

St. Anthony's Parish



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2023

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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

PARISH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

SAT—SEP 30TH

9:30 AM

EMHG Meeting CANCELLED

SUN—OCT 1ST

1:00 PM

PET BLESSING

MON — SAT

8:15 am — 8:30 am

Morning prayers

MON

10:00 am

Catholic Faith in Plain

TUE

7:00 pm

Christian Meditation

WED

4:00 pm

Marian Movement Cenacle

WED

6:00 PM

PREP

THU

1:00 pm

Craft Group

THU

7:00 pm

RCIA

THU

7:00 pm

Alpha

FRI

9:30 am—4:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FRI

3:00 pm

Divine Mercy

3RD SAT

9:30 am

St. Philomena Prayer Group

3RD SAT

6:30 pm

Charismatic Prayer Group

**PROJECT
ADVANCE
2023**

ONLINE GIVING OFFERTORY

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THE QR-CODE



WE ARE HIRING!

St. Anthony's Parish has a part time job opening for an experienced bookkeeper.

Please contact the parish office for more details.

News in and around the Parish

THE ALPHA COURSE

Alpha

ALPHA AT ST. ANTHONY'S

Alpha at St Anthony's is starting on

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5
AT 7 PM!**

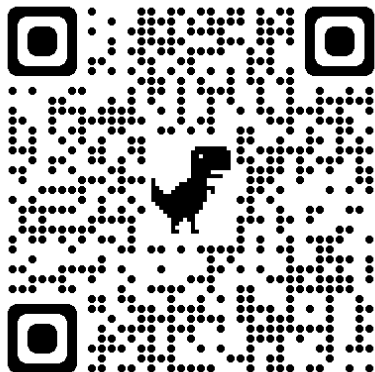
It is not too late to sign up or invite someone to come! Go to (parish website [link](#)) or email

stanthonywvalpha@gmail.com.

Come enjoy a great meal and explore life, faith and God in a relaxed and fun environment!

**Join us and make new friends at the parish!
Bring a friend!**

Click on the QR code below to watch a video and get inspired.



SUNDAY REFLECTION

In today's gospel parable, we know more about the two sons than we know about the father. The first son tells his father that he will not go into the vineyard, but later he changes his mind and goes. The second son says that he is on his way into the vineyard but never shows up. We are not provided any reaction from the father to his son's choices. When the first son says he will not go, we are not told whether the father was shocked, disappointed, or angry. When the father finds out that the second son never showed up, we are not told whether he felt deceived or manipulated. The only thing we know about the father is that he asked each of his sons to go into the vineyard. I think that this lack of information is intentional, because it makes the father of the parable like us.

In our relationships, we are not able to control what other people say or what they do. All we can do is as the father says, "This is what is in my heart. This is what I desire. This is what I think is important," and then let other people respond. We might find someone whom we want to be a part of our life, someone we want to treasure as a friend or a spouse. All we can do is say what is in our heart. "I like you a lot. Will you spend time with me? Will you marry me?" We might find that the response is, "That is wonderful. We can make this work." However later we discover that person is unable to follow through. We could also receive the response, "Whoa, that's too soon. I am not ready to make a commitment." We may later discover that the person returns and says, "Let's talk."

We might have a deep desire that our son or daughter lives a life of service, caring for other people. All we can do is share how we think that is important. We can say, "As you build your life, I hope that you find room to serve others, that you care for those less fortunate." We might find that our child says, "Of course, Dad. I realize that's important." and later we watch as she builds her life only for her own success and comfort. Another child might say, "Back off, Mom. I'm looking to make money. I want to be able to have whatever I need or desire." Later we may find out that he spends his time on the weekends at a soup kitchen and involves himself with groups working for a fair and just society.

We might have someone in our family or perhaps friends who we think are going through a difficult time. We want to be present and help. All we can do is express that intention: "Are things ok with you? You look sad. Is there anything I can do to help?" The person might respond, "We're close, and if anything was wrong, you would be the first to know.", but they tell us nothing. Another person might say, "There are issues, but I have to keep some things to myself." Then later they contact us and open up, and we are able to be a support to them.

We cannot control what another person says or does. We can only share what we believe, what we think is important, and then let them respond. Now, of course, many times the person will both say and do that which we think is the best. Today's parable reminds us that is not always the case. Frequently, a person will respond in a way that is lacking - either in their words or in their deeds. When that happens, the message of today's parable is that it does us no good to explode in anger or to nurture discouragement and resentment. People are free and all we can do is, as the father in the parable does...express what is in our hearts, and then place others and their responses in God's hands.

Fr. Joseph

News in and around the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 2

9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Luz Elena Sanchez*

Tuesday, October 3

9:00 am - † Angelo Branca

Wednesday, October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

9:00 am - † Ed Hauser

Thursday, October 5

St. Faustina

9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Michael Molnar*

Friday, October 6

9:00 am - † Gina Charles

6:30 pm - † Maureen Savage

Saturday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 am - *Pro-life Intentions*

4:30 pm - † Luke Armstrong

Sunday, October 8

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8:30 am - † John Moser

10:30 - Parishioners



PARISH ROSARY IN OCTOBER

Our Lady is constantly asking us to pray the rosary every day for the peace in the world. We invite you to join fellow parishioners in praying the rosary every day after the masses during the month of October.



THE TWELFTH ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER

The Archbishop's Dinner has become a way for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver to gather and to hear updates from our Archbishop on the activities of the past year and where we are headed in the next. Your support of the twelfth annual dinner will provide funding to the Caring for Our Clergy Fund, St. Joseph's Society, and for furnishing a new convent for the Sisters.

**On Thursday, November 9,
6:00 p.m. at Hyatt Regency in
Vancouver.**

Sponsorship opportunities
are also available!

Learn more and register at
rcav.org/dinner2023.



SECOND SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Second Special
Collection,

**Sunday, October 1st
for Healing and Reconciliation.**

This special collection was
originally scheduled last
September 10th; but since the
parish already had a collection
on that date, it was moved to
October 1st.

C.C.O TRUST SERIES

Would you like to say yes to Jesus?

Then CCO is for you!

This program was designed to
present the Gospel clearly and
simply, providing an opportunity to
answer Christ's invitation into a
personal relationship with Him.

The seven series will begin on

Monday October 16, 2023,

10:15 am to 11:45 am

Sign-up sheets are available in the
Vestibule.

For more information e-mail
Irene Bohjalian at ireneb@telus.net



MEN'S SHELTER DONATION

Saturday, October 7,

2:00 pm — 2:30 pm

Our next collection is on October
7th. Items should be dropped off at
St. Anthony's parking lot.

For more details, please contact
Elizabeth Holman at
reholman@telus.net



News in and around the Parish

ONE HOUR OF YOUR TIME COULD SAVE A LIFE!

JOIN US
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023
2:00 – 3:00 pm

We will line Lonsdale from 23rd to 25th streets with Pro-Life Signs provided at 1:30 pm Please join us as we gather here and now in 35 other B.C. communities as thousands across Canada and the U.S.A. stand in prayerful and peaceful witness on behalf of abortion's many victims.



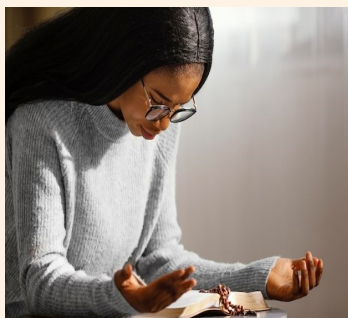
ADDICTION: FROM PORNOGRAPHY TO SEXUAL TRAFFICKING

Pornography continues to spread worse than a pandemic, infecting more consumers—men and women of all ages, and increasingly adolescents at a younger age. To meet consumer demands, pornography moves into extreme forms, which in turn, leads to sexual trafficking.

This talk by Father David Bellusci, OP, addresses not only changing bad habits but also how pornographic consumers contribute to the sexual trafficking industry. On **Thursday, October 12, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver**. No registration required. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.



MILES CHRISTI SILENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS



The priests of Miles Christi will be in Canada to offer the Spiritual Exercises at Westminster Abbey in Mission, BC. **Young adults age 19-30** are invited to the silent retreat on the weekend of **October 13-15**.

The retreat involves conferences and meditations necessary to make the Spiritual Exercises. There will be daily Mass, Rosary, Adoration, as well as times for one-on-one spiritual direction and Confession.

Cost is \$230, which includes a single room, private bathroom, and all meals (Friday dinner to Sunday lunch). Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.



Little Flower Academy

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY is hosting their Annual **OPEN HOUSE** on **Wednesday, October 11th at 6:00pm** and is accepting applications from prospective Grade Eight candidates for the 2024-2025 school year. All students wishing to apply must sit the **ENTRANCE EXAM** on **Saturday, December 2, 2023**. For more information and online application, please visit our website (www.lfabc.org) or contact **Kathi Wilson, Registrar** at wilsonk@lfabc.org or 604-738-9016 ext. 114.

PET BLESSING

Bring your pets to our Pet Blessing in honour of St. Francis of Assisi and his love of animals.

Please ensure your pet is on a leash or in a cage. The blessing takes place outside on the Church lawn on

Sunday, Oct. 1st at 1:00 PM

Being the Centennial Year, we are aiming for 100 pets. Invite your pet-owning friends and neighbours to this community event!

Blessing of the animals

Sunday at 1:00 pm
Bring your pets!



RETRouvaille WEEKEND

Need marriage help? Retrouvaille, pronounced "retroo-vye," meaning "rediscovery", is a marriage program endorsed by Pope Francis that has helped hundreds of BC couples recover from all kinds of marriage trouble— from simple discontent to serious crises. Why live in misery? Repair and rekindle your relationship!

The program consists of one weekend retreat on **Oct. 13-15** and six Sunday afternoon follow-up sessions, which can be attended remotely.

To register, please contact Retrouvaille Vancouver at

[604-530-6710](tel:604-530-6710) or vancouverbc@helpourmarriage.org, or visit helpmy marriage.ca

