

April 15, 2018 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Gospel: Luke 24:35-48 The two disciples told the eleven and their companions what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Vangelo di Oggi: Luca 24,35-48 *In quel tempo, [i due discepoli che erano ritornati da Emmaus] narravano [agli Undici e a quelli che erano con loro] ciò che era accaduto lungo la via e come avevano riconosciuto [Gesù] nello spezzare il pane. Mentre essi parlavano di queste cose, Gesù in persona stette in mezzo a loro e disse: «Pace a voi!». Sconvolti e pieni di paura, credevano di vedere un fantasma. Ma egli disse loro: «Perché siete turbati, e perché sorgono dubbi nel vostro cuore? Guardate le mie mani e i miei piedi: sono proprio io! Toccatemi e guardate; un fantasma non ha carne e ossa, come vedete che io ho». Dicendo questo, mostrò loro le mani e i piedi. Ma poiché per la gioia non credevano ancora ed erano pieni di stupore, disse: «Avete qui qualche cosa da mangiare?». Gli offrirono una porzione di pesce arrostito; egli lo prese e lo mangiò davanti a loro. Poi disse: «Sono queste le parole che io vi dissi quando ero ancora con voi: bisogna che si compiano tutte le cose scritte su di me nella legge di Mosè, nei Profeti e nei Salmi». Allora aprì loro la mente per comprendere le Scritture e disse loro: «Così sta scritto: il Cristo patirà e risorgerà dai morti il terzo giorno, e nel suo nome saranno predicati a tutti i popoli la conversione e il perdono dei peccati, cominciando da Gerusalemme. Di questo voi siete testimoni».*



"Have you anything to eat?"

In this week's Gospel passage the disciples are dejected and defeated when Jesus suddenly appears among them. He offers his peace, comfort and hope. He did not choose some miraculous or exalted means to be with them, but rather chose a humble means of communication. He made himself present to them through friendly and significant conversation around a simple meal. We who know Christ are reminded of the privilege we have today of dining with Christ through the Eucharist.



Catholic Faith Study Everyone is invited to attend a DVD-based faith study covering the core teaching of the Catholic faith. With expert speakers and beautiful photography, it presents the big picture of the Catholic faith. Francis Cardinal George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago says, "Symbolon shows prospective Catholics and long-time Catholics not just Church teachings but the Catholic way of life—not just the 'what' but the 'how' of the faith... Participants become intrigued with the Church without being overwhelmed with data. They see how doctrines and practices fit together and how they are meant to be lived out in their own lives." Mondays, starting April 16, from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Conference Room. For more information, please call the parish office at 604-255-8855.



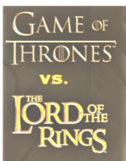
World Day of Prayer for Vocations On April 22, Good Shepherd Sunday, the Church will be marking the 55th annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations – a time when the whole Church is united in praying that more men will answer God's call to be the visible face of the Good Shepherd in our world. All are invited to pray the rosary, especially as a family, with the intention of an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. We invite you to reflect and pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, starting April 22 to 28. Visit www.rcav.org/pray-for-vocations to view these special meditations on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary with a vocations theme. "If anyone is seeking God, know that the Beloved is seeking that person much more." *St John of the Cross.*



Youth Ministry We have some exciting news for all youth the parish. We are starting a Youth Group! The group will meet once a month, on the 4th Sunday of the month, starting April 22. Come to the 5 pm 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!

Last Chance to Buy Gala Tickets The Gala is next weekend! Tickets to this annual fundraiser are available until Monday only! This year's theme, Casino Royale, will be a lot of fun! All proceeds go towards the building of our new school. 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 contact galacommitee@sfaschool.ca or call 604-253-7311.

Building Resilient Children in an Age of Anxiety Presented by St Anthony's Parish Education Series, this event features speaker PJ Lewis, Registered Clinical Counsellor and co-founder of Lifted Counselling and Consulting. As a skilled speaker, PJ has presented at numerous forums, workshops, and conferences locally, nationally and internationally. Presentation will take place on Wednesday, April 18, in church basement at St Anthony of Padua Church, from 7-8 pm, followed by refreshments and discussion until 8:30 pm.



Game of Thrones vs. Lord of the Rings Don't miss it! We're launching The Lounge for Young Professionals, developed by the same creators as Catholic After Hours. 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>

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat "I stretch out my hands toward you, my soul to you like a parched land." - Psalm 143:6 Have you lived in silence with your hands stretched out to God asking for relief from all that you have been feeling since your abortion? Does your soul truly feel like that parched land with no hope in sight? God yearns to flood that land with His merciful healing. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and feel Him holding your hands as you see new life appear in your soul. Next Retreat is May 2018. For confidential information and to register call 604-525-0999.

Mass Intentions and Parish Activities		
Sat Apr 14	5:00 pm	† Tollardo family † Raymond & Francesco Benincasa
Sun Apr 15 3rd Sunday of Easter	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Luigi Cambiotti & family † Tassone family † Carmela Bevacqua † Alfonso Reda <i>SFO meeting</i> All Parishioners
Mon Apr 16	8:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	† Rosetta Posteraro Wendy Gray Funeral for Costantino Reale <i>Requiescat in pace</i> <i>Symbolon Faith Study</i>
Tue Apr 17 St Kateri Tekakwitha	6:30 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	<i>Rosary</i> <i>Gr 7 PREP (CGS)</i> Perpetual Novena - St Francis <i>Prayers for † Luigia Franciosi</i>
Wed Apr 18	8:00 am 10:00 am 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	† Rosetta Posteraro † Luigi Bevilacqua Funeral for Luigia Franciosi <i>Requiescat in pace</i> <i>Gr 1-6 PREP (CGS) in Hall</i> <i>Choir Practice - Sat 5 pm</i>
	8:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 5:15 pm 6:30 pm	† Deceased Priests of RCAV † Luigi & Angelina Capolongo Thanksgiving - Marco Fiorini <i>SFA Over 50 Club</i> <i>Legion of Mary meeting</i> <i>Little Friends Walk-About</i>
Fri Apr 20	8:00 am 6:00 pm	† Maria Pilluso † Enrico Torelli <i>SFA Gala</i>
Sat Apr 21	9:00 am 9:30 am 5:00 pm	† Gaetano Reid <i>Confession</i> All Parishioners
Sun Apr 22 4th Sunday of Easter	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	† Domenico Di Tomaso † Caterina Zappavigna SFA Parish & School <i>SFO meeting</i> † Giuseppina Greco † Luigi Bevilacqua <i>SFA Youth Group</i>

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

Weddings Arrangements for weddings 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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