

# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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**C**ouple years ago, Pope Francis created a year of mercy. The mercy in question is primarily the mercy of God. God extends mercy to us even though we are sinners. Our very relationship with God would be impossible without a free graciousness on God's part. Jesus, of course, reflects the mercy of God, and we would be hard pressed to find a clearer example of this than today's Gospel. The woman who is brought before Jesus is guilty. She was caught in the very act of adultery. She stood as a sinner according to *Mosaic Law* and equally so according to Christian moral teaching. Jesus rejects the sin, but shows mercy to the sinner. Jesus seems to be more concerned about the future goodness of this woman than about condemning the evil of her past. Jesus clearly reflects the mercy of God.

If God is a God of mercy, we too must be merciful. Pope Francis said it this way when inaugurating the Year of Mercy, "Wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy." Now the image of the oasis is an apt one, because when we look at the values and at the rhetoric of our society, it often appears as a desert in which mercy is hard to find. What is popular in our society is not mercy, but stricter laws, power moves, the desire to strike back and get even. We do not look for leaders who show compassion. We seek strongmen who can throw their weight around. Fewer and fewer people see any value to a graciousness that goes beyond legalism and vindictive justice.

Being merciful is clearly counter-cultural. And to make it even more of a challenge, mercy is meant to extend to everyone: to Christians and to Muslims, to citizens and to immigrants, to those who are repentant and to those who have not yet found the way to repentance. "Wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy." That's a big order. It takes courage to exercise mercy in a society that sees mercy as weakness. It takes conviction to believe that mercy is a sign of the goodness and the power of God.

So how do we find the strength to be people of mercy? We remember God's mercy to us. If God were to judge us on strict justice, all of us would fall. But day after day, God extends mercy to us, so that we might continue to live. Having received that mercy, how can we choose to judge and condemn others who look to us for mercy?

God's mercy and our mercy are connected. Every day we pray, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." If we do not forgive others, how can we expect to be forgiven? If we show mercy, mercy will be shown to us. That is why it is crucial not only for others but also for us to be

an oasis of mercy and to extend that mercy to everyone.

**LOVE IS FOR GIVING**  
 "Love is Forgiving"

*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	April 7 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of LENT	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS <i>Sp. Int. Susan Snelgrove</i>
Mon	April 8	8 am	† John † Margaret MICALLEF
Tue	April 9	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Frances Watson</i>
Wed	April 10	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Hanan Haddad</i>
Thu	April 11	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Kathy Ng</i>
Fri	April 12	8 am 7:00 PM	† Gabriella Micallef <i>Sp. Int. Ivancic Family</i>
Sat	April 13	9 am 5:00 PM	<i>Sp. Int. Gloria Lowe &amp; Lisa Dimakis</i> <i>Sp. Int. Ed &amp; Denise WILD</i>
SUN	April 14 <sup>th</sup> PALM SUNDAY "World Day of Youth"	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS † Wegner † Kiefer Families

### ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

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### S. T. A. HIGH SCHOOL

(604) 987-4431

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DATE	Sat. April 13 <sup>th</sup> : 5PM	Sun. April 14 <sup>th</sup> : 9 AM	Sun. April 14 <sup>th</sup> : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	ROSE ZALWANGO LORETTA van UNEN	KAREN BALOGH HANAN HADDAD	JOAN FORRESTER JOANN CULLEN
LECTOR	SUSAN MURPHY	WENDY GRAY	LARRY TRACH
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](mailto:parish.saww@rcav.org).



## ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

This Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and  
Every Sunday during Lent  
from 6:00 PM

with Benediction at 7:00 PM.

... and we continue with Adoration every  
Thursday at 5:30 PM with Benediction at 8:00 PM.

**CATHOLIC FAITH in Plain English**  
**Monday, April 8th, 11 AM in the Hall.**  
**"HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION"**  
**Catholics & non-Catholics, WELCOME!**  
**Attend, even for just a few sessions.**

The Catholic Faith  
In Plain English



DON'T BE AFRAID  
TO GO TO THE  
SACRAMENT OF  
CONFESSION,  
WHERE YOU  
WILL MEET  
JESUS WHO  
FORGIVES YOU.



**PENITENTIAL SERVICES**  
**NORTH SHORE**  
**Tuesday, April 9th, 10:30 AM**  
**St. Stephen's Parish;**  
**Thursday, April 11th, 7 PM**  
**Holy Trinity Parish.**

## THANK YOU . . .

to all who have been  
participating in the 40 Days  
for Life. Our parish has  
been well represented at the  
vigil site – we had at least  
2 people at every hour from  
7 AM to 7 PM



although most of the day we had many more. We also covered  
our Adoration hours throughout the day.

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a closing rally and Matt Britton,  
Board Chair & General Counsel of 40 Days for Life will be here to  
encourage us and to bring our efforts to an international audience.**

Please come, pray, witness and celebrate life and the fruit of  
our accomplishments during the previous 40 days of Lent.  
**Please come and let's show the world how we embrace life!**

## VIRGINIA FORSYTH BURSARY FUNDS

Students who are parishioners are all invited to apply.  
2 bursaries are available for a programme at a Canadian  
post-secondary institution. Pick-up Application Forms from the  
Parish Office, and must be returned by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS . . .

**We have Mass at 7 PM every Friday in Lent,  
followed by the Stations of the Cross.**

## HOLY WEEK @ ST ANTHONY'S

**Holy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Office of Readings;

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper; Adoration until 10 PM.

**Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Office of Readings; 9:30 Confessions until 10:30;

3:00 PM Passion of the Lord.

**Holy Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Office of Readings; 9:30 Confessions until 10:30;

4:00 PM Confessions until 5:00;

9:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass.

**Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Masses at 9 AM; 11 AM; and 2 PM.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

*"For His sake I have accepted the loss of all things and  
I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."*

*Philippians 3:8*

The first commandment says that  
we should not put other gods before the Lord.

Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer,  
our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support  
Church needs help us keep God first in everything.  
The commandment helps us from putting other gods before  
God and it helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God  
and not for our own honour.

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## STA SCHOOL . . .

**New students registration** in person on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Current students should register  
on-line. All April 13<sup>th</sup> applications are with \$100 discount.

Contact: [office@aquinas.org](mailto:office@aquinas.org) or (604) 987-4431.

**Plant Sale:** Locally grown flowers, vegetables, and herbs.  
\$20 or more orders by April 18<sup>th</sup> could win a *Vertical Planter*.

Visit: <https://stthomasaquinas.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>.

Purchase Order Deadline: April 26<sup>th</sup>.

## EASTER & PASSOVER

**An exploration of freedom, prejudice and opportunity for rebirth.**

**Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM @ St. Patrick's, Vancouver**  
Everyone is invited to join the Catholic and Jewish communi-  
ties for a kosher *Easter Dinner* and *Passover Dessert*,  
followed by intellectual discussion around these two holidays.

Cost: \$20. Register: [rcav.org/easter-passover](http://rcav.org/easter-passover).

Organized by Congregation Beth Israel and the Vancouver Archdiocese.

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

**Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, Christ the Redeemer Parish**  
Join Fr. Rodney Nootebos, *Director of Vocations*, along with  
other members of the Faithful throughout the Archdiocese, in a  
monthly Holy Hour of prayer, intensely focused on asking the  
*"Lord of the Harvest to send forth labourers into the harvest."*

## GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**April 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM @ Queen Elizabeth's Park**

Join us for Way of the Cross at Queen Elizabeth Park Friday, at  
the fountains next to Bloedel's conservatory parking lot proceed-  
ing through the trails of the park.

Contact: [communionliberationvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:communionliberationvancouver@gmail.com).

## "SWIECONKA"

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM @ St. Stephen's**  
*"Swieconka"*, the traditional Polish blessing  
of Easter Food. *All are welcome!*



## THANK YOU FROM N.E.T. CANADA

*"St. Anthony's Parish, thank you for the warm welcome and  
support. You are a lovely community and I am very grateful to  
have experienced it. Faced with the great challenge, we have  
great hope that our young people will come back to Jesus and  
the church". Jean-Paul de Flewiot, NET Western Coordinator*

Visit: [bc.netcanada.ca](http://bc.netcanada.ca).

## ST. ANTHONY'S FRIDAY NIGHT @ THE MOVIES

**"Risen"**

**Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, St. Anthony's Parish Hall**  
after the 3 PM Passion of the Lord church service;  
*"Risen"* is about a Roman Centurion who tries to get to the bot-  
tom of what happened to Jesus' body. **ALL WELCOME!**