

# May 6, 2018 - 6th Sunday of Easter

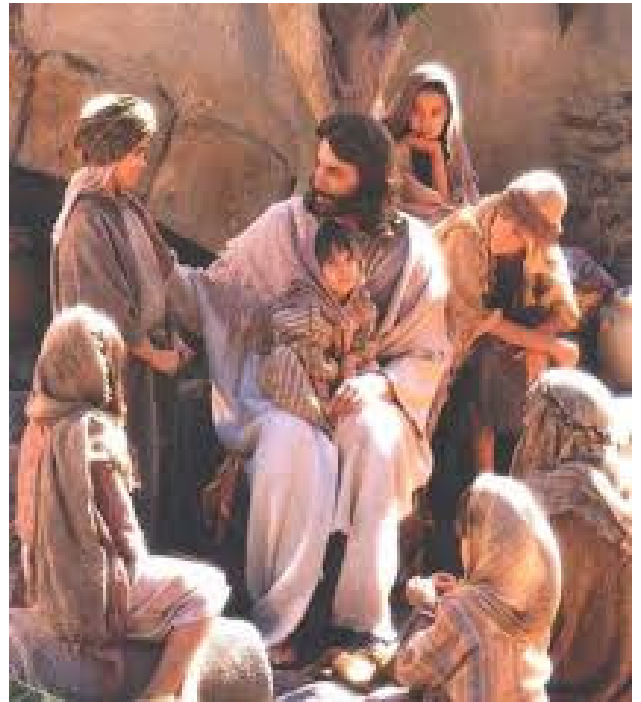
## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Gospel: John 15:9-17** Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

**Vangelo di Oggi: Giovanni 15,19-17** *In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli: «Come il Padre ha amato me, anche io ho amato voi. Rimanete nel mio amore. Se osserverete i miei comandamenti, rimarrete nel mio amore, come io ho osservato i comandamenti del Padre mio e rimango nel suo amore. Vi ho detto queste cose perché la mia gioia sia in voi e la vostra gioia sia piena. Questo è il mio comandamento: che vi amiate gli uni gli altri come io ho amato voi. Nessuno ha un amore più grande di questo: dare la sua vita per i propri amici. Voi siete miei amici, se fate ciò che io vi comando. Non vi chiamo più servi, perché il servo non sa quello che fa il suo padrone; ma vi ho chiamato amici, perché tutto ciò che ho udito dal Padre mio l'ho fatto conoscere a voi. Non voi avete scelto me, ma io ho scelto voi e vi ho costituiti perché andiate e portiate frutto e il vostro frutto rimanga; perché tutto quello che chiederete al Padre nel mio nome, ve lo conceda. Questo vi comando: che vi amiate gli uni gli altri».*



**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. Visit [rcav.org/event/march-life-victoria](http://rcav.org/event/march-life-victoria) for the complete schedule of events, contacts, and transportation options from Vancouver to Victoria. The Diocese of Victoria is hosting a Pro-Life Gala Dinner, starting at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!



*"God is love."*

Jesus makes three statements that help redefine and clear up our murky concept of love. First and foremost, love is self sacrificing; "Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend." Second, love follows the will and direction of Jesus. "If you keep my commandments you will abide in my love." Though commercialization has made trite the meaning of "What Would Jesus Do," this phrase does in fact provide direction as to how we should love others. Third, the way to love is unconditional. "In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us." In other words, Jesus did not find something in us that warranted his love, yet he took the initiative, sought us out, and demonstrated the Father's love for us.



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

**Milestone Anniversary Mass** This Mother's Day, Archbishop J Michael Miller, CSB, will be honouring couples celebrating their: 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th & 60th+ years of marriage. Mass will be on Sunday, May 13, at St Matthew Parish, Surrey. Please be advised that due to circumstances beyond our control we have had to change the Mass time to **2:30 pm**. Reception to follow in the parish gym with exhibitors present in Jubilee Hall. All are welcome to witness and celebrate the milestone anniversaries of others!



**First Communion Today** Congratulations to all those who will receive Jesus for the first time today. Let us pray for them as they receive their First Holy Communion that they will continue to grow in the love of Jesus.



**Parish Hospitality Survey** Included in today's bulletin, you'll find a questionnaire. We need your feedback in our effort to make St. Francis as welcoming a parish as it can be! Please take the time to fill out the brief survey and return it to the office or place it in the collection basket at the next opportunity.

**Pancake Breakfast Next Week** The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake Breakfast May 13, Mother's Day, after both morning Masses. Cost: \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Everyone is welcome!

**(Post) Mother's Day Lunch** The Mt Carmel Club and Knights of Columbus will be hosting a special Mother's Day Lunch on Sunday, May 27 after the 10:30 Mass. It will be a full lunch, including pasta, meat, salad, dessert and coffee. Tickets are \$25 and are available through the parish office or by calling Maria at 604-255-9784.

**The Art of Daily Conversations** Is there someone at work, or in your family, who you feel called to befriend or further involve in your life? Whether friendships develop on the bus, by the water cooler or at the dinner table, nurturing a real relationship takes time. As these daily conversations take place, how can we tell when someone is just curious to learn more about Jesus and why we love him, even before getting invited to get to know him better? Join us for wine and cheese and learn practical tips from Amber Zolc and the CCO Impact Team on how to share your personal journey with Christ, one conversation at a time. Friday, May 25, at 7 pm at the JPPI Pastoral Centre. Cost \$10. Register at [rcav.org/event/the-art-of-daily-conversations](http://rcav.org/event/the-art-of-daily-conversations).



**20th Annual Focus on Life Gala Dinner** Canada 2018. Human lives are in danger. Life affirming voices are progressively silenced. Where do we go from here? What does hope for Canada look like? Come discover how together we can challenge and inspire our nation to be a place where all life is valued. Our keynote speakers are constitutional law expert Albertos Polizogopoulos and Fay Sonier, Executive Director of Physicians for Life. They are going to give us a lay of the land and speak to how we can move forward in the midst of our current society and then lead into the practical initiatives that the Focus on Life committee is doing today. Monday, May 28. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Cost: \$85 pre ticket or \$800 per table. [focusonlife.ca/gala](http://focusonlife.ca/gala)

**Mugs for the Men's Hostel** If you have old mugs cluttering up your cupboard please give them to our guests in our homeless shelter. The Catholic Charities Men's Hostel always need mugs. You can drop them off at our shelter (828 Cambie Street) or at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre.

Mass Intentions and Parish Activities		
Sat May 5	5:00 pm	† Luigi Bevilacqua
Sun May 6 6th Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	† Domenico Di Tomaso & family
	10:30 am	† Caldarino family
	1:30 pm	† Anna Conte
	5:00 pm	† Antonio Fiorante First Communion All Parishioners
Mon May 7	8:00 am	† Silvio & Ida Bevacqua Sam Kiernan
	7:00 pm	<i>Symbolon Faith Study</i>
Tue May 8	10:00 am	Funeral for Loretto Ciaccia <i>Requiescat in pace</i>
	5:00 pm	<i>Gala Committee meeting</i>
	6:00 pm	<i>Our Lady of Pompei Procession</i>
	6:30 pm	<i>Rosary</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>
Wed May 9	8:00 am	† Mary Lew Chan Suet Ha
	7:00 pm	<i>Choir practice - Sat 5 pm</i>
Thu May 10	8:00 am	† Antonio & Rosaria Orlando
	11:00 am	† Deceased priests of RCAV
	11:00 am	SFA Over 50 Club members
	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 May 11	8:00 am	† Adamo & Rosa Cabrone
	6:00 pm	<i>Choir practice - Sunday 10:30</i>
Sat May 12	9:00 am	† Emilia Cerone & Carolina Shannon
	9:30 am	† Carmela & Cosimo Di Pomponio
	4:00 pm	<i>Confession</i> <i>Baptism - Welcome to Emilia Dobie</i>
	5:00 pm	All Parishioners
Sun May 13 Ascension of the Lord	9:00 am	† Lepore family
	9:30 am	† Adele Figone
	10:30 am	<i>Pancake Breakfast</i> Cristina Grassi
		† Cantafio family <i>Pancake Breakfast</i>
	5:00 pm	† Bruno Corra

**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 Parish for more information at 604-255-8855.

## The Welcoming Parish

Welcoming and hospitality are cornerstones in the foundation of Church. As a parish community, we are looking to identify areas of strength, areas that require improvement, as well as new ideas to be implemented. The items in this survey will help us to affirm what is already going on in the parish, as well as a tool for planning how to make the parish a more welcoming, inviting community. We thank you for your participation.

**Please rate each statement according to the following scale:**

**1=strongly disagree    2=disagree    3=neutral    4=agree    5=strongly agree**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I find St. Francis of Assisi to be hospitable to visitors and newcomers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ At Sunday Masses, our parishioners, as well as staff/volunteers, are welcoming and friendly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Outside Mass times, our parish staff/volunteers are available, accessible and willing to help.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The ushers provide assistance to individuals with special needs, the elderly and young families.
- \_\_\_\_\_ When there is coffee or social time after Mass, I usually stay and socialize.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I find St. Francis of Assisi to be a safe and comfortable place to meet my fellow parishioners.
- \_\_\_\_\_ When attending Mass, it is important to me that I am greeted by someone.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to know more about the various ministries at St. Francis and other ways I may participate more in the life of the parish.

**What Mass do you attend?** (circle) **Saturday** 5:00 pm **Sunday** 9:00am (Italian) 10:30 am 5:00 pm

Suggestions/comments to help St. Francis of Assisi Parish be more welcoming and hospitable:

**OPTIONAL** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate number of years at the parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently volunteering at the parish? Yes No

If yes, please give details: \_\_\_\_\_

**Interested in Volunteering?** Please fill out the PARISH PARTICIPATION FORM found on the back of this survey (additional copies available at the back of the church). Please return the completed form to the parish office or place

# Parish Participation (Volunteer) Form

Please return the completed form to the parish office or place it in the Sunday collection basket. Thank you.

Name:	Date:
Email:	Phone:
Which Mass(es) do you attend? (circle)	
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 p.m. <b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. (Italian)      10:30 a.m.      5:00 p.m.	
<b>PLEASE CIRCLE THE ACTIVITIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN.</b>	
<p><b>Mass Volunteer Service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Altar Server</li> <li>Choir             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Musician</li> <li>Singer</li> </ul> </li> <li>Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister</li> <li>Greeter</li> <li>Lector (Reader)</li> <li>Usher</li> </ul> <p><b>Church Volunteer Service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flower Ministry</li> <li>Kitchen Supply Monitor</li> <li>Maintenance</li> <li>Parish Events             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up/Take down</li> <li>Service</li> </ul> </li> <li>Parish Events</li> <li>Parish Gardens</li> <li>Parish Library</li> <li>Sacristy Assistance</li> </ul>	<p><b>Faith Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)</li> <li>Faith Study Groups</li> <li>Liturgy of the Word with Children</li> <li>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)</li> </ul> <p><b>Mission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Hampers</li> <li>Knights of Columbus</li> <li>Legion of Mary</li> <li>Little Friends of St. Francis</li> <li>Pro Life</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Parish Groups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffee Social Group</li> <li>(serve refreshments after Mass)</li> <li>Project Advance</li> <li>Parish Office Support</li> </ul> <p><b>Youth/Young Adults</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Ministry</li> </ul>
Comments, questions, and other talents you would be willing to share:          	

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