



St. Anthony's Parish

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 16, 2020

A religion teacher brought a clear glass jar into her classroom that was filled with a yellow substance. She asked the class, *"What's in this jar?"* At first the children were not sure, but after examining it and smelling it and even tasting it, they realized that it was honey. *"It's honey,"* the children said. *"Good,"* said the teacher. Then she took a piece of white paper and wrapped it around the outside of the jar and fastened it with tape. She wrote on the paper: *Vinegar.* Holding up the jar again, she said, *"Now what's in this jar?"* All the children said, *"Honey,"* Teacher protested, *"But the label says it's vinegar."* The children chorused, *"It's honey, just the same"*. The teacher seemed satisfied and she put the jar down and looked directly at the class and said, *"What you have learned about jars today, applies also to people"*.

In our world, people come to us with labels: labels of race, income, religion, and culture. But we would be amiss if we were to confuse the labels from the real people that we encounter. In fact, as followers of Christ, we are called to be very wary about what labels convey because they are often at odds with the real people we meet.

Jesus deals with labels in today's Gospel. He is in pagan territory and a Canaanite woman comes up to Him. She is a Gentile. In the culture of Jesus' day, there was a prejudice against Gentiles, that they were unable to have a genuine relationship with God. For a while Jesus participates in this prejudice. He refuses to heal the woman's child, saying that His ministry is only for the lost sheep of the House of Israel. But the woman persists, and in time Jesus recognizes her faith and heals her daughter.

Instead of relating to the woman with the label "Gentile," He perceives her as a genuine woman of faith. What Jesus does in the Gospel, we are called to do. As followers of Jesus, we are asked to deal with people, not through the labels they bear, but as the people that they are.

We must ask ourselves whether we are viewing others through our own real experience or through the prejudices that labels can convey. It places us in direct opposition to the design of God. God makes people. We make labels. So instead of letting our lives be directed by the prejudices that a label can carry, we are obliged to discover and to respect the real people God has made.

Fr. Joseph Le

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat - Aug 15 (Anticipatory Sunday Masses)	4 pm - † Ester Penullar Mejia 6 pm - <i>Sp. Int. of Kwon Kee Ng</i>
Sun - Aug 16 (Group B)	8:30 am - † Milton & Vera Little 10 am - FOR PARISHIONERS <i>(live streamed)</i> 11:30 am - <i>Sp. Int. of Nicole Ng</i> 1:00 pm - † Wah Hon Yip
Mon - Aug 17	9 am - <i>Sp. Int. of Keith Watson</i>
Tue - Aug 18	9 am - † Mr. & Mrs. Jose Leonardo 6:30 pm - † Rita Kirwan
Wed - Aug 19	9 am - <i>In honour of St. Anthony</i>
Thu - Aug 20 <i>St. Bernard</i>	9 am - <i>Sp. Int. of Horst, Francoise & Natasha Stegemann</i>
Fri - Aug 21 <i>St. Pius X</i>	9 am - † May Graham
Sat - Aug 22 <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> (Anticipatory Sunday Masses)	9 am - † Hernando & Lucy Torres 4 pm - † Marry Boyko 6 pm - † Alda de Souza
19th Sunday of Ordinary Time Sun - Aug 23 (Group A)	8:30 am - FOR PARISHIONERS 10 am - † Louise Boisvert <i>(live streamed)</i> 11:30 am - † Anne Kroeker 1:00 pm - † Janet Wynn Edward

"Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." (Mathew 15:27)



VIRGINIA FORSYTH BURSARY

*Congratulations to this year's award recipient, Peter Bell!
We wish you all the best in your studies and God's blessings upon
your future endeavours.*

FACE MASKS IN CHURCH

We encourage you to wear a face mask when attending Mass or visiting the church to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19. Wearing a mask demonstrates our charity for one another during the pandemic. We wear a mask for our fellow parishioners. It is also recommended by the public health experts. Thank you for your participation.

Fr. Gary and The Parish Leadership Team

A small step forward

In these continuing times of uncertainty we are looking for ways to bring an increasing sense of normality back to parish life. With the understanding that in all of our actions we will do everything we can to adhere to those provincial guidelines which are directed toward the protection of participants' health. To this end we re-started a couple of our adult faith programs.

Program leaders have reached out to those who were participating in the Discovery series which was suspended due to the lockdown. Understandably, not all participants are comfortable with restarting at this time and their decision is respected and those programs are still on hold. Others have expressed both a willingness and a desire to continue at this time and so their programs are now up and running. In addition our RCIA program has restarted. Again we have invited only those who were involved at the time of the lockdown. We have done this in order to be sure we can safely manage a restart.

As you can imagine, maintaining physical-distance places a significant restraint on the meeting spaces we have available to us at St. Anthony's. These limits factored into our decision not to offer new programs which would be available to all parishioners at this time. We will closely monitor our current offerings and determine future activities on our ability to be successful in these initial small steps.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Deacon Tony

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." (Rm. 11:29)

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission.

We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

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Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm (anticipatory Masses)

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:00 am ([live streamed](#)), 11:30 am, 1:00 pm
(*MUST pre-register via office to attend, 50 max. per Mass and entry at downstairs entrance only*)

Weekday: Monday-Saturday (including holidays): 9:00 am
(*must register upon arrival at the Church*)

Morning Prayer (Lauds): Monday-Saturday: 8:20 am

Adoration: Thursdays: 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm & First Fridays: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Benediction: Thursdays: 8:00 pm & First Fridays: 4:00 pm

Confession Times: Monday-Saturday: 8:40 am & Saturday: 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

[Click here](#) to Sunday 10:00am Live Streamed Mass

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Email Fraud Warning

The Archdiocese has received multiple reports from parishioners and priests who have fallen victim to a recent Internet email phishing scam. Impostors, posing as priests and using email addresses that are similar to those of our priests, have been emailing people asking for personal donations, gift cards, and other forms of financial assistance. Never respond to emails requesting Google Play cards, iTunes cards, or any other form of personal financial assistance, even if it appears to be from a priest, deacon, religious, parish staff or bishop. If you have any doubt, please contact the sender by other means to verify any requests.

Lebanon Cries

There will be a fundraiser for Lebanon in the aftermath of the tragic explosion. The fundraiser involves the sale of cooked take-out meals for \$15 each which will be available for pick up on Sunday, August 23 from 10am to 2pm at the Church Hall. there will be Malaysian curry rice, spaghetti with meatballs, Filipino noodles, Indian Vegetable Korma and Chinese food. Proceeds raised will be channeled through Fr. Gabriel De Chadarevian O.P., a Lebanese priest from St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver. Cheques are to be made payable to CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association), with tax receipts issued for purchases of \$20 and above. For more information, please contact Angela Vendargon at 604 614 5829.