

# Sixth Sunday of Easter May 6, 2018

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## Are We True Friends of Jesus?

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his disciples and us his friends. Friendship is a valuable gift. It requires generosity, honesty and mutual love. A true friend understands us even when we remain silent and accepts us as we are. Jesus' self-giving love for us, his friends, forms the model for the love we are to have for one another.

Jesus has no secrets with his disciples. He opens his heart to them, revealing to them the knowledge the Father has given him and his love for each of them. He demonstrates his profound love and that of his Father by laying down his life for us, suffering and dying on the cross for our salvation. His love has no limits, embracing everyone and giving everything. Jesus invites us to enter into his love and to express this love in our daily lives. This challenging love consists in making sacrifices and reaching out to others freely. It involves loving to the end, with Jesus' same compassion and selflessness. Only if we love one another as he has loved us can we be his true friends.

Jesus offers us his love and friendship, a relationship that will transform our lives and give us true joy. Let us accept his offer today.

*Nada Mazzei, Toronto, ON*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, Gene Leclair, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Mike Makarenko, Delorus Lee, Aurora Pereira, Dawn Epaarachchi, George Davies, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Pat Horbay, Bernadette Leclair, Mabel O'Donnell, Carolyn Goertzen, Dario Dira, Leonie Faucher, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Corry Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Roy MacLeod, Christopher Lasell, Norah Aucoin, Norma MacInnes, Margaret McCreddie, Cheryl McDonald, Andrea Haley, Louise Jones, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Mary Hollman, Daniel Gibbons, Catharina Noble & all sick & shut in of our parish. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

### Welcome New Parishioners

Andrew Hayward & Alyssa Harrison, Heather & James Keble, Sin Lun Kwok & Elaine Yuk Luen Leung, Emmeline Mazo, Sam & Dana Scanlan, Adam & Wanda Wilk & Roland Zavaleta & Evelyn Molina.

### Welcome to our Parish Family!



**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)** Thank you to all families that attended our Introduction to 1st Communion mtg. Registration for next year is ongoing. Forms are available in the vestibule, parish office and at PREP. Our Crowning of Mary service followed by FUN FAMILY SOCIAL for all PREP families is on May 16 at the Parish centre. May 16 is the last day of regular classes. Confirmation classes continue to meet until May 30. See you Wednesday. Karla



**PB Youth** is always looking for volunteers to serve Youth Masses every 2nd & 4th Sat, Sep—Jun. We need ushers, readers, musicians and singers to enhance everyone's experience of the Liturgy. Please email [pb youth@telus.net](mailto:pb youth@telus.net) for more info or to volunteer. Visit [www.pb youth.ca](http://www.pb youth.ca) to find out more about other activities of our Parish Youth Ministry. Also, mark your calendars: **May 19— Life in Christ Retreat for youth in Grades 9 & older.**



Preschool registrations for 3 yr. old and 4 yr. old (afternoon only) programs are being accepted. Contact the parish office for forms or download from [www.weesaintspreschool.ca/register](http://www.weesaintspreschool.ca/register).

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN** We are still in need of Presiders and Assistants. Please contact Maria at [mharkison@gmail.com](mailto:mharkison@gmail.com) if you are able to assist our ministry.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** The Pancake Breakfast in May will be on the 13th for Mother's Day. Come bring mom and grandma for a Mexican style breakfast. Try some Huevos Rancheros with fried beans and the usual pancakes, eggs, ham and sausages. **Feliz día de la madre!**

**K OF C GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER** Proceeds of this fundraiser go towards our Organ Replacement Fund. We are at \$24,593.00 \$6,201 to go!

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)** Thank you to the ladies who joined us for our Plant Nite. It was a fun evening and the teacup planters were adorable! Thank you also to our facilitator Cassie and the members who brought goodies to share. Next planning meeting on Jun 5 @ 7pm. We will be sponsoring a Community Safety info night for the parish, date TBC.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** July 16-20, 2018, 9am-12pm at Precious Blood Parish. Register by June 15. Forms are available on the Parish website [pbparish.ca](http://pbparish.ca) or e-mail [preciousbloodvbs@gmail.com](mailto:preciousbloodvbs@gmail.com) for more information.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** The Parish Office is looking for volunteer help to fold bulletins on Friday mornings and help with collection counting on Monday mornings. Please call Rosana at the parish office if interested to help.

Parish Schedule		
May 07 Mon	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Francisca Martin †</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> 1:00 PM SENIORS SOCIALS
May 08 Tues	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Daniel Gibbons</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> <b>7:00 PM Parish Prayer Group Mtg</b>
May 09 Wed	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Lex Maceda †</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> <b>9:30 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena</b> 9:45 AM LEGION OF MARY Meeting 6:30 PM PREP 7:30 PM K of C Meeting
May 10 Thurs	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Laetitia Macedo †</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> 10:00AM <i>Last day</i> Walking with Purpose
May 11 Fri	<b>9:00 AM SCHOOL MASS</b> <i>Int: Mary Deguara's Intentions</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> 10:00 AM Moms & Tots <b>2-3 PM Holy Hour</b> 7PM CFC Christian Life Program
May 12 Sat	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Juan, Ines &amp; Cecilia Omega †</i> <b>4:30 PM</b> <i>Int: Teresa Skamarauskas †</i>	8-9 AM Men's Faith Study Gathering <b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> <b>9:30 AM Confession</b> SVPD Mother's Day bake sale after 4:30 Mass 2 PM Youth Core Meeting
May 13 Sun	<b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> <b>11:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Daniel Gibbons</i>	<b>8:30-8:55 AM Confession</b> <b>10:30-10:55 AM Confession</b> 10AM-1PM Pancake Mexican Breakfast SVPD Mother's Day bake sale after Masses 3:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group

This week's second collection is for the Pope's Pastoral Works. Please give generously.

**Stewardship Reflection**  
*6th Sunday of Easter*

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - Jn. 15:12-13*

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider him your friend? Jesus says that if we love him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

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Read the Bible in One Year	
Follow the suggested readings daily for 365 days to read the complete Catholic Bible.	
Week 14	
SUN	Deuteronomy 10-11, Ps. 92, Acts 22:17-29
MON	Deut. 12-13, Ps. 93-94, Acts 22:30-23:11
TUE	Deuteronomy 14-16, Ps. 95, Acts 23:12-35
WED	Deuteronomy 17-18, Ps. 96, Acts 24
THU	Deuteronomy 19-21, Ps. 97, Acts 25
FRI	Deuteronomy 22-23, Ps. 98, Acts 26
SAT	Deuteronomy 24-26, Ps. 99, Acts 27:1-26

**HOLY HOUR**

On Friday, April 20 from 2—3 PM Pls. try to spend some time with our Risen Lord at Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended. Jesus waits for us in the Holy Eucharist.

*"Where your treasure is, there is your heart... Could you not watch one hour with me?"*  
**Mt.6:21, 26:40**

**PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE ELECTIONS** will be held after Masses on **May 26/27**. Consider running as a member of this Committee. There are 3 positions (2 elected & 1 appointed) for the PEC, and 1 elected position for the Regional Education Committee (REC). Deadline for nomination is May 16; forms are available in the vestibule and Parish Office. Please submit completed forms to the Parish Office.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES and AROUND THE AREA



**PROJECT ADVANCE 2018** Thank you to all those who participated and donated these last couple weeks. We are now at \$23,380, 56% of our Archdiocesan goal. 97 families have participated in our campaign so far. Please continue to support Project Advance. Donate online, through the Sunday collection or use the brochures available in the vestibule to mail in your donation. **LIVE GRATEFULLY; GIVE GENEROUSLY!**



**PARISH PRAYER GROUP** We are starting a group for Praise and Worship on May 8, Tues, 7PM in the Columbus Room. Everyone welcome. Please let us know you are coming by calling the Parish Office.



**MEN'S FAITH STUDY** for men 16 yrs. old and up looking to become better followers of Jesus. Saturdays, at 8.00-9.00 am in the Parish Centre. No cost, except for sacrificing sleep. for more information email [darrenxfrisen@gmail.com](mailto:darrenxfrisen@gmail.com).



**WALKING WITH PURPOSE** Catholic Bible study program for women. Weekly group sessions starting fall 2018. For more info, contact Lucia at [luciaborkowski@gmail.com](mailto:luciaborkowski@gmail.com) or Rocio at [roccio.lopez.ch@gmail.com](mailto:roccio.lopez.ch@gmail.com).



**JOB OPPORTUNITY Cloverdale Catholic School** is looking for a bookkeeper. Working in a school office can be demanding, distracting and completely delightful! If interested, please send your resume to the Principal, Mr. Jason Borkowski, at [jborkowski@cisva.bc.ca](mailto:jborkowski@cisva.bc.ca)

**SERRA CLUB** Fraser Valley west & IC Delta (88 Ave & 119 St.) invites you to a Vocations Mass @ 7pm, Wed. May 9. All welcome. Fr. Rodney celebrates.

**CHRISTIAN CULTURE AND SPORTS CAMP 2018.** One week adventure for kids ages 7-15. July 9-13, 2018, from 9-4pm St. Catherine's School, Langley. Registration closes June 17. E-mail: [Christianculturecamp@gmail.com](mailto:Christianculturecamp@gmail.com).

**ST. JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY** is having a Community Fund Raising Social on Fri., Jun 1 @ 6 pm at Morgan Creek Golf Course. Tickets can only be purchased online: [www.sjp2academy.com/social/](http://www.sjp2academy.com/social/). Questions or wish to volunteer? Contact: Cathy ([cathy@protinimport.com](mailto:cathy@protinimport.com)) / Holly ([holly.king@yahoo.com](mailto:holly.king@yahoo.com))

**CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS** Holy Rosary Cathedral will be holding preparation classes for Adult Confirmation on June 6, 13 & 20 from 7-8:30pm at the Holy Rosary Hall. To be confirmed on June 24, 2018 at 12:30pm, attendance at all 3 sessions is mandatory. All adults wishing to receive the sacrament are invited. Rehearsal for the ceremony is on Jun 20@7pm. To register, email [office@vancouvercathedral.org](mailto:office@vancouvercathedral.org).

CATHOLIC SERVICES	
<b>Couples for Christ/Migrant Workers Ministry:</b> Cesar/Beth Alejandria-778-389-163 msg 778-574-4390	<b>Vocations Office:</b> 604-443-3254/ vocations@rcav.org <b>Domestic Abuse Help Line:</b> 604-640-7549
<b>Catholic Cemeteries:</b> 604-531-2141	<b>Pro-Life/Crisis Pregnancy:</b> 1-877-889-6626
<b>Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline:</b> 1-855-675-8749 / <a href="http://www.epcc.ca">www.epcc.ca</a>	<b>NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES</b> <b>Billings Method:</b> David /Keely Wray- 604-574-2256 <b>Creighton Method:</b> <a href="http://fertilitycarevancouver.ca">fertilitycarevancouver.ca</a>
<b>Retrouvaille</b> (for troubled marriages): <a href="http://retrouvaillevanouver.com">retrouvaillevanouver.com</a>	
<b>Courage</b> (apostolate for individuals with same sex attraction): <a href="mailto:courage@rcav.org">courage@rcav.org</a>	<b>Encourage</b> (apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction): <a href="mailto:encourage@rcav.org">encourage@rcav.org</a>