is good; Trust me, by the time we get home and take a shower, you'll feel great and be very thankful we had this climb." Just then a flock of birds flying over dropped stuff on both of them. "This is disgusting!" Tommy exploded, and with confusion asked Johnny, "How can you smile when we were just dumped on with disgusting stuff?" With even a bigger smile, Johnny said "I am just thankful that God did not make buffalos fly."

Daily, we face some disappointments or failure. When that happens, we have a choice of focusing on either the negative or the positive. Finding what is good in any situation is a creative process. In almost every situation there is mixture of both good and bad. It is up to us to decide which aspect we are going to claim as our own.

Jesus chooses the optimistic option in today's Gospel. He comes to His own town, to the people who know and love Him the most, and He preaches to them the Gospel. It is a disaster! Not only do they reject but tried to kill Him as well! Now, focus on the most important line in today's Gospel: "Then Jesus passed through their midst and continued on His way."

The rejection at Nazareth could have made Jesus think, "If this is the way my very family responds to my message, then certainly I'll never be successful in proclaiming the Kingdom of God." But Jesus did not focus on the rejection. He focused on His mission and continued on His way.

We know that Jesus is always in touch with the goodness that comes from His relationship with the Father. We ourselves are in relationship with God as our father. Therefore, we can and should develop a Christian optimism, an optimism that is rooted in the love that God has for us.

Christian optimism does not pretend that there is nothing wrong or deny that there is a problem. But it reminds us that God knows our intentions and our weakness, and God will help us learn from our mistakes. When someone we love is in trouble and we do not seem to be able to help, it reminds us that God loves the people in our lives as much as we do and will not abandon them. When we look at what is wrong in our world, Christian optimism does not try to pretend that working for peace or justice will be easy. But it tells us that God is committed to peace and justice and will work with us and through us to build the kingdom.

Fr. Joseph

OPTIMISM IS THE FAITH THAT LEADS TO ACHIEVEMENT. NOTHING CAN BE DONE WITHOUT HOPE AND CONFIDENCE.

HELEN KELLER

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	February 3 rd 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Giuseppina Benedet FOR PARISHIONERS
Mon	February 4	8 am	† Ed Hauser
Tue	February 5 St. Agatha	8 am	† Gina Charles
Wed	February 6 St. Paul Miki & Co.	8 am	† Constancio Navarro
Thu	February 7	8 am	† John † Margaret MICALLEF
Fri	February 8	8 am	† Alison † Peter SEELEY
Sat	February 9	9 am 5:00 PM	† Christine † Eric GREENWOOD † Mel Battensby
SUN	February 10 th 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS † Alison † Peter SEELEY

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

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S. T. A. HIGH SCHOOL

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DATE	Sat. Feb. 9 th : 5PM	Sun. Feb. 10 th : 9 AM	Sun. Feb. 10 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	GLORIA LOWE CLAUDIA ISLAS	BARBARA PENNEFATHER WENDY GRAY	LORNA DALINGHAUS RITA RACZ
LECTOR	GLORIA LOWE	IVY WEI	DANTE AGOSTI-MORO
EMHC	DEACON TONY	DEACON TONY	DEACON TONY
SOCIAL HOSTS	◊	JOLANTA LA SALLE	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.saww@rcav.org.



ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

THIS SUNDAY, Feb. 3rd: 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, Feb. 4th, 11 AM in the Hall.
“BAPTISM and CONFIRMATION”
Catholics & non-Catholics, WELCOME!
Attend, even for just a few sessions.

The Catholic Faith
In Plain English



THE WILD GOOSE @ ST. ANTHONY’S . . .

Did you know *The Wild Goose* is a term the ancient Celts used referring to the Holy Spirit? He is often unpredictable and the least known member of the Holy Trinity.

The Wild Goose is also the title of a beautiful and inspiring video series hosted by Fr. Dave Pivonka, running on Saturday nights, 7:00 PM in our Parish Hall. Come to as many sessions as you can and deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit!
This Saturday’s session: “The Spirit and Our Lady”.



St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks ALL parishioners for your donations. All funds will be used to provide food to people in need on the North Shore and the Downtown Eastside.

STA SCHOOL NEWS

17th Annual Grade 8 Science Fair Award Winners: Diego ISLAS, Sierra LARSON and Lucas RADBURN. They will go on to participate in the *Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair* at UBC in April. **Congratulations!**

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - ANOINTING MASS

Monday, Feb. 11th, 11:00 AM,
Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Vancouver
Mass Celebrant, Archbishop Michael Miller, *CSB*.
All the sick and their caregivers are invited to attend. Following Mass, refreshments will be offered in the gym.
Visit: <https://www.chabc.bc.ca/world-day-of-the-sick-archdiocesan-celebration-february-11-2019>
or contact 604-524-3427 or info@chabc.bc.ca.

“The Church, like a mother to all her children, especially the infirm, reminds us that generous gestures like that of the Good Samaritan are the most credible means of evangelization. Caring for the sick requires tenderness, professionalism, straightforward and simple gestures freely given, like a caress that makes others feel loved. Generosity inspires and sustains the work of the many who are so important in health care . . . I urge everyone, at every level, to promote the culture of generosity. It is a treasure that can be enjoyed fully only when it is shared. The joy of generous giving is a barometer of the health of a Christian”. *Pope Francis*



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

*“Love is patient, love is kind.
It is not jealous, it is not pompous.”*

1 Corinthians 13:4

Do you get jealous?

Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous?

Do you acquire more possessions to impress others?

At times we are all guilty of these things.

Pray for more humility. Pray to become less “self-centered” and become more “God-centered”.

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LOST & FOUND . . .
Knitting Book/Magazine
left in the Church Pew.
Please phone Parish Office.
God bless.



ASSISTED SUICIDE

Wednesday, Feb. 6th, 7 PM, St. Francis of Assisi, Vancouver

International Pro-life presenter, Stephanie Gray will address challenging questions such as: *“What should a civil and humane response to suffering be? How can people of good will respond to euthanasia and assisted suicide? How can we speak about euthanasia and assisted suicide in a winsome and compelling way?”*

Call (604) 255-8855; or Email: sfulifeteam@gmail.com.

FEAST DAY OF ST. BAKHITA

Friday, Feb. 8th

Also designated as the *Annual Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking*. Pope Francis has called human trafficking a crime against humanity and has urged everyone to unite efforts to eliminate the crime and to free the victims.

In the spirit of St. Josephine Bakhita, you are invited to join in promoting the **“Buying Sex Is A Crime”** video campaign.

Visit: <http://buyingsexisacrime.org>.

FATAL FLAWS

Friday, Feb. 8th, 7 PM, JPII Pastoral Centre

This is a screening of the documentary film **“Fatal Flaws: Legalizing Assisted Death”**. A thought-provoking journey through Europe and North America to ask one of the most fundamental philosophical questions of our time: *“Should we be giving doctors the right in law to end the life of others by euthanasia or assisted suicide?”*

Filmmaker KEVIN DUNN uses powerful testimonies and expert opinion from both sides of the issue to uncover how these highly disputed laws affect society over time.

This film is about the adoption of and resistance to a new cultural philosophy that may affect you at the most vulnerable time of your life.

Visit: <https://rcav.org/event/fatal-flaws-screening>.

UNIVERSITY MASS WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

Saturday, Feb. 9th, 7 PM @ HR Cathedral

All students, faculty, and staff from public and private post-secondary institutions are invited to this annual Mass.

A performance and fellowship follow in the hall

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT

Join us on a *Rachel’s Vineyard™ Retreat* in May and discover what our Father’s loving embrace can do to heal what abortion has brought to us and humanity.

For confidential information, call 604.525.0999.