

June 17, 2018 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

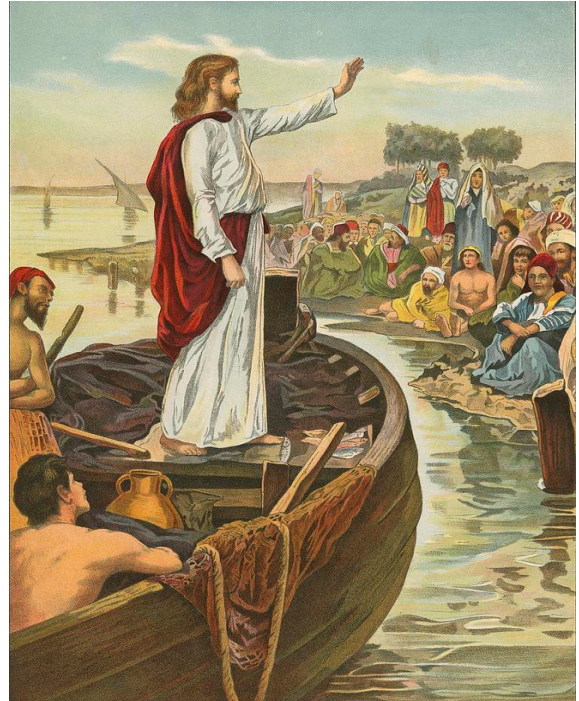
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Gospel: Mark 4:26-34 Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." Jesus also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Vangelo di Oggi: Marco 4,26-34 *In quel tempo, Gesù diceva [alla folla]: «Così è il regno di Dio: come un uomo che getta il seme sul terreno; dorma o vegli, di notte o di giorno, il seme germoglia e cresce. Come, egli stesso non lo sa. Il terreno produce spontaneamente prima lo stelo, poi la spiga, poi il chicco pieno nella spiga; e quando il frutto è maturo, subito egli manda la falce, perché è arrivata la mietitura». Diceva: «A che cosa possiamo paragonare il regno di Dio o con quale parabola possiamo descriverlo? È come un granello di senape che, quando viene seminato sul terreno, è il più piccolo di tutti i semi che sono sul terreno; ma, quando viene seminato, cresce e diventa più grande di tutte le piante dell'orto e fa rami così grandi che gli uccelli del cielo possono fare il nido alla sua ombra». Con molte parabole dello stesso genere annunciava loro la Parola, come potevano intendere. Senza parabole non parlava loro ma, in privato, ai suoi discepoli spiegava ogni cosa.*

YouthLeader YouthLeader is our annual Christian Leadership training event. YouthLeader is a team approach to Christian leadership formation for youth and adult leaders that integrates Christian spirituality and ministry skills. The purpose of YouthLeader is to empower young people for Christian leadership in Church and the wider community. July 9-13, Summit Park (Summit Pacific College), Abbotsford. For more information and registration, visit <http://rcav.org/summer-training/>

Catholic Teachers Needed The Catholic Independent Schools of the Vancouver Archdiocese (CISVA) is accepting applications for teaching positions. Interested applicants are encouraged to visit the CISVA website, www.cisva.bc.ca, to view available postings for September 2018.



"The Kingdom of God is like a seed."

If you had to describe the ocean, to someone who'd never seen it before, where would you even start? In today's Gospel, Jesus doesn't use grandiose language to describe the Kingdom of God. He uses a metaphor that's incredibly simple: the kingdom of God is like a seed. The farmer sows the seed in trust. It grows. He does not understand how. He acts in faith, looking forward to the harvest with his sickle by his side. In the case of the mustard seed, it grows exponentially. These point to the power of a faith-filled word, the influence of a prayerful act. We don't always see the result of our planting but God looks after the growth.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed We are looking for volunteers to lead and assist in running Children's Liturgy during the 10:30 Mass starting in September. With enough volunteers, the commitment would be one session per month. Training will be provided. Please speak with Fr Gino or call the parish office if interested.



Rose Prince Pilgrimage The Diocese of Prince George hosts its annual Rose Prince Lejac Pilgrimage July 6-8 at Lejac, BC with guest speaker Graydon Nicholas, former judge, lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick, and member of the Tobique First Nation. For more information or to view the full schedule, please visit: <http://rcav.org/event/rose-prince-pilgrimage-2018>

Vocation Live-In On the weekend of July 6 – 8, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. Cost: \$25. For more information, call 604-826-8715.

Canzoni della Nostra Gioventù

Canzoni della Nostra Gioventù Enjoy Italian music from yester-year at a special outdoor concert on June 29. Msgr Bernard Rossi, Maria Miceli and Tami Comuzzi will entertain us with singing, stories, jokes and poetry. All this takes place in our beautiful parish garden. Friday, June 29 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome but please note that the entire evening will be in Italian. Tickets are \$20 and are available through Fr Gino or the parish office.

New Choir Members Welcome - with a Summer Bonus The 10:30 and Sunday 5 pm choirs are welcoming new members. If you like to sing and would like to part of either choir, please speak with the directors after Mass. The summer bonus is an offer for private singing lessons with Silvia!

2018 Faith on Fire Catholic Family Weekend Join us this year as we celebrate *Church As Family*. We have an incredible line-up of dynamic and inspiring speakers this year. Some are new to Faith on Fire, some are returning favourites! July 13-15 at St. Mary's Anacortes, Washington. For more information please visit <http://stmaryanacortes.org/Faith-Formation/Faith-On-Fire>



Archbishop Miller's Statement on Trinity Western Supreme Court Ruling

I am saddened to see the Supreme Court of Canada's Trinity Western University law school decision, with its potential to undermine freedom of religion, conscience, and association in Canada. The decision runs counter to Canada's tradition of balancing rights and freedoms, and the implications of this decision for constitutional freedoms in Canada are severe... Not only is freedom of conscience and religion a fundamental principle recognized in international human rights law, it is the first freedom guaranteed in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. In the 2001 TWU teachers college ruling, the Supreme Court respected the country's social and legal tradition of attempting to balance competing rights, rather than giving preference to one right over another. With this decision, the court has moved away from our historic tradition of reconciling competing rights, and closer to a prioritization of rights, essentially ruling some are more important than others. Perhaps more disturbing is that the court has undermined rights actually written in the Charter in favour of unwritten charter values. The Court's willingness to disregard the Charter of Rights and Freedoms means the threat of state influence expanding beyond its authority is increasing. The Court is allowing governments and government-mandated regulators to decide which beliefs and values are favoured in society, narrowing pluralism and freedom of conscience, beliefs, and thought in a serious way...

For the full text of Archbishop Miller's statement, please visit <http://rcav.org/>. Alternately, there are a few copies available in the foyer.

Mass Intentions and Parish Activities

Sat June 16	5:00 pm	† Tollardo family † Rose Benincasa
Sun June 17 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Lepore family † Antonietta Barba † Domenico Di Tomaso † Alberto Sanvido † Giovanni Roselli <i>Baptism - Welcome to Amelia Mattia</i> <i>SFO meeting</i> All Parishioners
Mon June 18	8:00 am 7:00 pm	† Luigi & Angelina Capolongo <i>Symbolon Faith Study</i>
Tue June 19	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	<i>Rosary</i> Perpetual Novena - St Francis <i>Ladies Faith Study</i>
Wed June 20	8:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	† Lucia Lew <i>Discover Discipleship</i> <i>Choir practice - Sat 5 pm</i>
Thu June 21 St Aloysius Gonzaga	8:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 5:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	† Deceased priests of RCAV † Luigi Bevilacqua † Emilio Cerone † Enrico Torelli <i>School Wolf Awards</i> <i>Legion of Mary meeting</i> <i>Little Friends Walk-About</i> <i>Rehearsal - Dick & Giallardo</i>
Fri June 22	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Oliver Salacan School Mass <i>Preschool Graduation</i> <i>Grade 7 Farewell</i> <i>Choir practice - Sunday 10:30</i>
Sat June 23	9:00 am 9:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Carmela LaMontagna † Benedetto Fiorante <i>Confession</i> <i>Wedding - Congratulations to Miranda Dick & Frank Giallardo</i> † Emilia Cerone & Carolina Shannon † Loretto Ciaccia
Sun June 24 Nativity of St John the Baptist	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Caterina Zappavigna † Angela Morena & family † Maria Desinez † Argento Mascitti † Luigi Bernardi & family <i>Baptism - Welcome to Natalie Ballarin</i> All Parishioners

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