

St. Anthony's Parish

West Vancouver

20 Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 20, 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 21

St. Pius X

9:00 am - † George Specht

Tuesday, August 22

The Queenship of the BVM

9:00 am - † Julius Dalinghaus

Wednesday, August 23

Saint Rose of Lima

9:00 am - † Louise Boisvert

Thursday, August 24

Saint Bartholomew

9:00 am - † Angela Ya Goh Fong

Friday, August 25

9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Bev Hurlburt*

Saturday, August 26

9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Bernie Chung*

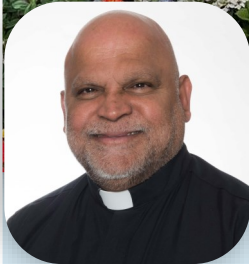
4:30 pm - † Bruce Bott

Sunday, August 27

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am - *Sp. Int. of Elias & Hanan Haddad*

10:30 am - Parishioners



FR. GOMES' INSTALLATION MASS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH
AT 10:30 AM

PARISH ACTIVITIES

MON — SAT	8:15 am — 8:30 am	Morning prayers
TUE	7:00 pm	Christian Meditation (back in September)
WED	4:00 pm	Marian Movement Cenacle
THU	7:00 pm	RCIA (back in September)
FRI	9:30 am—4:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
FRI	3:00 pm	Divine Mercy
1 ST FRIDAY	7:00 pm	Holy Hour
3 RD SAT	9:30 am	St. Philomena Prayer Group
3 RD SAT	6:30 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group (back in September)

SUNDAY MASSES

SAT 4:30 pm (anticipated mass)

SUN 8:30 am | 10:30 am

DAILY MASSES

MON — SAT 9:00 am

1ST FRIDAY 6:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

MON — SAT 8:30 am—8:50 am

SAT 3:30 pm—4:15 pm

ONLINE GIVING OFFERTORY:

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News in and around the Parish

CWL CENTENNIAL THRIFT SALE

**SATURDAY, SEP 16
FROM 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

Don't miss our amazing thrift sale! Donate your gently used items and help us make a difference in the world. We accept donations from

**SEPTEMBER 11TH AFTER 9:30 A.M.
UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15TH AT 1:00 PM**

We appreciate your generosity and support for our local community in need.

We are looking for:

CLOTHING: All ages and sizes, clean and good condition

COLLECTIBLES: China, tea cups, platters, figurines, etc.

JEWELLERY: Fine and costume, bracelets, earrings, necklaces, watches, etc.

HOUSEWARES: Dishes, glasses, baking trays, cutlery, etc.

LINENS: Bedding, pillowcases, blankets, etc.

TOYS/GAMES: Lego, puzzles, boardgames, cards, stuffed animals, dolls, action figures, cars, etc.

BOOKS: Fiction, non-fiction, thrillers, bestsellers, artbooks, , etc.

HOME DECORATIONS: Vases, artwork, mirrors, knickknacks, etc.

ART: Paintings, prints, etc.

ODDS/ENDS: Golf gear, fishing gear, tools in good condition, etc.

**DUE TO LIMETED SPACE, PLEASE NO
FURNITURE OR ELECTRONICS**

Come and shop for great bargains and treasures at our thrift sale!



SUNDAY REFLECTION

There are many ways to explain what it means to be a Christian, many paths by which we might describe how to follow Christ. But today's Scriptures present us with a very practical description: a Christian is one who reaches across boundaries. We live in a world of boundaries. We are divided, time and again, one against another. Our planet is divided into different countries separated by distinct languages and customs. Our city is divided into neighborhoods. Some of us are white, others are black or yellow. Some of us are rich, others are poor. Some of us are male, others are female. Sometimes the argument is made that these divisions are healthy and that we will be most happy and most safe when we remain separated from one another. When this viewpoint is translated into social policies, it gives rise to segregation, apartheid, or designing the master race. It is a sad fact of history that a society divided does not lead to peace but rather to violence, war, ethnic cleansing, genocide, or holocaust.

People of faith should be the first ones to recognize the fallacy of accepting divisions among us, because our Scriptures present us with a vision of unity. In the first pages of the Bible creation is described as a gift from God in which all that is made is good. All humanity, male and female, are made in the image and likeness of God. The Hebrew prophets look forward to a day when all people will be one. Today's first reading from Isaiah describes a day when all people will worship together on God's holy mountain. So, both in our origins and in our future the scriptures describe a unified world. But today's world is one of many boundaries. And overcoming those boundaries is a real challenge.

In today's Gospel Jesus struggles with boundaries. He withdraws from Israel to Canaanite country, and a Canaanite woman comes and asks him to heal her daughter. The Canaanites were not Jews. They were pagans who worshipped many gods. Their sacrifices were seen by Jews as abominations. Most Jews of the time would withdraw from Canaanites. They would not interact with them. Jesus seems at first to follow this approach. He does not respond to the woman, but the woman's persistence, cleverness and faith win out in the end. Jesus heals her daughter. Jesus reaches across the boundary of religion, race, and gender and gives the woman an example of God's love.

You and I, as followers of Christ, must imitate his example. To be a Christian, it is not sufficient simply to live peacefully in our own subdivision of the world. We must remember the intention of creation and the promise of that future day when all will be one. We must work to build God's kingdom which is a kingdom of unity. We must do what we can to tear down the walls which divide us.

We live in a world marked by boundaries, but as Christians we understand that those divisions are not according to God's will. We are called to build God's kingdom, a kingdom where people can be one. To do this we must first identify who in our life is the stranger, the foreigner, the Canaanite. Then, following the example of Christ, we should reach across that boundary and offer an example of God's love.

Fr. Joseph

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ST. ANTHONY'S PREP

PREP REGISTRATION

It is time to register for the next year of PREP starting on

Wednesday, September 20th

The goal of PREP is to assist parents in the religious education of children attending public schools in Grade 1- 7 and to prepare them to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist in Grade 2 and Confirmation in Grade 7.

For more information please contact us at prep.sawv@rcav.org

HELP WANTED!

The Church needs you!

Our Religious Education Program is in need of **Catechists & Assistant Catechists.**

We are calling for dedicated people who would like to share the faith and foster the love of Christ in the hearts of children.

Training and support provided... God doesn't call the equipped, but He equips the called.

Grow in your own knowledge and faith-teaching is learning twice!

Please contact the parish office at 604-926-6881.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2023

Empowering our Parish Vision

With gratitude, we thank everyone who has donated to Project Advance this year. As a result of your generosity our parish has raised \$46,600. This total comes from 77 (18%) of our parish's 436 registered individuals and families. We have now met our diocesan goal, which is our parish's contribution to the important works undertaken by our archdiocese. The additional funds raised this year will now fund our own parish projects.

We still have a long way to go to reach our goal of \$125,000. To strengthen our community, we would love to have 100% participation from our parishioners. We believe our financial goal is attainable if all our parishioners donate in accordance with their own personal circumstances.

Our Sunday offerings normally will cover the day-to-day operating expenses of our church but for special projects and up-upgrades to our church and rectory we depend on the funds raised by Project Advance.

If you have not yet donated, please take some time to prayerfully consider a donation to this year's Project Advance appeal. Please remember that every gift regardless of the amount is important and makes a difference. Every donation is gratefully received.

Donations can be made through the parish office or online at projectadvance.ca. Further information regarding Project Advance can be found on the parish website under the "Catholic Vancouver" and then the "Giving" buttons.

Our way forward as a parish begins with your generosity to help grow and strengthen our parish and our local Catholic community. We are grateful for your support.

May God bless everyone.

Join us for our Centennial Parish Picnic

SAVE THE DATE!

**SUNDAY, SEP 3rd
AT 6 PM**

Stay tuned for more details!



PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS FOLLOW-UP MEETING

We are happy to announce that the Parish Ministry Leaders Meeting was a great success. We had 46 participants who shared their insights and experiences. We invite you to join us for a follow-up meeting on

THU, SEPTEMBER 7th AT 7 PM.

The parish ministries/groups, please plan your activities for the year and submit them to the parish office by Tuesday, August 29, so that they can be included in the updated planner to be ready for the September 7th meeting.

Your ideas for the centennial year are very important to us.

SAVE THE DATE!

Alpha at St. Anthony's is coming this October!

Who will you invite?

Do you want to volunteer to help?

Join us on

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29th
AT 7 PM**

for a "come & see" session!

**THE ALPHA
COURSE**

Alpha

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INCREDIBLE INDIA

JAN 11 – JAN 29, 2024

Join Fr. Gomes on a trip to India, where you will explore the rich culture, history and beauty of this amazing country. You will visit New Delhi, Goa (home of the incorrupt remains of Saint Francis Xavier) Kolkata (Mother Teresa's Tomb), and much more.

All for CAD \$6300.

Package includes: airfare, accommodation, transportation, taxes, all meals, and guided sightseeing as per itinerary.

*tips of USD\$120 not included

INFORMATION MEETING
Sep 10, at 4pm 2023 at the
Parish Hall

THE WAY OF BEAUTY: ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN SCRIPTURE AND THE ARTS

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) invites leaders of catechesis and evangelization to The Way of Beauty, a webinar series that reflects on beauty and its powerful witness in the life of the Church.

The three sessions are:

Beauty and Catechesis: Thu, Sep 7, 10 a.m. Speaker: Dr. Jem Sullivan

Beauty and Evangelization:
Thu, Sep 14, 10 a.m. Speaker: Mr. David Dayler

Beauty and Liturgy: Thu, Sep 21, 10 a.m. Speaker: Fr. Paul Massel

All sessions will be held via Zoom, and will be recorded with a reflection guide for later release.

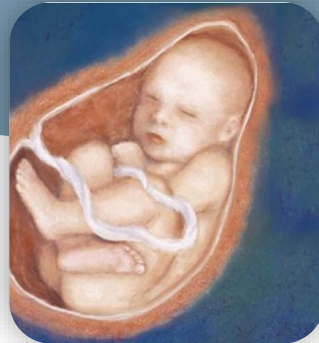
Learn more and register at
beholdvancouver.org/events.

PARISH SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

MONTH 8 -

**DEVELOPING BABY "I LIKE TO LISTEN TO
MY MOMMY'S VOICE!"**

Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size. She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother's womb. For some weeks now she has recognized her mother's voice. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Rekindle the romance, remind yourselves why you fell in love and learn how to make a good marriage even better! WWME is offering a weekend marriage retreat this fall.

Oct. 27-29, 2023.

For more information email Randy and Elizabeth from our parish at
reholman@telus.net

Early bird special before Sept. 5.

Registration closes Oct. 17, 2023

You both deserve it!

Click [HERE](#) to register



TO LIVE OF LOVE: SILENT RETREAT WITH ST. THÉRÈSE

You are invited to this special silent retreat with St. Thérèse of Lisieux in celebration of her 150th birthday, 100 years of her beatification, and 25 years of her nomination as Doctor of the Church.

St. Thérèse will guide you by the hand through her "Little Way of Spiritual Childhood", which has illuminated the lives of many who, like her, have believed in the transforming power of God's unconditional love.

**From Friday, September 8, to
Sunday, September 10, at**

Westminster Abbey in Mission.

Cost: \$215 including meals and material. To learn more and register, please email Angelina at
angelina@vidahumanaedu.org.

Tuesday, September 5

WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

SAT, SEP 23RD, AT 5:00 PM

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is home to Catholics from many countries and where the Holy Mass is celebrated in over twenty-two languages. Join Father Richard Zanotti and Father Tom Smith in celebration with our migrant and refugee on Sunday, September 23 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish, Richmond. There will be a reception with food and entertainment following Mass in the Gym.

Learn more
at beholdvancouver.org.