#### **ADMINISTRATOR:**

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PARISH DEACON: Dcn. Tony Gray ACCOUNTANT: Elizabeth Bell ADMIN ASSISTANT: Cleiser Oliveira

#### **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

#### **ONLINE GIVING OFFERTORY**

SCAN WITH MOBILE PHONE OR CLICK THE QR-CODE



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# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH

WEST VANCOUVER

**EASTER SUNDAY** 

March 31, 2024

# HE IS RISEN

#### **Dear Parishioners:**

Have you heard the news?

Christ is risen! The tomb is empty! "He has been raised; He is not here. Look, there is the place they laid Him."

Does the news hit us like a hammer-blow, as it hit the women and the apostles, or has it sunk to the level of a comforting platitude?

Christ has risen not in a mystical or metaphorical sense, but bodily, in reality and in truth. Had we been there, we could have put a finger into the nail marks in His hands and feet and a hand into the wound in His side.

Even His apostles could not believe it at first. Far from being seized by a mystical exaltation or faith-filled expectation of His Resurrection, they had been demoralized and frightened by His death. In fact, the shock had been so great that at first, they simply could not take in the fact that He was alive.

Their eventual conviction was born not from their faith or credulity, but from the direct experience of their senses: what they saw, and their hands touched, as St. John says.

Do we believe it? Unless we do, Easter has no meaning for us. If Christ did not rise, our faith is worthless, and we are still in our sins.

Conviction of Christ's Resurrection is the grace I wish you all this Easter; may God strengthen you in your faith, now and always.

Father Vince

#### ноly week schedule

#### **HOLY THURSDAY - MARCH 28**

9:00 am Office of Readings 7:00 pm Mass (followed by exposition until10 pm)

#### **GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29**

9:00 am Office of Readings 11:00 am Stations of the Cross for families 3:00 pm Good Friday Service

#### **HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 30**

9:00 am Office of Readings 10:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

#### **EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31**

Masses at 8:30 am, 10:30 am

#### confessions

Monday -to- Friday 8:30 am – 8:50 am

Holy Saturday, March 30 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

#### ATTENTION

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
GOOD FRIDAY -to- EASTER MONDAY

#### MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 28 TO APRIL 7, 2024

# Thursday, March 28 Holy Thursday

9:00 am - Office Readings 7:00 pm - *Sp. Int. of Kathy Ng* 

#### Friday, March 29

#### **Good Friday**

9:00 am - Office of Readings 11:00 am - Stations of the Cross for families 3:00 pm - Good Friday Service

#### Saturday, March 30

#### **Holy Saturday**

9:00 am - Office of Readings 10:00 pm - *Sp. Int. of Barb Phillips* 

#### Sunday, March 31

# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 am - Parishioners 10:30 am - † Debra Rovinelli

#### Monday, April 1

9:00 am - Sp. Int. of Amir Davallou

#### Tuesday, April 2

9:00 am - † Pierre LaSalle

#### Wednesday, April 3

9:00 am - † Christopher Hope

#### Thursday, April 4

9:00 am - Sp. Int. of Sister Marie McEvoy

#### Friday, April 5

9:00 am - † Anita McDermott 6:30 pm - Sp. Int. of Alexandra Sirutis and Family

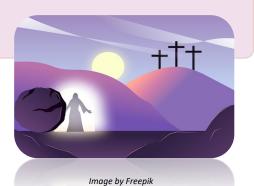
#### Saturday, April 6

9:00 am - † Gina Charles 4:30 pm - Parishioners

#### Sunday, April 7

#### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

8:30 am - † Kevan Karstunen 10:30 am - † Shirley Clur



#### PARISH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

MON — SAT	8:15 AM — 8:30 AM	MORNING PRAYERS
Mon	10:00 AM	CATHOLIC FAITH IN PLAIN ENGLISH
TUE	7:00 РМ	CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
TUE-APRIL 16TH	12:00 PM	COMMUNITY LUNCH
TUE-APRIL 23RD	6:30 PM	CWL MASS & MEETING
WED	4:00 PM	MARIAN MOVEMENT CENACLE
WED	6:00 РМ	PREP
Тни	1:00 РМ	CRAFT GROUP
THU—APRIL 4TH	7:00 РМ	ALPHA SERIES (SESSION 6)
Тни	7:15 PM	RCIA
FRI	9:30 AM-4:00 PM	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRI	3:00 РМ	DIVINE MERCY
SAT-APRIL 13TH	4:30 РМ	Youth mass
SAT-APRIL 27TH	5:30 РМ	RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR NOEL MURPHY
SUN-APRIL 7TH	3:00 PM	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

# CATHOLIC FAITH IN PLAIN ENGLISH

Catholic Faith sessions every

MONDAY AT 10 AM - 12 PM

in the parish hall.

Catholics & non-Catholics are welcome to join us even for a few sessions.

**SESSION 29: APR 1, 2024** 

#### **VIRTUE**

#### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

#### April 7, 2024 at 3:00 pm

- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Rosary
- Benediction with Deacon Tony

#### All welcome!



# INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA TOUR

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

St Anthony's will be hosting the statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

More details to follow.

The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is recognized as the primary way in which the message of Fatima spread throughout the world and continues today. Sculpted by Jose Thedim, the "Michelangelo of Portugal," the statue has been traveling internationally since 1947.

Join us in welcoming the statue in our Archdiocese and participating in the veneration. This is a unique chance to deepen our faith and connect with the message of Fatima.



# BABY SHOWER FOR CLEISER

WHEN: APRIL 7, 2024 TIME: 1:30PM WHERE: PARISH HALL

Please RSVP to Gloria by email glorialowe@telus.net or at the Parish Office not later than April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you wish to give a gift, cash or Amazon gift cards are appreciated.



#### **YOUTH MASS**

Youth Mass (4:30 pm) starting April 13<sup>th</sup> (every second Saturday of the month)

# 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, APRIL 6TH TIME 1:00 TO 1:30 PM

For more information please contact

Nan at nanthomas@shaw.ca



#### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION CORNER



#### **SAVE THE DATES!**

JUNE 13, 2024 ST. ANTHONY'S FEAST DAY MASS AT 6:00 PM followed by potluck dinner

#### JUNE 15, 2024 CENTENNIAL MASS AT 4:00 PM

followed by celebration dinner More details to follow!

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#### SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

Rescue Live! is for anyone, who has been part of the Church and is seeking to experience the Gospel in a more impactful and meaningful way. It's for those who want to feel the warmth of God's love anew and understand His teachings on a deeper level.

To learn more, contact Elizabeth at <a href="mailto:reholman@telus.net">reholman@telus.net</a> or online:

rescuelivevancouver.ca

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

All Night Adoration and Prayer Vigil after 6:30pm Mass 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



# The Alpha Course

Alpha

**DAY**: Thursday, April 4 (NO ALPHA ON MARCH 28)

**TIME**: 6:45 pm - 8:30 pm

Session 6 of 11

**COST: FREE** 

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

SIGN-UP ONLINE SCAN with mobile phone or CLICK the OR-CODE



Registration is EASY:

**ALPHA Sign-up Sheets** available at the Parish Office or **ONLINE**.

For more information, email: stanthonywvalpha@gmail.com

# NORTH SHORE PRO-LIFE SOCIETY

Dear Members and Friends

The Archdiocesan monthly Pro-life Mass will take place on April 6 at Holy Trinity Parish, 2725 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver, BC at 8:30 am. Father Larry Lynn, Pro-life Chaplain will be celebrating the Mass.

This is a wonderful opportunity for those living on the North Shore, and all others, to witness to the value of human life from conception to its natural end.

There will also be an opportunity to meet and discuss North Shore Pro-life activities with Board members who will be hosting refreshments in the Church Hall after Mass.

Please join your voice with ours as we pray for a new culture of life.

I hope to see you there.

Patricia Gares NSPL Board member

# 9TH ANNUAL GALA REDEMPTORIS MATER SEMINARY OF VANCOUVER

Join us for a wonderful evening in the company of seminarians and friends! The gala will help raise funds necessary to continue the mission of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Vancouver. On Friday, May 10, 6:00 p.m. at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver. Cost is \$130. Included in the ticket is your entry, door prize, access to the silent auction, and a buffet dinner.

Early Bird Discount: Save until Monday, April 1! Use codes GALADINNER for an individual ticket or GALADINNERTABLE for a table of 10. Learn more and buy tickets via beholdvancouver.org/events.





#### HARVEST PROJECT

MAKE YOUR DONATIONS NO LATER THAN APRIL 5th, 2024

To make a financial donation to Harvest Project, scan QR-Code to take you to our Charitable Impact campaign page.

Tax receipt issued for donations over \$20.

www.HarvestProject.org / Charity Registration Number: 140525205RR0001



# A COMPASSIONATE APPROACH TO INFERTILITY

Navigate infertility with practical resources and faith filled support through this two-part webinar series:

Session 1: The Suffering of Infertility
Sister John Mary Sullivan, FSE, will speak
on some of the deeper questions that may
arise from the cross of infertility: Why is
this happening to us? How are we a family
without children? How can this not affect
our marriage? Dr. Jonathan Yang, MD,
CCFP, will give an informational
presentation on: "What is normal, and
when should I reach out for help?"

Session 2: Is There Hope? Deacon Martin and Lora Cayer will share their testimony with a focus on how their relationship and faith has been affected by the long-term cross of infertility. Dr. Paul Yong, MD, PhD, FRCSC and Theresa Yong will give an informational presentation and share their personal experiences with treatments for infertility.

On April 10 & 17, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Learn more and register at <u>beholdvancouver.org/events.</u>



# STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." -Colossians 3:22

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing, "Alleluia!" Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

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#### **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

#### TUE, APR 16TH at noon

Join us on for our next community lunch. Invite friends and neighbours along and join fellow parishioners for a delicious lunch. RSVP to the parish office.



#### **PARISH OFFICE CORNER**

- Join us after 4:30 pm mass on April 27th for the Retirement Celebration of Noel Murphy.
- There will be no after mass coffee this Easter Sunday.

# GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND

Political and economic instability, poverty, and discrimination make it difficult to live in the lands where Christ once walked.

On Good Friday, March 29, there will be a special collection to support the Church of the Holy Land. Your tax-deductible gift will enable many social, educational, and parish renewal projects, and permit a measure of peace for Christians who depend on your support more than ever.

Donations can be made in person

**DONATIONS** 

at the parish or online.



#### March 26, 2024

#### Archbishop Miller's Easter Message 2024

From time immemorial, people have asked whether there really is life after death and, if so, what kind of life it would be. Some have suggested that life simply ends in nothingness. For them, the world is just a war-torn and violent waiting room where death has the last word.

We Christians, on the other hand, today shout "Alleluia" because Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead. His Resurrection is neither a myth nor a dream. It wasn't a vision. Nor is it a fairy tale. It is a singular and unrepeatable event in the history of the cosmos.

At Easter we celebrate that He conquered sin and death, opening us to a future of hope. Thanks to Him, evil has been robbed of its power; failure can no longer hold us back from starting anew; and death has become a passage to eternal life.

This Easter the Church invites us to relive the thrilling experience of the disciples who encountered Jesus as a living Person. Today we too can encounter Him.

He might be right there before us: in a troubled son or daughter; a difficult spouse or family situation; a neglected person clamouring for our attention. He is waiting to be encountered as Risen Lord, but He wears many disguises. He is found in the poor, the sick, the trafficked, the addicted, the imprisoned, the abandoned, the homeless, and the marginalized in our midst.

As Bishop Robert Barron has written: "It all comes down finally to this: if Jesus was not raised from death, Christianity is a joke. But if he did rise from death, then Christianity is the fullness of God's revelation, and Jesus must be the absolute center of our lives. There is no third option."

If you sincerely seek the Lord, rest assured that you will find Him. Indeed, He will come to find you, to meet you. Calling you by name, He will take you into the intimacy of His love and ask you, in return, to share your experience with others.

J. Michael Miller, CSB Archbishop of Vancouver