

April 29, 2018 - 5th Sunday of Easter

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Gospel: John 15:1-8 Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Vangelo di Oggi: Giovanni 15,1-8 *In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli: «Io sono la vite vera e il Padre mio è l'agricoltore. Ogni tralcio che in me non porta frutto, lo taglia, e ogni tralcio che porta frutto, lo pota perché porti più frutto. Voi siete già puri, a causa della parola che vi ho annunciato. Rimanete in me e io in voi. Come il tralcio non può portare frutto da se stesso se non rimane nella vite, così neanche voi se non rimanete in me. Io sono la vite, voi i tralci. Chi rimane in me, e io in lui, porta molto frutto, perché senza di me non potete far nulla. Chi non rimane in me viene gettato via come il tralcio e secca; poi lo raccolgono, lo gettano nel fuoco e lo bruciano. Se rimanete in me e le mie parole rimangono in voi, chiedete quello che volete e vi sarà fatto. In questo è glorificato il Padre mio: che portiate molto frutto e diventiate miei discepoli».*

Thy Kingdom Come The Archbishop of Westminster has joined with the Archbishop of Canterbury in urging Catholics to pray Thy Kingdom Come, a global movement between Ascension and Pentecost (May 10-20) that encourages more people to come to know Christ. Sign up to pray with us around the world for people to come to know Jesus Christ: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>



March For Life Victoria Join the thousands raising their voice for "human" rights for all "human beings" on Thursday, May 10. All are welcome to start the day in prayer. Marchers should be at Centennial Square by 1:45. The March will leave at 1:45, and head down Government Street to the BC Legislature. Marchers will arrive at the Legislature front lawn at approximately 2:15 pm for the Rally for Life, which will have inspirational speakers and lively music until 3:15 pm. The day ends with the Victoria Pro-Life Gala Dinner. Visit rcav.org/event/march-life-victoria for the complete schedule of events, contacts, and transportation options.



"The branch cannot bear fruit unless it abides in the vine."

Jesus does not lay the responsibility to produce fruit on us, but rather to remain in a relationship with him in which the Spirit will produce fruit in our lives. Fruit is the excessive life of the plant, its overabundance and vitality. If a plant only receives enough nourishment to survive it will not produce fruit. On the other hand, if a plant is robust this extra nourishment is channeled into the production of fruit. Jesus knows that this kind of life comes through him, and so he does not put the stress on being fruitful but rather on the need to remain intimately attached to him, living our life in union with him, and allowing his life to grow in us.



Our Lady of Pompei Supplica The Feast of the Madonna of Pompei is coming soon. It will be marked in our parish on Tuesday, May 8 with a special procession and prayers beginning at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. This year the Pompei Group will be selling special "mantelli" for \$25 in honour of Our Lady. All sales proceeds will be donated to the new school building fund.

St Kateri Tekakwitha Council Meeting Annual meeting of the St Kateri Tekakwitha Council of the Archdiocese of Vancouver composed of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Catholic people living in Native communities and rural areas in the diocesan catchment area. Discussions on the Church and Indigenous peoples. All are welcome on Tuesday, May 1, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm at JP II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. RSVP to rnahanee@rcav.org for lunch preparation. Sorry no special lunches can be offered.

Catholic Charities Men's Hostel in need of mugs "It's that time of year again...Spring cleaning! If you have old mugs cluttering up your cupboard please give them to our guests in our emergency homeless shelter. We always need mugs. We encourage our guests to choose a mug for themselves to claim as their own and keep with them when they stay with us and to take with them when they leave. Please drop them off directly at our shelter at 828 Cambie Street or at the St John Paul II Pastoral Centre.

Father Away Fr. Gino will be away for a few days early next week. Instead of Mass there will be a Communion Service on Monday and Wednesday morning. Weekday Mass times at nearby parishes are: Our Lady of Hungary 9 am; St Jude 8 am (Monday only); Our Lady of Sorrows 8 am in Italian.

Kitchen Renovation After much hard work, the kitchen in the parish hall has been completely renovated and updated. The kitchen is a vital amenity for our parish and is used virtually every week by groups from the school to the Over 50 Club. The renovation was made possible by your contributions to the building fund. Those who added their input and expertise are too numerous to mention, but special thanks go out to Angelo Paris and Apollo Sheet Metal for their work, and to Paul Buckley of the Pastoral Leadership Team who oversaw the project.



Parish Survey Next Sunday's bulletin will include a parish survey, part of our effort make St Francis as welcoming a parish as possible. We need your feedback! Please take the time to fill out the brief questionnaire and return it to the office or place it in the collection basket at the next opportunity. You will also be able to fill out the survey online.

Discipline that Doesn't Divide One of the biggest challenges faced by parents, caregivers and educators is the safe discipline of children and teens in their care. Given that connection is the greatest need a child has, discipline that protects this attachment is critical. Seven principles of attachment safe discipline will be discussed along with an understanding of the four most common principles that erode attachment and threaten development. Join us on Wednesday, May 16, from 7-8 pm in the church basement of St Anthony of Padua, followed by discussion and refreshments until 8:30 pm.

Cosmos, Climate, and Faith Katharine Hayhoe is one of the world's top climate scientists, and she is a Christian. Originally from Ontario, she now directs the Climate Science Ctr at Texas Tech University. She has been named one of Time Magazine's 100 most influential people, is well-known for her excellent public outreach, scientific work, and engagement with governments on mitigating the effects of climate change. On May 12 at 7 pm, Katharine will speak on Faith and Climate Change at Chandos Pattison Auditorium in Surrey. Evening includes the Isotone Ensemble performing "Six Pieces of a Reverberant Cosmos," composed by SFU's Janet Danielson. Reception following. Cost: \$30. To register, visit rcav.org/event/sky-gala-cosmos-climate-and-faith



Red Mass The Red Mass, in honour of the legal profession, will be celebrated by Archbishop Miller on Tuesday, May 8 at 5 pm on Tuesday, May 8 at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Reception following at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 655 Burrard Street at 6:30 pm with our special guest speaker, Angus Reid. The Red Mass is celebrated in honour of the legal profession. All are welcome. Reception tickets purchased at rcav.org/red-mass

Mass Intentions and Parish Activities		
Sat Apr 28	5:00 pm	† Settimia Fregolent
Sun Apr 29 5th Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	† Felix Gabriele † Angelina Di Lorenzo
	10:30 am 12:00 pm	All Parishioners <i>Baptism - Welcome to Emmett Miller</i>
	5:00 pm	† Luigi Bevilacqua † Anna Faccone
Mon Apr 30 St Marie of the Incarnation	8:00 am	Communion Service
	7:00 pm	<i>Symbolon Faith Study</i>
Tue May 1	6:30 pm	<i>Rosary</i>
	6:45 pm	<i>Gr 7 PREP (CGS)</i>
	7:00 pm	Perpetual Novena - St Francis
Wed May 2 St Athanasius	8:00 am	Communion Service
	9:00 am	<i>First communion Retreat</i>
	6:30 pm	<i>First Communion Rehearsal</i>
Thu May 3 Sts Philip & James	8:00 am	† Fr Tim McCarthy
	11:00 am	† Battista Bosa † Giuseppina Giacomazza & Nicoletta Seminara
	11:00 am	<i>SFA Over 50 Club</i>
	5:15 pm	<i>Legion of Mary meeting</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Rehearsal - Visintin & Grant</i>
Fri May 4	8:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
	9:15 am	School Mass
	6:00 pm	<i>Choir practice - Sunday 10:30</i>
Sat May 5	9:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
	9:00 am	<i>Pastoral Leadership Team mtg</i>
	9:30 am	<i>Confession</i>
	11:00 am	<i>Wedding - Congratulations to Tania Visintin & Iain Grant</i>
	5:00 pm	† Luigi Bevilacqua
Sun May 6 6th Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	† Domenico Di Tomaso & family
		† Caldarino family
	10:30 am	† Anna Conte † Antonio Fiorante
	1:30 pm	First Communion
	5:00 pm	All Parishioners



Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil Join us for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on Saturday, May 5. Mass is at 9 am at Guardian Angels Church followed by the Rosary at BC Women's Hospital.

Baptisms Baptisms are scheduled at noon on Sundays. Parents, please call the Office to arrange an appointment. o.

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 information.

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