

# May 13, 2018 - Ascension of the Lord

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Gospel: Mark 16:15-20** Jesus appeared to the eleven, and he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

**Vangelo di Oggi:** *Marco 16, 15-20* In quel tempo, [Gesù apparve agli Undici] e disse loro: «Andate in tutto il mondo e proclamate il Vangelo a ogni creatura. Chi crederà e sarà battezzato sarà salvato, ma chi non crederà sarà condannato. Questi saranno i segni che accompagneranno quelli che credono: nel mio nome scacceranno demòni, parleranno lingue nuove, prenderanno in mano serpenti e, se berranno qualche veleno, non recherà loro danno; imporranno le mani ai malati e questi guariranno». Il Signore Gesù, dopo aver parlato con loro, fu elevato in cielo e sedette alla destra di Dio. Allora essi partirono e predicarono dappertutto, mentre il Signore agiva insieme con loro e confermava la Parola con i segni che la accompagnavano.

**Parish Hospitality Survey** Last week we included a survey in the bulletin. 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. More copies are available in the back of the church. We need your feedback in our effort to make St Francis as welcoming a parish as it can be!



### 7th Annual Walk to Keep the Dream Alive

Domestic Abuse Services – Our Lady of Good Counsel Society Sunday, June 3rd at Tynehead Regional Park in Surrey. Run, walk, or bike. Registration opens at noon and the walk starts at 12:30. Bring the whole family; pets on leashes welcome. Enjoy a day in the park, a BBQ concession, face painting, prizes, and FUN, FUN, FUN! Register online at [www.domesticabuseservices.ca](http://www.domesticabuseservices.ca). For more information about the event or about Domestic Abuse Service in general, please call 604-585-6688.


**Mugs for the Men's Hostel** If you have old mugs cluttering up your cupboard please give them to the Catholic Charities Men's Hostel always need mugs. Bring them to the shelter (828 Cambie Street) or the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre.



*"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news."*

Jesus tells his disciples, and us who have joined ourselves to him in baptism, "Go ... and make disciples." This command is not known as the "Great Suggestion" but rather as the "Great Commandment." It is and should be authoritative in our lives. God not only calls us to various tasks in this mission of evangelization but he also provides the means for our accomplishing it. He sends us the Holy Spirit who will equip us, enabling us to live for him, to witness of him, and if necessary, to die for him.

**Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate** Our local Church celebrates in joy and prayer the Mass of Ordination to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate of Dr Paulos Teckle on Saturday, May 19, at 10 am at Holy Rosary Cathedral. All are invited to attend. Please keep Paulos, all permanent deacons, and their families in your prayers.

 **Save the Date!** Mark your calendars for some exciting events coming up at SFA! June 2: our annual fun-filled Carnival (Italian Day is June 10 this year), June 3: the blessed Corpus Christi procession, June 13: special St Anthony Mass with homemade pizza available for purchase following Mass.

**VANSPEC Welcomes New Students for Fall 2018** Do you know anyone who would like to register their child for our one-on-one catechism? We can now accept online registrations. However, due to limited spaces we are unable to assist all applicants at once. We will place your registration in our application queue and once space becomes available, the next special needs student on the queue will be contacted. To register visit: <http://vanspec.ca/contact/new-students/> For further info contact: Lucy Rodjito – Vanspec Coordinator by email [vanspec@rcav.org](mailto:vanspec@rcav.org)

**Pancake Breakfast and Carnation Sale Today** The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake Breakfast today after both morning Masses. Cost: \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Everyone is welcome! The Knights are also selling carnations after the Masses in honour of Mother's Day.



**Launch of Project Advance 2018** Today we launch Project Advance for 2018 in our parish. As in past years, we have a parish goal of \$30,000. Our Archdiocese goal is \$20,000 and this helps with the renovation of our secondary schools, the founding of new parishes, and the funding of many life-giving ministries. All funds raised over our Archdiocesan goal will go towards our new elementary school. You can make your donations with one of our volunteers after Mass, through the parish office or online at [projectadvance.ca](http://projectadvance.ca). Thank you for your support.

**(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.

**Managing Difficult Conversations with Children** This presentation will provide parents with some tools and strategies on how to practise holding difficult conversations with children (and adults!). The following topics will be explored: creating systems and strategies in the home that help children develop the skills required to hold difficult conversations and providing a framework when dealing with children who are angry and upset. Join us on Wednesday, May 23, from 6-7:30 pm at St Anthony's Parish, West Van.



**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 per ticket or \$800 per table. [focusonlife.ca/gala](http://focusonlife.ca/gala)

**Marian Conference 2018** Come and enrich your spiritual life, find fellowship, and listen to these inspiring speakers: Archbishop J Michael Miller, Msgr Milivoj Bolobanic, Fr John Horgan, Fr Bill Halbing, Patrick and Joy Campbell, and Michael Russell O'Brien. Saturday, May 26 8 am to 5:30 pm at Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel. \$45 in advance, \$50 at door, \$25 students. [rcav.org/event/marian-conference-2018](http://rcav.org/event/marian-conference-2018)

## Mass Intentions and Parish Activities

Sat May 12	5:00 pm	All Parishioners
Sun May 13 Ascension of the Lord	9:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am  5:00 pm	† Lepore family <i>Pancake Breakfast</i> Cristina Grassi † Cantafio family <i>Pancake Breakfast</i> † Bruno Corra
Mon May 14 St Matthias	8:00 am  7:00 pm	Leo Strong Ursula Lingley <i>Symbolon Faith Study</i>
Tue May 15	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	<i>Rosary</i> Perpetual Novena - St Francis
Wed May 16	8:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	† James Lew <i>Pastoral Leadership Team mtg</i> <i>Prayers for †George Sloros</i>
Thu May 17	8:00 am  11:00 am  11:00 am 2:00 pm  5:15 pm 6:30 pm	† Lida Pallotto † Deceased priests of RCAV † Tassone family † Gina Giotta <i>SFA Over 50 Club</i> Funeral for George Sloros <i>Requiescat in pace</i> <i>Legion of Mary meeting</i> <i>Little Friends Walk-About</i>
Fri May 18	8:00 am 6:00 pm	† All Souls in Purgatory <i>Choir practice - Sunday 10:30</i>
Sat May 19	9:00 am 9:30 am 5:00 pm	† Luigi & Angelina Capolongo <i>Confession</i> † Argento Mascitti
Sun May 20 Pentecost	9:00 am 10:30 am  12:00 pm 5:00 pm	All Parishioners † Rosa & Arturo Conte † Pasquale Grande <i>SFO meeting</i> SFA Parish & School

**Birthright Vancouver: Special Mass** Please join us Saturday, May 26, for Mass at 12:10 pm followed by the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Reception to follow in Rosary Hall. Donations of refreshments appreciated. Rosary at 11:40 am. All are welcome. For more info, contact Helen, Jane or Julie at Birthright Vancouver [birthrightvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:birthrightvancouver@gmail.com) or call 604-687-7223.

**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.

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