

April 1, 2018 - Easter Sunday

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Gospel: Mark 16:1-8 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb; for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Vangelo di Oggi: Marco 16,1-8 *Passato il sabato, Maria di Màgdala, Maria madre di Giacomo e Salòme comprarono oli aromatici per andare a ungerlo. Di buon mattino, il primo giorno della settimana, vennero al sepolcro al levare del sole. Dicevano tra loro: «Chi ci farà rotolare via la pietra dall'ingresso del sepolcro?». Alzando lo sguardo, osservarono che la pietra era già stata fatta rotolare, benché fosse molto grande. Entrate nel sepolcro, videro un giovane, seduto sulla destra, vestito d'una veste bianca, ed ebbero paura. Ma egli disse loro: «Non abbiate paura! Voi cercate Gesù Nazareno, il crocifisso. È risorto, non è qui. Ecco il luogo dove l'avevano posto. Ma andate, dite ai suoi discepoli e a Pietro: "Egli vi precede in Galilea. Là lo vedrete, come vi ha detto"».*



"He is risen. He is not here."

We cannot overstate the impact Jesus' rising from the dead has on the whole of humanity. Everything is different because He has done so. He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten Death. This is the beginning of the New Creation. Nothing can overpower our God. We should no longer shrink into our fears believing the lie that evil will triumph - because it won't. Like the disciples, we should seek out the resurrected Christ. He is risen! He is triumphant! We are in him, full recipients of his victory! We must "see and believe".

Youth Ministry We have some exciting news for all youth the parish. We are starting a new Youth Group! The group will meet once a month, on the 4th Sunday of the month, starting April 22. Come to the 5pm Mass and then head down to the hall with Fr Gino. The Youth Group is offered for those in Grades 6 - 8. Youth in Grade 9 and above are encouraged to come as well and help Fr. Gino as leaders. Come out on April 22 and bring your friends!

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 galacommitee@sfaschool.ca



The Catholic Faith Explained We may be familiar with different aspects of the Catholic Faith but how does it all fit together? And what difference does it make for our lives? Everyone is welcome to attend a DVD-based faith study starting April 16. Symbolon is a stunning video series that systematically presents the big picture of the Catholic Faith. Filmed on location in Rome, the Holy Land, and other locations, it is presented by acclaimed theologian Dr Edward Sri and dozens of expert teachers on a wide range of topics. Mondays, from 7 to 8:30 pm. For more information, please call the parish office at 604-255-8855.

Ladies Faith Study Would you like to be more confident in talking to your friends and co-workers about hot button Catholic issues such as abortion, euthanasia or contraception? Join us every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the rectory as we read through the book *How To Defend the Faith Without Raising Your Voice* by Austen Averleigh. Books are \$20 and every participant must have a book. For more information, call Denise Neilson at 604-417-5609.

Father's Easter Message Jesus endured the wrenching of body and soul for our sake and came out the other side endowed with a new, different, glorified humanity. How does the Bible describe it? Well, Mary Magdalene did not recognize the Risen Christ at first. The disciples walking to Emmaus didn't recognize Him either. But Doubting Thomas shows us that His wounds were still evident. And though He could pass through locked doors, He proved He was not a ghost by asking for something to eat. Paul speaks of a "spiritual body" in I Corinthians 15, which sounds like an oxymoron to me, but we have to take off our shoes here, realize that we are on holy ground, and that we do not have words adequate to describe the awesome reality of the new humanity He won for us on that first Easter. Easter is a share in the Risen Life of Jesus our Saviour for resurrection is not something that He keeps for Himself. All that He has He shares with us: His Father, His mother, His Spirit, His body, blood, soul, and divinity, and even His risen life. And we can begin to share in this risen life now, experiencing its regenerating power in our souls and even in our bodies. We have access to it in many ways, but especially in the Eucharist. For the Body of Christ received in this sacrament is His risen, glorified body, so that we too will live forever. Easter is our hope for the gift of everlasting life. It is the ultimate sign that we are made partakers in the life and family of God. Easter is a confirmation in the love of God. I want to wish you all a Blessed Easter. *Fr Eugenio*



Easter Egg Hunt All children, ages 10 and under are welcome to join our Easter egg hunt after the 10:30 Mass today. It will be held rain or shine. Come and look high and low, over and under, for those tasty Easter eggs!

Confirmation Mass Next Sunday during the 5 pm Mass we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Archbishop J Michael Miller, CSB. Twenty-three young people will be anointed with the sacred oil of Chrism and sealed with the Holy Spirit. This sacrament brings to them a deepening of baptismal grace, unites them more firmly to Christ and increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for all our confirmands and their families.

Notre Dame Alumni Trivia Night New date for ND Alumni Trivia Night: Friday, April 6. Fun, Food and Lots of Prizes! Tickets: \$25. Hosted at Notre Dame High School. Registration at 6 pm; pasta dinner at 6:30 pm; game begins at 7:15.



Communion for Shut-ins The local church exists to look after the spiritual needs of all parishioners, including those who are shut-in and not able to get to Mass. From these needs

arise the Church's ancient pastoral practice of visiting the sick. This practice includes taking the Eucharist to the elderly, the sick and the infirm. If you know of anyone who is shut-in and unable to get to Mass, please let the parish office know. We have Extraordinary Ministers who are available to bring them Communion on a weekly basis.

Mass Intentions and Parish Activities		
Sat Mar 31 Holy Saturday	8:00 pm	All Parishioners
Sun Apr 1 Resurrection of the Lord	9:00 am	† Lepore family
	10:30 am	† Fiore Turco
	11:30 am	† Barrie Carlson
	5:00 pm	† Vincenzo Brotto <i>Easter Egg Hunt</i> † Caterina Arcadi † Beninteso family
Mon Apr 2 Solemnity	8:00 am	<i>Office Closed for the Holiday</i> † Silvio & Ida Bevacqua
	11:00 am	† Mary Lashin Funeral for Anna Nardulli
Tue Apr 3 Solemnity	9:15 am	School Mass
	6:30 pm	<i>Rosary</i>
	6:45 pm	<i>Gr 7 PREP (CGS)</i>
	7:00 pm	Perpetual Novena - St Francis
Wed Apr 4 Solemnity	8:00 am	† Kimson Lew
	5:00 pm	<i>Pastoral Leadership Team mtg</i>
	6:30 pm	<i>Confirmation Rehearsal</i>
	6:45 pm	<i>Gr 1-6 PREP (CGS) in Hall</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>RCIA</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Choir Practice - Sat 5 pm</i>
Thu Apr 5 Solemnity	8:00 am	† Antonio & Rosaria Orlando
	11:00 am	† Bisceglia Donato
	11:00 am	<i>SFA Over 50 Club</i>
	5:15 pm	<i>Legion of Mary meeting</i>
Fri Apr 6	8:00 am	† Jovito & Faye McBanua
Sat Apr 7 Solemnity	9:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
	9:30 am	† Milone family
	5:00 pm	<i>Confession</i> † Tony Faccione
Sun Apr 8 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy	9:00 am	† Salvatore Tomassoli
	10:30 am	† Bevacqua family
	5:00 pm	All Parishioners Confirmands

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. We also have a new email address: sfaparish@shaw.ca.

Baptisms Parents, please call the Parish Office to arrange a date for an appointment with Fr Eugenio.

Weddings Please call the Office for more information. Arrangements for weddings must be made at least six months in advance. Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation classes are mandatory.

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