

# March 18, 2018 - 5th Sunday of Lent

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Gospel: John 12:20-33** Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**Vangelo di Oggi: Giovanni 12,20-33** *In quel tempo, tra quelli che erano saliti per il culto durante la festa c'erano anche alcuni Greci. Questi si avvicinarono a Filippo, che era di Betsàida di Galilea, e gli domandarono: «Signore, vogliamo vedere Gesù». Filippo andò a dirlo ad Andrea, e poi Andrea e Filippo andarono a dirlo a Gesù. Gesù rispose loro: «È venuta l'ora che il Figlio dell'uomo sia glorificato. In verità, in verità io vi dico: se il chicco di grano, caduto in terra, non muore, rimane solo; se invece muore, produce molto frutto. Chi ama la propria vita, la perde e chi odia la propria vita in questo mondo, la conserverà per la vita eterna. Se uno mi vuole servire, mi segua, e dove sono io, là sarà anche il mio servitore. Se uno serve me, il Padre lo onorerà. Adesso l'anima mia è turbata; che cosa dirò? Padre, salvami da quest'ora? Ma proprio per questo sono giunto a quest'ora! Padre, glorifica il tuo nome». Venne allora una voce dal cielo: «L'ho glorificato e lo glorificherò ancora!». La folla, che era presente e aveva udito, diceva che era stato un tuono. Altri dicevano: «Un angelo gli ha parlato». Disse Gesù: «Questa voce non è venuta per me, ma per voi. Ora è il giudizio di questo mondo; ora il principe di questo mondo sarà gettato fuori. E io, quando sarò innalzato da terra, attirerò tutti a me». Diceva questo per indicare di quale morte doveva morire.*



*"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."*

How can a person who loves life and loves people, so willingly and confidently and with forethought, choose to sacrificially lay down their life? John's Gospel mentions three times that Jesus knew that "the hour" had arrived, meaning that the time appointed for his sacrifice and death was here. He fully knew of the suffering that lay ahead of him. The fact that he was both human and divine in no way diminished the impending suffering, but rather magnified it, adding a dimension to his cross that we cannot humanly fathom. Yet he did not falter and went to the cross in obedient submission and consummate love.



**40 Days for Life** Come, let's pray together! Vancouver is taking 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 Sunday, Mar 18 from 12 pm to 6 pm. A signup sheet is in the foyer for anyone who needs or can offer a ride.

**Share Lent Collection Today** 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. Please be generous in your support to those who are struggling with injustice and poverty in the global south.



**Easter Lilies** Easter will be here soon! We are accepting donations of Easter lilies so the whole church can reflect the glory of Christ's resurrection! Please drop off them off by Wednesday, Mar 28.

**Easter Egg Hunt** On Easter Sunday, after the 10:30 Mass, we will have our annual Easter egg hunt. All children, ages 10 and under are welcome! The hunt will take place rain or shine. If it is too wet, we will move indoors to the Hall.



**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.



**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/>

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
<b>Fri Mar 23</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>St Francis of Assisi</b>	<b>Van</b>
Mar 25 -31	4:00 pm	Immac Heart of Mary	Van
Mon Mar 26	7:00 pm	St Helen	Bby



**Coffee and Goodies Today** Come and join fellow parishioners in the hall downstairs after the 10:30 Mass today for some coffee, goodies and camaraderie!

**St Joseph Feast Day** There will be a special evening Mass on Monday, Mar 19 at 7 pm in honour of St Joseph, beloved foster-father of Jesus, powerful intercessor and principal patron of Canada. Refreshments will be available after Mass, provided by the Mt Carmel Society.

**Chrism Mass** All are welcome to attend the Chrism Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Wednesday, Mar 28 at 5 pm. This is one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our Church where the blessing of the holy oils used at Baptism, Confirmation and the Anointing of the Sick takes place. The priests from all over the archdiocese gather to celebrate together as a sign of their unity with the Archbishop.

**Easter Triduum** Here is the schedule of the Easter Triduum services this year:

Thur Mar 29	7:00 pm	Mass of Lord's Supper
Fri Mar 30	11:00 am	Family Stations of the Cross
	3:00 pm	Veneration of the Cross
	6:00 pm	Italian Stations of the Cross
Sat Mar 31	9:00 pm	Easter Vigil
Sun Apr 1	9:00 am	Easter Mass (Italian)
	10:30 am	Easter Mass
	5:00 pm	Easter Mass

**Mass Intentions and Parish Activities**

Sat Mar 17 St Patrick	5:00 pm	† Pasquale Faugno † Felice Battista
Sun Mar 18 5th Sunday of Lent	9:00 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Angela Moreno & family † Michele Farina † Matthew Moeller † Joe Sorrenti & Joe Gaudia † Francesco Aiello <i>Coffee &amp; Goodies</i> <i>40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil</i> All Parishioners
Mon Mar 19 St Joseph	8:00 am 7:00 pm	† Luigi & Angelina Capolongo Cecilia Salacan † Giuseppe Mandarino
Tue Mar 20	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	<i>Rosary</i> Perpetual Novena - St Francis
Wed Mar 21	8:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	† Enrico Torrelli † Lucia & Giuseppe Fiorentino <i>RCIA</i> <i>Choir Practice - Sat 5 pm</i>
Thu Mar 22	8:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 5:15 pm 6:30 pm	† Luigi Vampa Vesna Bozanovic † Maria Maglio † Vittoria & Rosa Donato <i>SFA Over 50 Club</i> <i>Legion of Mary meeting</i> <i>Choir Practice - 10:30</i>
Fri Mar 23	8:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	† Francesco Pilluso † Luigi Vampa <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Lenten Penitential Service</i>
Sat Mar 24	9:00 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 5:00 pm	† All Souls in Purgatory † Carmela La Montagna <i>Confession</i> <i>Rosary</i> All Parishioners
Sun Mar 25 Passion (Palm) Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	† Domenico Di Tomaso & family † Paolo & Filomena Lucarino † Lina Floro † Feliciano Giacometti † Bruno Corra † Ferrari family

**New Website and Email** We're pleased to announce we have a new website! It's full of parish news, archdiocesan information and international Catholic news and blogs. Check it out at [sfaparish.ca](http://sfaparish.ca). We also have a new email address: [sfaparish@shaw.ca](mailto:sfaparish@shaw.ca).

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