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MASS SCHEDULES

SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am

WEEKDAYS:

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 am

1st Friday: 6:30 pm

CONFESSIONS:

Monday - Saturday: 8:30 - 8:50 am

Saturday: 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

ADORATION:

Friday: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

1st Friday of the month

9:30 am - 4:00 pm &

7:00 pm to Saturday 8:00 am

Sign-up sheets located in vestibule

BENEDICTION:

Friday: 4:00 pm

1st Friday : 4:00 pm and the following morning at 8:00 am

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3rd Sunday Ordinary Time January 21, 2024

3RD SUNDAY REFLECTION

Today is the only time in the three-year Sunday lectionary cycle that we have a reading from the Book of Jonah. That is a shame because this book has a deep and relevant message for our lives. Some of you know that Jonah was the prophet who was swallowed by a whale. But that is not what the Book of Jonah is about. The Book of Jonah is about a disagreement, a standoff, between Jonah and God. The standoff concerns the Assyrians.

The Assyrians were a people of the ancient world hated by all. They ruled a cruel empire and conquered many nations, treating them violently. Jonah certainly hated the Assyrians. He wanted them to be destroyed. He wanted them to suffer for their crimes. But here is where the disagreement of the Book of Jonah emerges. God did not want the Assyrians to be destroyed. God wanted them to change. This is why God sent Jonah to the Assyrians to preach, so that they would repent and become righteous people. Now Jonah did not want to obey God's command. The last thing he wanted was for the Assyrians to repent and thereby receive God's love and mercy. But God insists. In today's first reading, Jonah arrives at Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian empire, and preaches. The entire city repents and is saved. This makes Jonah furious. He erupts in anger. He tells God he no longer will serve as his prophet, and he asks God to end his life.

Now the story of the Book of Jonah is told in a fanciful and extreme way, but its relevance to our lives is clear. There are times when you and I, like Jonah, find ourselves in a standoff with God about who deserves God's love and mercy.

You see, as we live our lives, we take sides. God does not. We consider people who agree with us to be intelligent and worthy of respect and those who disagree with us to be ignorant and to be ignored. But God does not ignore anyone. God loves everyone as a son or daughter. We believe that when someone does something wrong, they should be punished. But the Book of Jonah tells us that God is not looking for punishment. God is looking for an opportunity to show mercy. So, we can find ourselves at a standoff with God because God is opposed to every expression of partisan thinking. God is against every example of glorified nationalism. God rejects every call for violent retribution. These are ways of thinking into which you and I can be tempted to fall.

But here is the good news of the Book of Jonah. Even if we do fall into partisan and vengeful thinking, God does not reject us. Throughout the whole Jonah story, Jonah remains a nationalistic bigot, but God does not walk away from Jonah. God continues to guide Jonah, to talk to Jonah, and to care for Jonah. God will do the same for us. Even if we are unable to forgive, even if we are unwilling to consider another point of view, even if we are overcome with anger against our enemy, God does not give up on us. God keeps patiently calling for us to change.

Of course, in fact, there can be no standoff between God and us. Both the Bible and our faith tradition tell us that God is always right, and we must accept God's point of view. But God gives us time to reach that understanding. And until we attain God's perspective, God continues to walk by our side, loving us as daughters and sons.

Fr. Joseph

News in and around the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 22nd -to- 28th, 2024

Monday, January 22

St. Vincent

9:00 am - Sp. Int. Hanan Haddad and Family

Tuesday, January 23

9:00 am - Sp. Int. of Hanan Haddad

Wednesday, January 24

St. Francis de Sales

9:00 am - † Maria and Zygmunt Radziminski

Thursday, January 25

Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

9:00 am - † Pierre LaSalle

Friday, January 26

Sts. Timothy and Titus

9:00 am - † Lindsay Emma Bailey

Saturday, January 27

St. Angela Merici

9:00 am - † Matthew Stone

4:30 pm - Sp. Int. of Noel Murphy

Sunday, January 28

8:30 am - Parishioners

10:30 am - † Debra Rovinelli

PRO-LIFE MASS & PRAYER VIGIL

Pro-life Mass & Prayer Vigil

To defend and promote life, to show reverence and love for it, is a task which God entrusts to every man, calling him as his living image to share in his lordship over the world. (Evangelium Vitae #42)

February to August 2024 Mass Schedule

All Masses at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise stated

Feb. 3 Blessed Sacrament Parish
3040 Heather Street, Vancouver

Mar. 2 Guardian Angels Parish
1161 Broughton Street, Vancouver

Apr. 6 Holy Trinity Parish
2725 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver

May 4 St. Mary's Parish (Vancouver)
5251 Joyce Street, Vancouver

June 1 St. Bernadette's Parish
6543 132 Street, Surrey

July 6 St. Clare of Assisi Parish
2888 Delahaye Drive, Coquitlam

Aug. 3 St. Joseph's Parish (Mission)
32550 7th Avenue, Mission

One of the fundamental answers to abortion is prayer.

Please join your voice with ours as we pray on the first Saturday of each month at a different parish for a new culture of life.

For more information: 604-683-0281



Join us for a monthly Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil to pray for respect of all human life, from conception to its natural end.

Hosted by the
Archdiocese of Vancouver

DURATION: February to August

WHEN: 1st Saturday of each month

TIME: 9:00 am (8:30 am in April)

It begins with Mass, followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital.

All are welcome!

The first schedule of
Mass & Prayer Vigil is on

DATE: Saturday, February 3

TIME: 9:00 am

LOCATION: Blessed Sacrament
Parish in Vancouver

Learn more at

beholdvancouver.org/events

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VOCATION LIVE-IN



There will be a Vocation Live-In for anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years on the weekend of

DATE: February 10-11, 2024

WHERE: Seminary of Christ the King
Mission, BC.

For more information contact:

Phone (604) 826-8975

Email: rector.minors@sck.ca

THE CATHOLIC PARENT AVAILABLE ON FORMED

Be inspired by other parents trying to form their kids well in the faith amid the messiness of life.

This new six-part series on FORMED comes with a free downloadable participant guide with discussion questions to spark conversation with your spouse or parish small group.

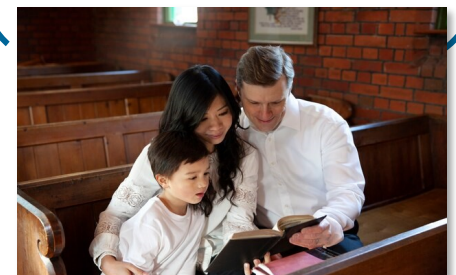


WATCH EPISODE 1

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"Going to Mass with our children is like playing Whack-A-Mole..."

Laugh, cry, and learn with the families featured in episode one about our Sunday Mass obligation and why it's so important... even if it feels like a game of Whack-A-Mole!



PARISH OFFICE CORNER

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have not received it, it is available for you in the vestibule.

Unable to find your envelope or you no longer need them, please

CONTACT PARISH OFFICE

TAX RECEIPTS 2023

Parish and Project Advance donation tax receipts is in process. We will provide you with updates and details on the upcoming bulletin.

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please contact the parish office



Catholic Faith in Plain English

Learn about the rich teachings and practices of our Catholic faith from Fr. Vincent Hawkswell and Maureen Creelman in their course "The Catholic Faith in Plain English". This free, 36-week course will be offered both in person Catholic faith sessions weekly.

Catholics & non-Catholics are Welcome

TIME: 10 am - 12 pm

WHEN: Monday, January 22, 2024

WHERE: Saint Anthony's Parish Hall

SESSION 19: Mass: Sacrament and Sacrifice

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

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NORTH SHORE PRO-LIFE SOCIETY

North Shore Pro-life Society invites you to attend our free Annual General Meeting :

DATE: Sunday, February 4, 2024

TIME: following 2:30 pm mass

WHERE: Holy Trinity Parish Hall, North Vancouver, BC

GUEST SPKR: Angelina Ireland, *President* Delta Hospice Society

TOPIC: Protect Each Other from MAiD

For more info or to reserve your spot:

Email: northshoreprolife@gmail.com or

Phone: (604) 980-7189

OPUS DEI EVENING RECOLLECTION FOR LADIES

A recollection is a "mini-retreat," a few hours of quiet prayer when we look at our lives in God's presence.

WHEN: Monday, January 22, 2024

WHERE: St. Anthony's Parish West Vancouver

SCHEDULE:

7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8:00 pm Talk on "The Virtue of Prudence"

8:45 pm: Solemn Benediction

All ladies are welcome to attend

For more information contact:

Jessica Choo

jessicachoo@icloud.com

CWL CORNER

A BEGINNING OF ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR

Annual Membership Fees are due and can be paid (cash or cheque):

DEADLINE: Last week of February

FEES: \$45 or \$60⁺⁺

⁺⁺includes Domestic Abuse Services (DAS) membership.

General Meeting of CWL will be on:

DATE: Tuesday, January 23

TIME: following 6:30 pm mass

New Members Welcome

CWL Diocesan Priest & Deacon Appreciation Dinner

WHEN: Monday, February 12, 2024

WHERE: Italian Cultural Centre

COST: \$55 per person

CONTACT: Dorell Carlson
(604)754-4722 | dorell@telus.net

The CWL Annual Weekend Retreat is coming.

WHEN: March 15-17, 2024

WHERE: Westminster Abbey, Mission, BC

COST: \$190 per person

RT LEADER: Dcn. Tony & Wendy Gray

CONTACT: Pat Battensby
604 926 4291 pwbatts@shaw.ca

For general inquiries or would like to join CWL, email us at: saintanthonyscwl@gmail.com

Alpha at St. Anthony's Come and See

Join us for Alpha at St. Anthony's for 12 weeks commencing:

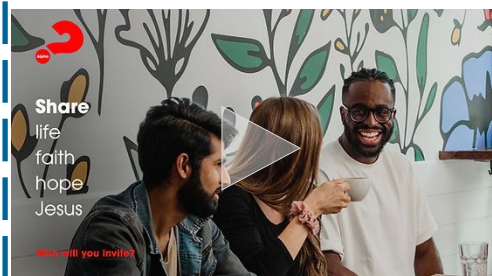
TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

DATE: February 22, 2024

Registration now open.

Alpha provides a space to ask all your questions about life, faith, and meaning in a friendly environment. Each Alpha session includes a short video, time to connect over a meal, and plenty of time to explore and discuss.

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



REGISTER ONLINE

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For more information, email: stanthonywvalpha@gmail.com

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH LOGO CENTENNIAL CONTEST

Do you feel inspired to create a logo for our wonderful Parish? The chosen logo will be displayed as part of our new website, letterhead, envelopes, bulletins, and social media.

All designs and ideas welcome!

Prizes for first place and runner up.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

January 31, 2024

For more information and to submit your design, send an email to the Centennial Committee via:

saintanthony.wvan@gmail.com

News in and around the Parish

PARISH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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| MON, JAN 22 | 7:00 PM—9:00 PM | OPUS DEI EVENING RECOLLECTION FOR LADIES |
| TUE, JAN 23 | 6:30 PM | CWL MASS & GENERAL MEETING |
| MON — SAT | 8:15 AM — 8:30 AM | MORNING PRAYERS |
| MON | 10:00 AM | CATHOLIC FAITH IN PLAIN ENGLISH—SESSION 19 |
| 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 | ALPHA SERIES (STARTS FEBRUARY 22, 2024) |
| THU | 7:15 PM | RCIA |
| FRI | 9:30 AM—4:00 PM | ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT |
| FRI | 3:00 PM | DIVINE MERCY |

COUPLES WEEKEND GETAWAY

We are excited to partner with [Family Life Canada](#) to offer weekend getaways to married couples in the Archdiocese of Vancouver!

The Weekend Getaway is a marriage conference uniquely designed to enrich your relationship. For most couples, it's a chance to reconnect, re-establish the foundation, and rekindle romance. For others, it's a fresh start. For some, it will be the weekend that saves a marriage.

Wherever you're at in your relationship, this retreat will be a weekend to remember.

The atmosphere will be relaxed, warm and fun! You'll hear from real couples doing real life together ... God's way. You'll be given time to process what you're learning. And together, build a joyful marriage that lasts a lifetime.

The next getaway is on the weekend of:

DATE: February 16—18, 2024

WHERE: Fairmont Empress, Victoria, BC.

CONFERENCE PRICE: \$199

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Accommodations are not included and should be booked separately.

We have a **SPECIAL** room rate for conference participants at the Fairmont Empress Victoria at a price from \$209/night before January 26th. Rates may vary thereafter.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

For more information contact: Joyce 604-683-0281 ext. 223 or visit beholdvancouver.org/events



2024 CATHOLIC EDUCATORS' CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024 VANCOUVER TRADE & CONVENTION CENTRE
 ✉️ CEREGISTRATION@CISVA.BC.CA for conference inquiries

Be a part of something truly special and grand. Register as a vendor at our **2024 Catholic Educators' Conference.**

Here's four reasons why you won't want to miss this opportunity:

1. EXPOSURE

With our conference set to attract a large crowd of over 1500 attendees, your brand will gain maximum exposure.

2. NETWORKING

Connect with our 46 schools, potential clients, and fellow vendors to establish valuable business connections.

3. PROMOTION

Benefit from our extensive marketing efforts that will promote your presence before, during and after the event.

4. INNOVATION

Showcase your latest products and innovations to a captivated audience.

