

February 11, 2018 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Gospel: Mark 1:40-45 A man with leprosy came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

Vangelo di Oggi: Marco 1,40-45 *In quel tempo, venne da Gesù un lebbroso, che lo supplicava in ginocchio e gli diceva: «Se vuoi, puoi purificarmi!». Ne ebbe compassione, tese la mano, lo toccò e gli disse: «Lo voglio, sii purificato!». E subito la lebbra scomparve da lui ed egli fu purificato. E, ammonendolo severamente, lo cacciò via subito e gli disse: «Guarda di non dire niente a nessuno; va', invece, a mostrarti al sacerdote e offri per la tua purificazione quello che Mosè ha prescritto, come testimonianza per loro». Ma quello si allontanò e si mise a proclamare e a divulgare il fatto, tanto che Gesù non poteva più entrare pubblicamente in una città, ma rimaneva fuori, in luoghi deserti; e venivano a lui da ogni parte.*



Take a Stand for Life From February 14 to March 25, you are invited to take part in *40 Days for Life* ... a ground breaking, coordinated international mobilization to witness to the sanctity of life and pray for an end to abortion. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond. We also pray for the men and women who carry the pain of a past abortion experience and for the workers in abortion facilities. Drop by the *40 Days* location at West 32nd Ave and Willow Street (new location). If you are not able to go there, pray at church, pray at work, pray in the car, pray at home with your family.

Fiat: Women's Discernment Weekend Retreat Fiat activities are open to single Catholic women ages 18-35 who are open to discerning God's call in life. Following the example of Mary, who gave her fiat to be both virgin and mother, we desire to hear and follow God's call to holiness through discernment of his will for our life and vocation. Join us for a weekend retreat March 2-4 at Westminster Abbey, Mission. To register, visit rcav.org/event/fiat-womensretreat



"I do choose [to heal you]. Be made clean."

Moved by compassion, Jesus confronted leprosy, blindness, congenital lameness. Even death was compelled to respond to Jesus' power. Though Jesus' compassion was exceptional, and his healing in much demand, the physical well-being of people doesn't seem to be Jesus' primary concern. Jesus was compelled to keep moving to other towns to preach the Good News. This indicates that there is a greater tragedy than physical sickness; the tragedy of a spiritually sick soul, estranged from God.

Mass and Anointing of the Sick Archbishop Miller, CSB, will be celebrating a Mass of Anointing in honour of World Day of the Sick on Tuesday, Feb 13, at 11 am at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Vancouver. The sacrament of anointing will be administered after the homily. All sick and their caregivers are invited to attend. Following Mass, simple refreshments will be offered in the parish hall. Plenty of parking available. <https://www.chabc.bc.ca/world-day-of-the-sick-february-13-2018>



Forty Hour Devotion We will be holding our annual observance of the Forty Hours Devotion from Tuesday, Feb 27 to Thursday, Mar 1. Take this opportunity to spend some quiet time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up sheets are available in the foyer. We'd like to sure that one or preferably two people will be in the church and with Jesus at all times.

Communication Strategies for Happy Families Do you ever have the desire to get to know your family members better but are not quite sure how to do that? Then this talk is for you! Intended to help families learn the skills and techniques required to communicate effectively and respectfully, this talk is designed to help families understand and practise the art of communicating in a playful and interactive setting. Saturday, Mar 3, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at St Jude's Parish, Vancouver.

Office Closed Monday The parish office will be closed on Monday for Family Day.



Ash Wednesday The holy season of Lent starts this Wednesday. There will be three Masses on Ash Wednesday, at 8:00 am, 9:15 am (school Mass) and 7:00 pm. By having the sign of the cross made with ashes on our foreheads, we mourn Christ's suffering on the cross and our own sins, which made that suffering necessary.

Fasting? Abstinence? What's the Difference? Fasting means to go without food or drink for a determined period of time. When we are hungry, we have a heightened sense of awareness; when we are full, we feel sluggish. Fasting is a wonderful way to be more attentive to God, particularly if we are seeking an important grace. Abstinence is to refrain from eating certain foods. Its is an act of penance – a sacrifice, that helps us grow in freedom and self denial, which, when done prayerfully, leads to a deeper union with God. The Church in Canada decrees two days of fasting and abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.



Stations of the Cross Come and pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 6:00 pm during Lent. The Stations are a powerful way to contemplate and enter into the mystery of Jesus' Passion and his love for us.

Income Tax Receipts The 2017 income tax receipts are ready for pick up. They are arranged in alphabetical order on a table in the foyer. Please pick up your own receipt only. There is a separate box for Project Advance Receipts.

Notre Dame Alumni Trivia Night Join us on Friday, Feb 23, at Notre Dame High School, Vancouver. Fun, food and lots of prizes! Tickets: \$25. Registration: 6 pm. Pasta dinner: 6:30 pm. Game: 7:15 pm. Contact Lana at ltesan@gmail.com.

Lenten Mission Corpus Christi Parish invites everyone to its 2018 Parish Mission with Fr Louis Guardiola, CPM (Fathers of Mercy) Sunday, Feb 25, to Thursday, Mar 1. Corpus Christi Parish, Vancouver at 7 pm. Topics include: The Four Last Things, Confession, Eucharist, Culture and Our Lady. For more info and details, go to <http://rcav.org/event/2018-parish-mission> or see the bulletin board in the foyer.

Inspiring Dominican Saints: St Albert the Great “Mysteria Lucis” Lay Dominicans Group invite you to come for lively discussions of Dominican Saints – Who were they? What can they teach us? How can we apply this in today’s world? Every third Saturday from Jan - April and June, beginning Feb 17. Meet St Albert the Great (ca.1200 – 1280), theologian, philosopher, naturalist, bishop and teacher of Thomas Aquinas. At St Mary's Parish, Vancouver, in the old rectory basement. Meetings begin with Morning Prayer at 9:15 am followed by information and discussion about the saint from 10 am - 12:15 pm, then optional potluck lunch. <http://www.dominicanlaity.ca/DominicanLaity/Events.html>

Mass Intentions and Parish Activities		
Sat Feb 10	5:00 pm	† Francesco Benincasa & Adelina Green
Sun Feb 11 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am	† Angela Morena & family
	10:30 am	† Rosa & Adamo Cabrone
	12:00 pm	All Parishioners
	5:00 pm	Baptism - Welcome to Marcus Misceo † Ida Bevacqua
Mon Feb 12	8:00 am	<i>Office Closed for the Holiday</i> † Luigi & Armenia Salvino
Tue Feb 13	10:00 am	<i>Mt Carmel Society meeting</i>
	1:00 pm	Funeral for Lucia Massullo <i>Requiescat in pace</i>
	6:30 pm	<i>Rosary</i>
	7:00 pm	Perpetual Novena - St Anthony
	7:30 pm	<i>Ladies Faith Study</i> <i>Knights of Columbus meeting</i>
Wed Feb 14 Ash Wednesday	8:00 am	Dan Moric
	9:15 am	School Mass
	9:00 am	<i>Preschool Photo Day</i>
	7:00 pm	† All Souls in Purgatory
	8:00 pm	<i>Choir Practice - Sat 5 pm</i>
Thu Feb 15	8:00 am	† Francesco Renzullo
	11:00 am	† Peronace & Tassone family
	11:00 am	† Giuseppe Gaudio
	5:15 pm	† Giovanni Grasso
	6:30 pm	<i>SFA Over 50 Club</i> <i>Legion of Mary meeting</i> <i>Little Friends Walk-About</i>
Fri Feb 16	8:00 am 6:00 pm	† Pasquale Faugno <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat Feb 17	9:00 am	† Ben Santelli
	9:30 am	† Fiore Turco
	9:30 am	<i>Confession</i>
	9:30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
	5:00 pm	† Tollardo family † Lepore family
Sun Feb 18 1st Sunday of Lent	9:00 am	† Domenico Di Tomaso
	10:30 am	† Antonietta Barba
	12:00 pm	† Bruno Chianes & family † Battista Bosa
	12:00 pm	<i>Baptism - Welcome to Roman De Fazio</i>
	5:00 pm	<i>SFO meeting</i> All Parishioners

Baptisms and Weddings Please contact the parish office at 604-255-8855 to arrange an appointment with Fr Eugenio for all baptisms and weddings.

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