

April 8, 2018 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Gospel: John 20:19-31 It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Vangelo di Oggi: Giovanni 20,19-31 La sera di quel giorno, il primo della settimana, mentre erano chiuse le porte del luogo dove si trovavano i discepoli per timore dei Giudei, venne Gesù, stette in mezzo e disse loro: «Pace a voi!». Detto questo, mostrò loro le mani e il fianco. E i discepoli gioirono al vedere il Signore. Gesù disse loro di nuovo: «Pace a voi! Come il Padre ha mandato me, anche io mando voi». Detto questo, soffiò e disse loro: «Ricevete lo Spirito Santo. A coloro a cui perdonerete i peccati, saranno perdonati; a coloro a cui non perdonerete, non saranno perdonati». Tommaso, uno dei Dodici, chiamato Didimo, non era con loro quando venne Gesù. Gli dicevano gli altri discepoli: «Abbiamo visto il Signore!». Ma egli disse loro: «Se non vedo nelle sue mani il segno dei chiodi e non metto il mio dito nel segno dei chiodi e non metto la mia mano nel suo fianco, io non credo». Otto giorni dopo i discepoli erano di nuovo in casa e c'era con loro anche Tommaso. Venne Gesù, a porte chiuse, stette in mezzo e disse: «Pace a voi!». Poi disse a Tommaso: «Metti qui il tuo dito e guarda le mie mani; tendi la tua mano e mettila nel mio fianco; e non essere incredulo, ma credente!». Gli rispose Tommaso: «Mio Signore e mio Dio!». Gesù gli disse: «Perché mi hai veduto, tu hai creduto; beati quelli che non hanno visto e hanno creduto!».



"Peace be with you."

Nothing is the same because of Easter. We exalt in Jesus' resurrection and victory over Satan. We rejoice knowing that death is destroyed once and for all. No more should our lives be characterized by fear; fear of death, fear of God's retribution, or fear of powerlessness in our lives to overcome the darkness. As we contemplate the finished work of Jesus and entrust ourselves to him, we can enter into a new way of living that sees a diminishing of fear and an up-surfing of Christ's peace filling our life.



The Catholic Faith Explained Everyone is invited to attend Symbolon, a DVD-based faith study, starting April 16. It is a stunning video series that presents the big picture of the Catholic Faith. Filmed on location in Rome, the Holy Land, and other locations, it covers a wide range of topics. Mondays, from 7 to 8:30 pm. For more information, please call the parish office at 604-255-8855.

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. If you know of anyone who is 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.

NES Announcement Join over 3,000 Catholics across Canada and the U.S. at this premier conference for the New Evangelization. The Summit features 6 world-class Catholic speakers on the New Evangelization including Curtis Martin, Sr Anne Shields, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Christy Dupuis, and Michael Dopp. The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. The Summit will be held live in Ottawa on April 27-28 and will be broadcast across the continent. We are excited to have three host sites in the Archdiocese; St Ann's Parish, Star of the Sea Parish, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics. Register now at newevangelization.ca.



Confirmation Mass The Sacrament of Confirmation is being held this weekend during the Sunday 5 pm Mass. Archbishop Michael Miller will confer the sacrament on twenty-three of our young people. In Confirmation, they become adult believers, called upon to live and witness to the truth of the Catholic faith. Through the imposition of hands, and the anointing with Sacred Chrism, they will be sealed with the Holy Spirit. Please pray for all the confirmands and their families.

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 galacommittee@sfaschool.ca



Celebrate your Milestone Anniversary! This Mother's Day, Archbishop Michael Miller will be honouring couples celebrating their: 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th & 60th+ years of marriage. Register your anniversary with us today at rcav.org/marriage-anniversary. Mass will be on Sunday, May 13, at 2 pm at St Matthew Parish, Surrey. Reception to follow in the parish gym with exhibitors present in Jubilee Hall. All are welcome to witness and celebrate these milestone anniversaries!

Game of Thrones vs. Lord of the Rings Don't miss the launch of: The Lounge for Young Professionals, developed by the same creators as Catholic After Hours and brought to you by Vancouver's Life Community. Come for the networking games and great conversation and fun. Register today for 1/10 chance to win food and drink at the spacious and beautiful Irish pub Mahony and Sons at False Creek. Can we find anything meaningful in today's entertainment and from classical books, that can help young professionals live fully, embrace life and liberty, and thrive in a culture that is rapidly changing on all fronts? Don't miss our guest young adult panelists: Douglas Pham + Joseph San Jose. Our guest moderator, Dr Christopher Morrissey will help us think about various themes that will help young professionals flourish in their lives and career. Wednesday, Apr 25, at 6:15 pm at Mahony and Sons at Stamps Landing. \$10/person. <http://rcav.org/event/game-thrones-vs-lord-rings>

Mass Intentions and Parish Activities		
Sat Apr 7	5:00 pm	† 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
Mon Apr 9	8:00 am	† Silvio & Ida Bevacqua
Tue Apr 10	6:30 pm	<i>Rosary</i>
	6:45 pm	<i>Gr 7 PREP (CGS)</i>
	7:00 pm	Perpetual Novena - St Anthony
	7:30 pm	<i>Ladies Faith Study</i>
	8:00 pm	<i>Knights of Columbus meeting</i>
	8:00 pm	<i>Prayers for † Anna Vicchiano</i>
Wed Apr 11 St Stanislaus	8:00 am	† Francesco Piluso
	11:00 am	† Adamo & Rosa Cabrone Funeral for Anna Vicchiano <i>Requiescat in pace</i>
	6:45 pm	<i>Gr 1-6 PREP (CGS) in Hall</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Choir Practice - Sat 5 pm</i>
Thu Apr 12	8:00 am	† Antonio & Rosaria Orlando
	11:00 am	† Deceased Priests of RCAF
	5:15 pm	<i>SFA Over 50 Club</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Legion of Mary meeting</i> <i>PEC meeting at school</i>
Fri Apr 13	8:00 am	† Francesco & Teresa Piluso
Sat Apr 14	9:00 am	† Luigi & Antonio Magliosco
	9:30 am	<i>Confession</i>
	5:00 pm	† Tollardo family
Sun Apr 15 3rd Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	† Luigi Cambiotti & family
	10:30 am	† Tassone family
	12:00 pm	† Carmela Bevacqua
	5:00 pm	<i>SFO meeting</i> All Parishioners

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 Baptisms are scheduled at noon on Sundays. Parents, please call the Parish Office at 604-255-8855 to arrange a date for an appointment with Fr Eugenio.

Weddings Arrangements for weddings must be made at least six months in advance to allow enough time to complete the mandatory Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation classes and necessary paperwork. Please call the Office for more information.

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