

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver

PALM SUNDAY April 14th, 2019

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It was Palm Sunday, but because of a sore throat, little Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for. Johnny's father explained, "People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by". Little Johnny cocked his head reflectively . . . and slowly walked away mumbling, "Wouldn't you know it, the one Sunday I don't go to church, and He shows up!"

Today's First Gospel Reading relates the story of Christ's entry into Jerusalem, and the second - still in St Luke's Gospel - takes us on a much shorter journey, to the hill outside the city, to the "Place of the Skull".

This last journey is much shorter, but much harder. It is not accompanied by shouts of joy but cries of lamentation. The way out of Jerusalem today is not strewn with clothes people have torn off in their excitement, but only with the condemned man's sweat and blood. This short journey on the Way of the Cross is excruciatingly harder to stomach.

It is, perhaps, too hard to stomach for many people today. There are so many who are happy to accompany Jesus on His journey into Jerusalem by embracing - or at least, thinking that they embrace - His teaching. But when the cheering and clapping has died down, do we stay with Him? Or would we rather stay in Jerusalem, to enjoy the feast, than follow Jesus to that lonely hill and see him nailed to a tree? Is it not tempting to separate Jesus the Teacher from Jesus the Martyr? How often have we heard that Jesus was obviously a wise and holy man, but all that religion, all that dogma, that we just can't buy into...?

Because it is in His Passion and His Cross that Jesus lives out His own teaching, showing us what a true disciple's life must be like. We stay with Jesus to this bitter end because He doesn't say "Follow me" but "**Take up your Cross and follow me.**"

And we are glad that we have stayed, glad about a deeper, fuller joy than the shrill cheering of the crowd.

Glad because staying with Jesus all the way to Calvary means sharing in the bread of life, drinking from the cup of salvation, and hearing Christ say to us, "**Today you will be with me in paradise.**"

Fr. Joseph



Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and marks the start of Holy Week, the final days of his earthly ministry.

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 14 th PALM SUNDAY "World Day of Youth"	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS † Wegner † Kiefer Families
Mon	April 15	8 am	<i>Sp. Int. Stany Sirutis</i>
Tue	April 16	8 am 12 NOON	<i>Sp. Int. Jane Torresan</i> † Renato Villadiego
Wed	April 17	8 am	† Kirk Bowen
Thu	April 18 HOLY THURSDAY	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	<i>Office of Readings</i> <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>
Fri	April 19 GOOD FRIDAY	9:00 AM 3:00 PM	<i>Office of Readings</i> <i>The Passion of the Lord</i>
Sat	April 20 HOLY SATURDAY	9:00 AM 9:00 PM	<i>Office of Readings</i> <i>Easter Vigil Mass</i>
SUN	April 21 st EASTER SUNDAY Solemnity	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	FOR PARISHIONERS † Elise Abdelnour † Moongi Son

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DATE	Sat. April 20 th : 9 PM	Sun. April 21 st : 9 AM	Sun. April 21 st : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	C. OBERTI GLORIA LOWE	ROCIO HAUSER HANAN HADDAD	LORNA DALINGHAUS RITA RACZ
LECTOR	SUSAN MURPHY	PETER BALOGH	LARRY TRACH
EMHC	DEACON TONY	DEACON TONY	DEACON TONY
SOCIAL HOSTS	◊	A & C ADAM	MARRY VERBAARSCHOT

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.saww@rcav.org.

PARENTS AND ALTAR SERVERS . . .

As we move into Holy Week, we prepare for some of the most important celebrations of the Church's year.

So that each celebration is as splendid as it should be, we need your help.

The Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Service and the Saturday evening Easter Vigil all require many servers; many performing specialized roles.

To assist the servers with these duties we have scheduled practices for Holy Thursday from 3:30 - 4:30, for Good Friday from 1:30 - 2:30, and Holy Saturday from 1:00 - 2:00 pm.

Parents please assist us in this by encouraging and bringing 'your server(s)' to the practices so that they may participate in these celebrations. In addition, we welcome and need them at all of our Masses to make sure we enjoy a holy and vibrant Easter.

Please check the bulletin for all Mass times.

Deacon Tony



ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

This Sunday, April 14th

from 6:00 PM

with Benediction at 7:00 PM;

... and on HOLY THURSDAY, April 18th, Adoration begins after the 7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration continues until 10:00 PM.

CATHOLIC FAITH in Plain English
Monday, April 15th, 11 AM in the Hall.
"HOLY WEEK"

Catholics & non-Catholics, WELCOME!
Attend, even for just a few sessions.

The Catholic Faith
In Plain English



HOLY WEEK @ ST ANTHONY'S

Holy Thursday, April 18th

9:00 AM Office of Readings;

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

Good Friday, April 19th

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

3:00 PM Passion of the Lord.

Holy Saturday, April 20th

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 21st

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

ST. ANTHONY'S FRIDAY NIGHT @ THE MOVIES

"Risen"

Good Friday, April 19th, 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 bottom of what happened to Jesus' body. **ALL WELCOME!**

STA SCHOOL . . .

STA Registration is currently going on.

Plant Sale: Locally grown flowers, vegetables, and herbs.

Purchases of \$20 or more by April 18th could win a
Vertical Planter. Purchase Order Deadline: April 26th.

STA Choir participated in the *Kiwanis Choir Festival* and the
Grade 12 Geography class is touring the *Grand Canyon*.

Phone: (604) 987-4431 or Email: office@aquinas.org.

COMMUNITY LUNCH @ ST ANTHONY'S

Thursday, May 2nd!

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

RSVP the Parish Office (604) 926-6881 for numbers.

See you on the 2nd!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

*"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day,
you will deny three times that you know me"*

Luke 22:34

How many times have you heard someone make a
disparaging comment about Jesus or our Catholic faith?

How did you react?

Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance?

Or, do you remain quiet because you believe people
will think negatively about you?

Pray for the courage to speak up and
enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises.

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GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

April 19th, 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
proceeding through the trails of the park.

Contact: communionaliberationvancouver@gmail.com.

"SWIECONKA"

Saturday, April 20th, 1 PM @ St. Stephen's

"Swieconka", the traditional Polish blessing
of Easter Food. *All are welcome!*

DISCERNMENT FOR SINGLE MEN

Wednesday, April 24th, 7 PM @ St. Patrick's, Vancouver

Open to single Catholic Men ages 18+ who are open to
discerning and responding to God's call in their life.

Speaker, Fr. Juan Lucca will be talking about celibacy.

Contact: vocations@rcav.org; or Call: (604) 443-3254.

FUN NIGHT FOR SINGLE WOMEN!

Saturday, April 27th, 5:30 PM @ OL of GC Convent, Surrey

Open to single Catholic Women ages 18-35 who are open to
discerning and responding to God's call in their life.

E-mail: womensvocations@rcav.org for more information.

SPRING INSTITUTE

Saturday, April 27th, 10 AM @ Holy Cross High, Surrey

One-day courses for ministry training, faith formation and
general interest open to all. Visit: rcav.org/oc-spring.

"LIVING WITH DEMENTIA"

Saturday, April 27th, 6 PM @ St. Pius X Parish

Presented by Dr. Romaine Gallagher, MD, CCFP(PC), FCFP.

Contact: [Catholic Physicians' Guild](http://CatholicPhysiciansGuild.com) (604) 240-2725.

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 30th.*

