

March 11, 2018 - 4th Sunday of Lent

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Gospel: John 3:14-21 Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Vangelo di Oggi: Giovanni 3,14-21 *In quel tempo, Gesù disse a Nicodemo: «Come Mosè innalzò il serpente nel deserto, così bisogna che sia innalzato il Figlio dell'uomo, perché chiunque crede in lui abbia la vita eterna. Dio infatti ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il Figlio unigenito perché chiunque crede in lui non vada perduto, ma abbia la vita eterna. Dio, infatti, non ha mandato il Figlio nel mondo per condannare il mondo, ma perché il mondo sia salvato per mezzo di lui. Chi crede in lui non è condannato; ma chi non crede è già stato condannato, perché non ha creduto nel nome dell'unigenito Figlio di Dio. E il giudizio è questo: la luce è venuta nel mondo, ma gli uomini hanno amato più le tenebre che la luce, perché le loro opere erano malvagie. Chiunque infatti fa il male, odia la luce, e non viene alla luce perché le sue opere non vengano riprovate. Invece chi fa la verità viene verso la luce, perché appaia chiaramente che le sue opere sono state fatte in Dio».*

40 DAYS FOR LIFE **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 pm 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. What you can expect when you get there: At times there are a lot of people and sometimes only a few. Some people wear signs; some do not. Some pray the Rosary; others pray silently on their own. Some bring their own chairs; others stand, still other walk. All witness to the precious gift of life. For more information, visit 40daysforlife.com/Vancouver or more information.



"God did not come into the world to condemn the world"

Often when we are conscious of our guilt we feel like we deserve God's wrath, not his love. When terrible things happen to us, we may secretly believe that it is God's punishment. Or we try to do things to warrant God's love. But God's feelings toward each of us are captured quite effectively in this week's Readings: "The great love with which he loved us,"—"the immeasurable riches of his grace and kindness toward us"—"God so loved the world.". God freely bestows his love on us, not his condemnation.



Cardinal Tagle in Vancouver, March 19 Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, the Archbishop of Manila, will celebrate Mass on Monday, Mar 19, at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 12:30 pm (in place of the usual 12:10 Mass). That evening, he will give a public address at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Vancouver. Highlighting one of our Archdiocesan Priorities and Goals: Strengthening Marriages and Families, Cardinal Tagle will address 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. Join us for his talk on *Keeping Families in Faith: The Domestic Church in a Global Village*. The evening begins with an performance at 6 pm followed by an opening address by Archbishop Miller and a talk by Cardinal Tagle. Tickets are now on sale, starting at \$20. Visit rcav.org/cardinal-tagle for more information.

EnCourage Group Meeting EnCourage is a support group dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and relatives and friends of persons who experience same-sex attraction. Join us for our next meeting on Sunday, Mar 18, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm at St Helen's Church, Burnaby. If you would like to join EnCourage, please contact Deacon Bruce Fraser at encourage@rcav.org



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. 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. For your reference, both the new website and new email address are listed at the front of the bulletin.



Receive Christ's Mercy in Confession Jesus truly forgives us and loves us. During Lent, we are encouraged to go to confession as one way to prepare for Easter. Through confession, we receive Christ's mercy, forgiveness and healing.

Here is a list of nearby Penitential Services. For a broader listing go to <http://rcav.org/lent-penitential-services/>

Wed Mar 14	7:00 pm	Holy Cross	Bby
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Thu Mar 15	7:00 pm	St Jude	Van
Sat Mar 17	1:00 pm	St Francis Xavier	Van
Mon Mar 19	7:00 pm	Our Lady of Sorrows	Van
Tues Mar 20	7:00 pm	Corpus Christi	Van
Tue Mar 20	7:00 pm	St Casimir	Van
Wed Mar 21	7:00 pm	St Mary	Van
Thu Mar 22	7:00 pm	St Theresa	Bby
The Mar 22	7:00 pm	Our Lady of Fatima	Van
Fri Mar 23	7:00 pm	St Francis of Assisi	Van
Mar 25 -31	4:00 pm	Immac Heart of Mary	Van
Mon Mar 26	7:00 pm	St Helen	Bby

Share Lent Collection Next Week Development & Peace – Caritas Canada encourages all parishes to join in Pope Francis' call for peace on earth through dialogue. We all play a vital role in supporting, both in solidarity with our voices and in action with our donations, our local partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East who are working tirelessly through dialogue to bridge gaps to create lasting peace in their different warring communities.

Mass Intentions and Parish Activities		
Sat Mar 10	5:00 pm	SFA Parish & School
Sun Mar 11 4th Sunday of Lent	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Rose & Adamo Cabrone † Eugenio & Michelina Pagliuso † Pagliuso family † Renaldo Di Lullo <i>Baptism - Congratulations to Mila & Johan Dykman</i> All Parishioners
Mon Mar 12	8:00 am	† Silvio & Ida Bevacqua † Deceased priests of RCAF
Tue Mar 13	6:30 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	<i>Rosary</i> <i>Gr 7 PREP (CGS)</i> Perpetual Novena - St Anthony <i>Ladies Faith Study</i> <i>Knights of Columbus meeting</i>
Wed Mar 14	8:00 am 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	† Rosetta Posteraro † Saverio & Filomena De Santis <i>Gr 1 - 6 PREP (CGS)</i> RCIA <i>Choir Practice - Sat 5 pm</i>
Thu Mar 15	8:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 5:15 pm 6:30 pm	† Antonio & Rosaria Orlando † Visintin family † Tassone family <i>SFA Over 50 Club</i> <i>Legion of Mary meeting</i> <i>Little Friends Walk-About</i>
Fri Mar 16	8:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	† Erna Dallamore <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Choir Practice - 10:30</i>
Sat Mar 17 St Patrick	9:00 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 5:00 pm	† Virginia Turco † Francesca & Gaetano Magliocco <i>Confession</i> <i>Rosary</i> † Pasquale Faugno † Felice Battista
Sun Mar 18 5th Sunday of Lent	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Angela Moreno & family † Michelle Farina † Matthew Moeller † Joe Sorrenti & Joe Gaudia † Francesco Aiello <i>40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil</i> 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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