

St. Anthony's Parish

West Vancouver

21 Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 28

St. Augustine

9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Purdy & Ying Yin*

Tuesday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Frances Watson*

Wednesday, August 30

Saint Rose of Lima

9:00 am - † John Wong

Thursday, August 31

Saint Bartholomew

9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Rocio Hauser*

Friday, September 01

9:00 am - † Gina Charles

6:30 pm - † Jim Wynne

Saturday, September 02

9:00 am - † Mary Boyko

4:30 pm - *Sp. Int. of Natasha Stegemann*

Sunday, September 03

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am - † Dennis Collier

10:30 - Parishioners

**PROJECT
ADVANCE
2023**

**Empowering
our Parish Vision**

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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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 LIMITED SPACE, PLEASE NO FURNITURE OR ELECTRONICS

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



SUNDAY REFLECTION

You may not have noticed it in today's gospel, but Simon, son of Jonah, receives a new name. From now on, he will be called Peter, a name that means rock. Upon the rock of Peter, Jesus will build his church. This new name for Peter is not some legalistic switch or clerical adjustment. The name is a sign of a new identity. The change of names in the Bible is an indication that someone is becoming a new person. Since the new name comes from Jesus, it is clear that Peter's new identity will come from Jesus as well. His new name is a sign of Jesus' intention to transform Peter into someone who is wonderful, useful, and good.

This new name sets up a pattern within today's gospel that tells us what true faith really is. True faith begins with a profession of belief. Peter says to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God." Although faith begins with this profession, it does not end there. True faith does not remain a concept or a statement. The profession of faith initiates a process of transformation in our lives, a transformation brought about by Jesus. Peter first names Jesus, "You are the Christ," and then Jesus names Peter, "You are rock." His new name marks Jesus' intention to make Peter a new man. This transformation in Peter does not happen at once. In fact, it takes a good deal of time. Even after Peter receives his new name, he still is rebuked because he misunderstands the cross; he fumbles at the Last Supper, refusing to let Jesus wash his feet; and he denies Jesus three times during the passion. Peter's new name is a promise of Jesus' commitment to him. Jesus is determined to make that name stick. So in time, Peter does become the rock on which the Church is built.

You and I profess Jesus as our Lord, but that profession is not the fullness of our faith. Once we name Jesus, then he names us. If we allow it, our new name is his promise to change us. Jesus can remove the anger and the depression that we feel because of a failed marriage or a passing of someone we love. Jesus can instill in us a passion for justice that shakes our convictions, privileges, and self-interest. Jesus can grant us a tenderness that allows us to replace judgment with patience, and pettiness with generosity. Jesus can give us the freedom to leave all that enslaves us behind.

What name does Jesus give you? Compassion? Courage? Service? Acceptance? Forgiveness? I know that these are not the person that you are today and perhaps they are not the person that you ever thought you could be. If you name Jesus, he will name you. If you profess him as your Lord, he will give you a new identity and he is determined that your new name stick. So, we must trust him. If Jesus could change Peter into the rock on which the Church is built, he can change us to be the disciples we need to be. Let us open our hearts, and let him in.

Fr. Joseph

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

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 not attending Catholic 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.

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!
Sign-up sheets available in the church foyer.



Join us for our Centennial Parish Picnic

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SUNDAY, SEP 3rd
AT 6 PM

Bring your best "go-to" dessert to share with us!
The best entry will win a prize!

Join the fun!

Please RSVP and/or volunteer to help on the signup sheets in the foyer!



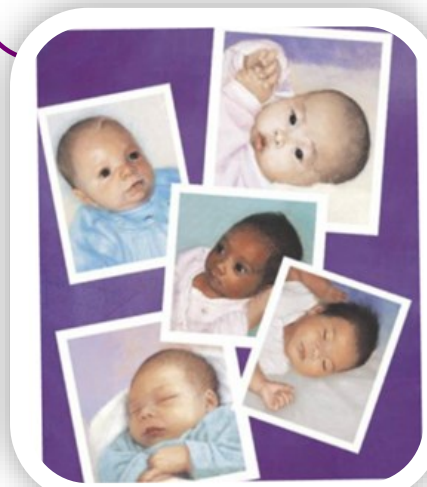
PARISH SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Happy Birthday, Spiritually Adopted Baby!

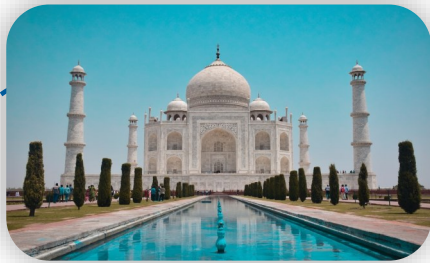
Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month – nine months after her mother conceived her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life-support system of the baby. She is no different now than she was before birth except that she breathes and eats differently. She is truly a miracle! She began as a 46-chromosome cell and has grown over the past nine months into this unique human baby we now can see. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is exactly like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved her life. Thank you on behalf of all of the little babies and their parents for your loving prayers that helped to bring them to birth "so that they might have life to the full".

ST. ANTHONY'S SPIRITUAL ADOPTION BIRTHDAY PARTY THU, SEP 9th, AT 9:30 AM

The nine-month parish spiritual adoption program is concluding. All are welcome to the "birthday" party after the Thursday morning Mass on Saturday, September 9th. Come for fellowship. Donations are welcome to the North Shore Pro-Life Society (NSPL),



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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 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.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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.