

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH WEST VANCOUVER



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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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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PARISH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

MON — SAT	8:15 AM — 8:30 AM	MORNING PRAYERS
MON	10:00 AM	CATHOLIC FAITH IN PLAIN ENGLISH—SESSION 24
TUE, FEB 27	6:30 PM	CWL MASS & GENERAL MEETING
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
THU	7:15 PM	RCIA
FRI, MAR 1	6:30 PM	FIRST FRIDAY EVENING MASS
FRI	9:30 AM—4:00 PM	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRI	3:00 PM	DIVINE MERCY

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, March 1, 2024

All Night Adoration and Prayer Vigil
 after 6:30pm Mass and
 Stations of the Cross.

Friday, 7:30 pm until Sat, 8:00 am.

ALL ARE CALLED AND WELCOME!



Remembering the words of Jesus

*"Could you not keep watch with Me for one hour? Keep watching and praying
 that you do not enter into temptation: the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak"*

Matthew 26:40. 41

Sign-up sheet in the parish vestibule

News in and around the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 26 TO MARCH 3, 2024

Monday, February 26

9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Kate Braunsten*

Tuesday, February 27

9:00 am - † Beatriz Burton

Wednesday, February 28

9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Chris Charles*

Thursday, February 29

9:00 am - † Ian Arbuckle

Friday, March 1

9:00 am - † Gina Charles

6:30 pm - † Consuelo and Lilia Tiu

Saturday, March 2

9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Doug and Mimi Tang*

4:30 pm - Parishioners

Sunday, March 3

3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30 am - † Brian Vernon

10:30 am - † Diana Hoefler



Choose Life

Evening Zoom Rosary: Nightly at 8:00 pm until Sunday, March 24, 2024.

Register on Behold Vancouver 40 Days For Life Nightly Rosary

Mid-way Rally:

Sunday, March 3 at **2:00 pm**

Location: Willow St and 32nd Ave (outside of St. Joseph Residence)

Closing Rally : Sunday, March 24 at 7:00 pm (Details TBA)

Location: Willow St and 32nd Ave (outside of St. Joseph Residence)

DAY: Every Thursday

TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

LENGTH: 11 weeks

COST: **FREE**

Alpha provides a space to ask all your questions about life, faith, and meaning in a friendly environment.

Registration is EASY:

Through one of the **ALPHA Sign-up Sheets** available at the church or office or **ONLINE**.

SIGN-UP ONLINE

SCAN with mobile phone or CLICK the QR-CODE



For more information, email: stanthonywvalpha@gmail.com

The Alpha Course

Alpha

Got Questions?

Is there more to life than this?

Does God exist?

What happens next?

Join the adventure

Alpha.org
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CWL CORNER

The CWL Annual Weekend Retreat

THEME: The Last Seven Words of Christ

WHEN: March 15 to 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



CWL MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, February 27

TIME: after the 6:30 pm mass

All are Welcome!

MEMBERSHIP

See our membership table at masses this weekend (\$45 or \$60 included Domestic Abuse services membership).

Thank you for your support!!

PRO-LIFE AND PRAYER VIGIL

Join us for a monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, it takes place on

DATE: The first Saturday of each month

TIME: 9:00 a.m. (8:30 a.m. in April)

The Mass is followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital.

All are welcome!

The next Mass and vigil takes place on March 2 at Guardian Angels Parish in Vancouver.

Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

News in and around the Parish

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

DATE: Saturday, March 9, 2024

"Lent: A Season of Abundance"

How is Lent a Season of Abundance? Join the parish family for a morning of reflection led by

Sister Maria Serra Garcia, FSE
and

Sister John Frances LaFever, FSE

The Mission will commence with Mass at 9:00 am, followed by a reflection, and will conclude with a luncheon in the parish hall.

Please **RSVP** to the parish office or email parish.saww@rcav.org



MEN'S SHELTER DONATIONS

In addition to hot meals, cookies, squares, muffins, bananas and oranges, sandwiches etc needed. Home made baking would be a real treat and store bought would also be welcome. Delivery at the church parking lot

DATE: Saturday, March 2nd

TIME 1:00 to 1:30 pm

For more information please contact Nan at nanthomas@shaw.ca

CATHOLIC FAITH IN PLAIN ENGLISH

Catholic Faith sessions meet weekly in the church hall.

Catholics & non-Catholics are welcome!

Join us for a few sessions.

TIME: 10 am - 12 pm

WHEN: Monday, February 19, 2024

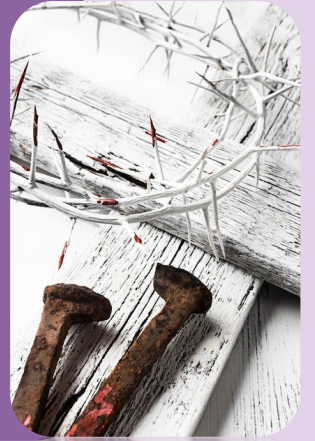
WHERE: Saint Anthony's Parish Hall

SESSION 24: THE FIRST THREE COMMANDMENTS

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

6:30 PM Mass

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross



FUNERALS AT ST. ANTHONY'S

It's with great sadness that we inform you of the funeral of:

ANDREA BOMBELLI

FUNERAL MASS HELD ON
Saturday, February 10, 2024

&

LUCINA BATTISTON

FUNERAL MASS HELD ON
Saturday, February 16, 2024

Our deepest condolences and prayers for the family.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS THIS LENT

Prayer for Seminarians

Father, thank You for the generosity of our seminarians. Safeguard them as they prepare for the priesthood. Keep all evil far from them, so they may become strong Christian men who are faithful to prayer, diligent in their studies, open to spiritual direction, and docile to all aspects of seminary formation. Above all, enflame their hearts with love so they will be ardent and gentle shepherds for Your Church. We make this prayer through the great High Priest, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Thank You

Luke 15 House says

"Thank you"

to all St. Anthony's parishioners who so generously gave mugs, cutlery, bowls, etc for the men who live at Luke 15.

Blessings to all!

Donations are no longer accepted.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH LENTEN MISSION

DATE: Tuesday, February 27

TIME: 7:00 pm

WHERE: Christ the Redeemer Parish
(599 Keith Road, West Vancouver)

**"Who are You,
Lord Jesus Christ,
and Who Am I?"**

From Loneliness to Openness of Heart

Led by **Fr. Jan Kunes**

a dynamic and powerful speaker, entitled "Who is this God we talk about, and why do we pray? How might we open our hearts to God so as to better hear his voice? We'll hear Fr. Jan speak and have time for discussion in small table groups. This event is suitable for everyone from teenagers to adults.

All are welcome!

News in and around the Parish

PARISH OFFICE CORNER

TAX RECEIPTS 2023

Parish and Project Advance donation tax receipts are now available for pick-up in the vestibule.



SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please be aware that envelope numbers change every year. Do not use expired or left over envelopes from previous year.



The annual **St. Anthony's Parish Financial Statement** is now available in the office.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

St. Anthony's Christian Meditation group will meet in the church on the **following days and time:**

DATE: February 27-to- March 26

DAY: every Tuesday

TIME: 7:00 pm

WHERE: St Anthony's Church

ST. ANTHONY'S 100 YEAR PHOTO DIRECTORY

We have one more day of photo session for our Parish Photo Directory. We strongly encourage everyone's participation so that our Centennial Year Photo Directory becomes not only a useful resource, but also a special memory of our parish family at the time of St. Anthony's 100th anniversary.

Everyone who booked a photo session will receive a copy of the directory.

THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL PHOTOS.

DATE: Saturday, February 24, 2024

TIME: 11:00 am — 1:00 pm

WHERE: Parish Hall

SUNDAY REFLECTION

The transfiguration of Jesus was a revelation to the disciples and to us. But what did it reveal? As Jesus stood in glory between Moses and Elijah, the disciples saw things they had never seen before. But what did they see? The most frequent answer to this question is that they saw Jesus' heavenly stature, that it was revealed to them that Jesus was divine. True as this answer is, it is not precise enough. Because the words which came to the disciples from the heavenly cloud indicate that what was revealed was not so much who Jesus is, as to whom Jesus is related.



The revelation of the transfiguration does not center on Jesus' being, but on his connectedness to the Father. The words that come from the cloud are, "This is my beloved Son." What they reveal is the intimate, unbreakable bond of love that exists between Jesus and the Father. What they proclaim is that Jesus is more than a prophet, more than a teacher. Jesus is God's beloved Son. The words that come next are every bit as important: "Listen to him." Why should we listen to him? What should we listen to? We should listen to him because if Jesus is in fact God's beloved Son, then we who are baptized into Jesus are truly God's beloved daughters and sons as well.

The mystery at the heart of the gospel is that through Christ we participate in the intimate union of love that exists between the Father and the Son. This is the Good News. This is what we must hear and believe in above all else. Why is it so important to hear it, to listen to it? Because the minute we forget our status as beloved daughters and sons of God, the Good News evaporates. The minute that we begin to substitute some other identity in place of our identity as beloved children of God, the Gospel vanishes.

When we ignore our status as beloved daughters and sons and begin to see ourselves primarily as sinners, as victims, as unlovable, as flawed, as unworthy, the power of the gospel is lost to us. Do we sin? Are we flawed? Is there a real sense that we are unworthy of the tremendous love that God showers on us? Of course. But despite all of those flaws, we remain chosen and beloved children of God. It is only by claiming our true identity that we find the power to turn away from sin, the power to heal our hurts, the power to claim the dignity that God has so freely given us.

God never forgets that we are beloved daughters and sons. For all our faults and all our failings, God continues to look at us with love. This is what we must listen to. This is what we must never forget. When you become discouraged, when you find yourselves losing hope because of your faults, because of your inability to be as patient or as generous as you would like, because of your inclination to be judgmental of others, remember God loves you with the same love that God loves Jesus. When things are going wrong, when you cannot find a way out, when you are beginning to think that God is punishing you, remember God is not about punishing you. God is about loving you with a love that never ends. When you become overwhelmed with grief, with sickness, with an emptiness that will not let you go, remember: God's love for you is everlasting.

You are not one among many people. Your dreams and your needs are always before God's face. Jesus himself assures you, "You are God's favored daughter. You are God's beloved son." Listen to him.

Fr. Joseph