

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

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Johnny opened the birthday gift from his grandmother, he discovered a water pistol. He squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink. But Johnny's mother was not so pleased. She turned to her mom and said: "I'm surprised at you mom; don't you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water guns?" Her mom smiled and then replied, "I remember."

When someone hates you, you have two choices: you can hate them back or you can refuse to hate. When someone hurts you, you can respond in two ways: you can hurt them back or you can refuse to hurt. In today's Gospel Jesus makes it clear that if we wish to be His disciples, we must refuse to hate, refuse to hurt. This is why He teaches that we are to love our enemies, and why He enshrines that teaching in the golden rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." Since we would not want others to hate us or hurt us, we should not adopt hateful or hurtful attitudes towards them.

Now this teaching to love our enemies, to follow the golden rule is the most difficult of all Jesus' teachings. We all struggle against it. We have many objections. It does not make sense. It is impossible to follow. The people who hurt and hate us do not deserve our love and forgiveness. We cannot help but ask, "Why does Jesus want us to do something that is so difficult? Why is He so insistent that we love our enemies?"

It is clear that many people do not follow His teaching. They may feel that the golden rule is foolish or impractical. Therefore, they decide to return hate with hate, to return hurt with hurt. Their golden rule is: "Do to others as they have done to you."

If this is the direction people have taken then there are questions to be asked: "How is this approach working for you? Are you satisfied with its results?" The results of this approach are easy to find. Look at the newspapers. Watch the media. Look at the situation in the Middle East: "You hurt us, we'll hurt you." Look at the retribution that characterizes the gang violence in our cities and around the world. Violence grows into an escalating cycle of destruction and hatred.

If this approach of retaliation is not working, if it is a failure, then the approach Jesus taught us not to hate, not to hurt, but to respond with forgiveness and love is a good approach. Now Jesus' approach is still difficult, but it is the only way to break the cycle of violence and hatred that is destroying our world and ruining our lives.

Jesus' teaching is not easy, but it is the only teaching that works. Maybe it is time to love our enemy, to forgive the one who hurts us, to do to others as we would have them do to us.

Fr. Joseph

Christianity: In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. (Jesus, Matthew 7:12)



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 24 th 7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Fr. Ted Brereton † Alison † Peter SEELEY
Mon	February 25	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Deacon Felix Min</i>
Tue	February 26	8 am 7:00 PM	<i>Sp. Int. Fr. Guy Zidago</i> † Catherine Gibbons
Wed	February 27	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Karen & Peter Balogh</i>
Thu	February 28	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Daiping Zhang</i>
1 st Fri	March 1	8 am 7:00 PM	<i>Sp. Int. Fong Family</i> † Eliana Gonzalez
Sat	March 2	9 am 5:00 PM	FOR VOCATIONS † Basim Azzam
SUN	March 3 rd 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS † Edna Copley

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 between the living & the departed.
 Visit: rccav.org



DATE	Sat. March 2 nd : 5PM	Sun. March 3 rd : 9 AM	Sun. March 3 rd : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	LORETTA van UNEN ROSE ZALWANGO	ROCIO HAUSER HANAN HADDAD	LARRY TRACH RITA RACZ
LECTOR	ROBERT BUTLER	MARTINE BORE	LARRY TRACH
EMHC	DEACON TONY	DEACON TONY	DEACON TONY
SOCIAL HOSTS	◆	ROSE MOJECA	CECILIA SON

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.



ADORATION THIS WEEK . . .

Sign-up Sheets are in the Vestibule for
Thursday, 5:30 - 8 pm; Friday, 9 am - 4 pm;
and Sunday, 6 - 7 pm.

(The 1st Friday all night vigil will begin in April, during Lent).

WELCOME TO FR. JOHN MCCARTHY!

We're having a Parish Mission! March 11th – 13th.
"Opening the Door of Your Heart".

Fr. John McCarthy, former pastor here from 1997-2004 is preaching on the weekend of March 9th and 10th, then for the following three evenings, starting with Mass at 7 PM.

The themes are:

Monday, 11th, "Door of Welcome";
Tuesday, 12th, "Door of Freedom"; and
Wednesday, 13th, "Door of Gladness".
Everyone is welcome, bring a friend!

CATHOLIC FAITH in Plain English
Monday, Feb. 25th, 11 AM in the Hall.
"DEATH & THE END OF THE WORLD"
Catholics & non-Catholics, WELCOME!
Attend, even for just a few sessions.

The Catholic Faith
In Plain English



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 1st

World Day of Prayer is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community.

Sponsored by the *Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada*, it is celebrated in approximately 165 countries.

CWL MASS & RECEPTION
Tuesday, February 26th, 7:00 PM
Guest Speaker: Fr. Larry Lynn
"Witnessing to 40 Days for Life".
ALL WELCOME!

APPRECIATION DINNER
Honouring All Religious Sisters
Monday, March 4th, 6:30 PM
@ The Italian Cultural Centre
ALL WELCOME! \$45/Ticket.
Phone Dorell: 604.925.2209.



March 6th (Ash Wednesday)
until
April 14th (Palm Sunday).

Saint Anthony's Parish

Vigil Date is Tuesday, March 19th.

We will be praying and witnessing for the sanctity of life by standing along West 32nd Avenue and Willow Street; and South of 32nd and towards 33rd Avenue, Vancouver.

Fr. Larry Lynn - Pro-Life Chaplain

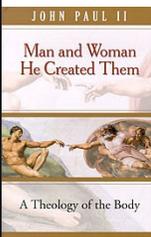
THEOLOGY OF THE BODY @ ST. ANTHONY'S

March 26th - June 18th

Discover human nature as the "Gift of Self" in our relationship with God and one another through

Theology of the Body.

Using the teachings of Christ on marriage, St. John Paul II reveals our true human nature in the image and likeness of God as a "communion of persons in the sincere gift of self," giving us the authentic meaning of our humanity now and in eternal life. (604) 926-6881.



OPEN HOUSE!

Saint Anthony's Elementary School
Thursday, February 28th, 6 - 8 PM



KIWANIS FESTIVAL WINNERS!

STA Senior Jazz Band, Gold/Junior Jazz Band, Silver!

STA Junior Boys and Senior Girls Basketball Teams are off to the Provincial Championships!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back." *Luke 6:35*

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently.

Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive.

Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person.

Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

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Pro-life Mass & Vigil
Saturday, March 2nd, @ St Stephen's
9 AM Mass followed by Prayerful Vigil
for the unborn children and their parents
at Lions Gate Hospital.



FREEDOM 2019

Friday, March 8th, 7 PM, St. Clare of Assisi, Coquitlam
Freedom, the *Annual Reconciliation Event For Youth*.

Participants will experience first-hand the healing power of Christ through Music, Prayer, Testimonies and Teachings, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Adoration.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

Saturday, March 9th, 9 AM, Christ Redeemer Parish

Seek God's healing for the wounds of your past through a contemplation to obtain God's love.

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch). Register: rcav.org/courage.
Sponsored by the *Courage and EnCourage Ministries*.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Has your soul felt dry and without life since your abortion experience? Our loving Father is ready to send the abundant rains of His mercy to quench the dryness in your soul and restore new life in you.

Join us on our next *Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat* in May.
For confidential information, contact (604) 525-0999.

RESTORE THE BEAUTY: WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

May 3rd & 4th

For every woman desiring to experience restoration in her life, the lives of those around her, the Church and the world.

Inspiring talks, prayerful moments of encounter with God and Mass with Archbishop Michael Miller.

Throughout the conference you'll experience hope and encouragement, while gaining practical tools to help you restore the beauty in your world, no matter your circumstances.

www.liferestoration.ca/womensconference.

BIRTHRIGHT VANCOUVER

Would you like to help women in crisis pregnancy situations? *Birthright Vancouver* needs you for three hours a week on a weekday morning or afternoon to this mission. TRAINING PROVIDED. If interested, Phone (604) 687-7223; or Visit: birthrightvancouver@gmail.com.