

# March 4, 2018 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Gospel: John 2:13-25** The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about human nature, for he himself knew what was in the human person.

**Vangelo di Oggi: Giovanni 2,13-25** *Si avvicinava la Pasqua dei Giudei e Gesù salì a Gerusalemme. Trovò nel tempio gente che vendeva buoi, pecore e colombe e, là seduti, i cambiamonete. Allora fece una frusta di cordicelle e scacciò tutti fuori del tempio, con le pecore e i buoi; gettò a terra il denaro dei cambiamonete e ne rovesciò i banchi, e ai venditori di colombe disse: «Portate via di qui queste cose e non fate della casa del Padre mio un mercato!». I suoi discepoli si ricordarono che sta scritto: «Lo zelo per la tua casa mi divorerà». Allora i Giudei presero la parola e gli dissero: «Quale segno ci mostri per fare queste cose?». Rispose loro Gesù: «Distruggete questo tempio e in tre giorni lo farò risorgere». Gli dissero allora i Giudei: «Questo tempio è stato costruito in quarantasei anni e tu in tre giorni lo farai risorgere?». Ma egli parlava del tempio del suo corpo. Quando poi fu risuscitato dai morti, i suoi discepoli si ricordarono che aveva detto questo, e credettero alla Scrittura e alla parola detta da Gesù. Mentre era a Gerusalemme per la Pasqua, durante la festa, molti, vedendo i segni che egli compiva, credettero nel suo nome. Ma lui, Gesù, non si fidava di loro, perché conosceva tutti e non aveva bisogno che alcuno desse testimonianza sull'uomo. Egli infatti conosceva quello che c'è nell'uomo.*



*"Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"*

In today's Gospel, we read about how Jesus cleansed the temple of the things and people who defiled it. We are to treat those things that are holy with the respect and reverence they deserve. It is good to think about our own attitude and how we conduct ourselves when we enter the church. Do we rush in thinking only about finding a seat or do we reverently genuflect, acknowledging the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle? Do we allow ourselves to daydream during Mass or to chat with our neighbour or are we attentive during the readings and prayers? Let us take instruction from Jesus and treat the house of the Lord with respect and reverence.

**Cardinal Tagle in Vancouver** Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle will be giving a public address in Vancouver on the challenges of living the faith within family life. Family time, among today's many distractions, continues to be an almost lost reality for many. Monday, March 19 starting 6 pm at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. Tickets are \$10 each and on sale now. Visit [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org) for more information.

**Sleep Out** Do you have the heart to sleep out for the homeless? Join us on Friday, March 16, to raise awareness and funds for those experiencing homelessness. It will start with a Mass at 7 pm, followed by prayer and sharing to get to know and bond with each other. There will be an opportunity to learn more about Catholic Street Missionaries. The next morning, we will end with sharing our experiences at breakfast. <http://rcav.org/event/sleep-out-2018>

**Silent Retreat for Men: Spiritual Exercises** The Spiritual Exercises are a silent retreat based on the well-proven method of St Ignatius of Loyola. The Priests of Miles Christi, will offer them in a weekend format. The Spiritual Exercises are highly praised by Popes and saints. This retreat is open to men. March 16-18 at Westminster Abbey. <http://rcav.org/event/mens-spiritual-exercises-retreat>



**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.

**New Website** We are pleased to announce that we have a new website! The new website is designed to provide information and news about St. Francis of Assisi, the Archdiocese of Vancouver and the worldwide church. For example, the tab “Get Involved” lists our ministries and groups. The “Resources” tab includes blogs, news feeds and other information from around the world. You can view or download the bulletin under “What’s Happening”. You can even donate online! Have a look at [sfaparish.ca](http://sfaparish.ca). Although we are live, please be patient because, being new, there are still some bugs to work out and some photos and text not yet updated—but we couldn’t wait to share it with you! Check it out! Let us know what you think.

**New Email Address** Along with our new website, we have a new email address. It is shorter and easier to remember than the old one. The new address is [sfaparish@shaw.ca](mailto:sfaparish@shaw.ca). For your reference, both the new website and new email address are listed at the top of the bulletin.



**SFA Gala** Invite your friends and family to join us for our sixth annual Gala event! This year's theme, Casino Royale, will be a lot of fun as we come together to celebrate the St Francis of Assisi community and raise money for the

New School Building Project. The Gala will be held on Friday, Apr 20 starting at 6 pm at the Croatian Centre 3250 Commercial Drive. Tickets are \$85 and are available through the school or parish offices. For more information, please call 604-253-7311 or email [galacommittee@sfaschool.ca](mailto:galacommittee@sfaschool.ca)

**Domestic Abuse Services AGM** Domestic Abuse Services - Our Lady of Good Counsel Society is holding its 22nd Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, March 7th, 2018 at 7 pm at St Michael’s Parish Center, Burnaby, BC. We are pleased to have two members of the Vancouver Police Domestic Violence Unit speaking at our meeting. Bring a friend to learn about the Society and the good work we do. Call Della at 604-585-6688 for more information.

**40 Days for Life** Come, let’s pray together! During Lent, Vancouver will take part in 40 Days for Life - a coordinated international vigil of prayer and fasting, aimed primarily but not exclusively, at ending abortion. The vigil takes place at 32 Avenue & Willow St, near BC Women's Hospital. Our parish has committed to pray on site on Sunday, Mar 18 from 12 to 6 pm. Please come! Bring your children and friends. Let’s join in prayerful witness. This is a good Lenten sacrifice. Most importantly, it is a proven way to save lives through the power of God’s grace and mercy. Visit [40daysforlife.com/Vancouver](http://40daysforlife.com/Vancouver) for more info.

Mass Intentions and Parish Activities		
Sat Mar 3	5:00 pm	All Parishioners
Sun Mar 4 3rd Sunday of Lent	9:00 am	† Bigolin family
	10:30 am	† Francesco Fiornetino
	12:00 pm	† Anna Faccone Poor Clare Sisters <i>Baptism - Congratulations to Mila Cowperthwaite</i>
Mon Mar 5	8:00 am	† Lida Pallotto
Tue Mar 6	10:00 am	Funeral for Carmelina La Montagna <i>Requiescat in pace</i>
	6:30 pm	<i>Rosary</i>
	6:45 pm	<i>Gr 7 PREP (CGS)</i>
	7:00 pm	Perpetual Novena - St Francis
	7:30 pm	<i>Ladies Faith Study</i>
	8:00 pm	<i>Knights of Columbus meeting</i>
Wed Mar 7	8:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
	5:00 pm	<i>Pastoral Leadership Team mtg</i>
	6:45 pm	<i>Gr 1 - 6 PREP (CGS)</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>RCIA</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Choir Practice - Sat 5 pm</i>
Thu Mar 8	8:00 am	† Luigi Vampa
	11:00 am	† Elda Doz
		† Ferdinando Kolic
	11:00 am	<i>SFA Over 50 Club</i>
	5:15 pm	<i>Legion of Mary meeting</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Finance Committee meeting</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>PEC meeting</i>
Fri Mar 9	8:00 am	Sehne Connell
		† Edward Dallamore
	6:00 pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Engaged Couples meeting</i>
Sat Mar 10	9:00 am	† Ben Santelli
		† Carmen Pilluso
	9:30 am	<i>Confession</i>
	9:30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
	5:00 pm	SFA Parish & School
Sun Mar 11 3rd Sunday of Lent	9:00 am	† Rose & Adamo Cabrone
		† Eugenio & Michelina Pagliuso
	10:30 am	† Pagliuso family
	12:00 pm	<i>Baptism - Congratulations to Mila &amp; Johan Dykman</i>
	5:00 pm	All Parishioners

**Baptisms** Baptisms are scheduled at noon on Sundays. Please call the Office for an appointment with Father.

**Weddings** Wedding arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation classes are mandatory. Please call the Office for more info.

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