

September 30, 2018 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Gospel: Mark 9:38-48 After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Vangelo di Oggi: Marco 9,38-48 ». In quel tempo, Giovanni disse a Gesù: «Maestro, abbiamo visto uno che scacciava demòni nel tuo nome e volevamo impedirglielo, perché non ci seguiva». Ma Gesù disse: «Non glielo impedito, perché non c'è nessuno che faccia un miracolo nel mio nome e subito possa parlare male di me: chi non è contro di noi è per noi. Chiunque infatti vi darà da bere un bicchiere d'acqua nel mio nome perché siete di Cristo, in verità io vi dico, non perderà la sua ricompensa. Chi scandalizzerà uno solo di questi piccoli che credono in me, è molto meglio per lui che gli venga messa al collo una macina da mulino e sia gettato nel mare. Se la tua mano ti è motivo di scandalo, tagliala: è meglio per te entrare nella vita con una mano sola, anziché con le due mani andare nella Geenna, nel fuoco inestinguibile. E se il tuo piede ti è motivo di scandalo, taglialo: è meglio per te entrare nella vita con un piede solo, anziché con i due piedi essere gettato nella Geenna. E se il tuo occhio ti è motivo di scandalo, gettalo via: è meglio per te entrare nel regno di Dio con un occhio solo, anziché con due occhi essere gettato nella Geenna, dove il loro verme non muore e il fuoco non si estingue».

Reduce the Demand for Buying Sex Come to an informative video talk featuring Valiant Richey, former Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for King County, Seattle, who will be sharing his experience of working on the demand side of this exploitation and educating the public on strategies for enforcement. Cities across Canada and the United States are implementing a Demand Reduction Model to reduce commercial sexual exploitation. Video talk will be followed by a Q & A session. Tuesday, Oct 2 at St Anthony Parish, West Vancouver. Wednesday, Oct 3 at St Mary Parish, Vancouver. Event from 7-9 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Register at rcav.org/event/reduce-the-demand.



"It is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell."

The Gospel is very sobering this week. It seems very extreme that Jesus would say to cut off your hand, foot or eye if it causes you to stumble. Notice, however, that each of these is preceded by the phrase *enter into life*. It is *better to enter into life crippled ... lame ... blind* - any way at all - rather than go to hell. Life or hell - these are the radical possibilities of human freedom. Sin entices all of us, but it is how we deal with it that matters. Jesus tells us that we should make every effort to avoid whatever causes us to stumble (sin), extreme effort if necessary. Each of us has a free choice and that choice has consequences, here on earth and for eternity.

Supreme Court Decision on the TWU Law School Case: Implications With Trinity Western University losing its fight over accreditation of its law school, and the recent news that it is removing its requirement that students sign its Community Covenant, it is worth examining the possible implications of the Supreme Court decision. Join Professor Mary Anne Waldron of the University of Victoria and lawyer Gwendoline Allison for a panel presentation and discussion on issues raised by the case, such as diversity, religious freedom, and how it affects those of us working for a pluralistic society. Sat Oct 13, at 11 am at St Mark's College.

The Catholic Faith - in plain English Learn the teachings and practices of the Catholic Faith. This course is suitable for all adult learners including Catholics and non-Catholics. You can attend all sessions or drop in for specific topics as you please; there is no cost or pre-registration required. This course will be taught by Fr Vincent Hawkswell (retired pastor) and Maureen Creelman (retired high school teacher). It will run every Monday from Sept 24 to June 3 (9 am – 11 am at St Anthony's Parish in West Vancouver, repeated 7 pm – 9 pm at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre). For more info and for the list of topics and dates, visit <https://rcav.org/adult-catechesis-course>.



Feast Day Celebrations On Sunday, Sept 30, we celebrate the feast of St Francis of Assisi with a full and delicious lunch. Lunch tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under. Come and celebrate with us.

Supplica Madonna di Rosario Everyone is welcome to join in the Supplica and procession after the 9 am Mass on Sunday, Oct 7th.



Pancake Breakfast Oct 14 The Knights of Columbus are hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Oct 14 after the 9 am and 10:30 am Masses. Cost: \$5. per person or \$3. per child (children under 10 years old) The meal includes pancakes & sausages; coffee, tea or juice. Everyone is welcome!

School Walkathon October 5 The School Walkathon is an annual fundraising drive where our students are actively involved in raising funds for the school. School Walkathon will be held on Friday Oct 5. Each year students from K to Gr 7 walk to raise money in support of our school. Last year's Walkathon raised over \$25,000 towards our New School Building Project – this year our goal is to raise \$30,000. If you would like more info on our BUILD SFA 2020 campaign or if you think you might have time to help please contact us at BuildSFA@sfschool.ca.



Project Advance 2018 We are continuing to take donations for Project Advance. Our goal is \$30,000. So far we have received \$17,460, 58% of our goal. We are still taking donations until the end of December. You can drop your envelope, marked "Project Advance" in the collection or go online to projectadvance.ca. Thank you.

Stewardship Awards 2018 The Archdiocesan Award for Stewardship honours members of the laity who have provided exceptional service toward our Archdiocesan Priorities and Goals in time, talent or treasure to their parishes or the archdiocesan Church as an example of outstanding, Christian stewardship. Awarded every 3 years, recipients exemplify lives of gratitude and generosity and their lives are outstanding examples of "Stewarding God's Gifts" in our community! Please submit your nominations to rcav.org/stewardship-award-nomination by Oct. 5. Awards will be presented at Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, Nov 25, at 2:30 pm at the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. All faithful are invited to attend. For more info, please contact stewardship@rcav.org.



Free Bookcase and Display Case Items available for the first person who comes in to claim them and take them away. They were used for sale of religious articles. Bookcase is 32" w x 80" h with sliding glass doors and has 4 shelves on the top and 2 door locked cabinet on the bottom. Display case has 3 shelves behind a sliding plexiglass doors. Call office if interested.

Mass Intentions and Parish Activities		
Sat Sept 29	5:00 pm	† Maria Daga † Attilia & Costantino Reale
Sun Sept 30 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am	† Vincenzo & Anna Cambiotti
	10:30 am	† Caldarino Family <i>Family Mass</i> All Parishioners
	11:30 am	<i>Feast Day Lunch</i>
	5:00 pm	† Soava & Francesco Di Nozzi † Mario Ballarin
Mon Oct 1 St Therese of the Child Jesus	8:00 am	† Gaetane Reid
	6:30 pm	<i>PREP</i>
	8:00 pm	<i>Symbolon Faith Study</i>
Tue Oct 2 Holy Guardian Angels	6:30 pm	<i>Rosary</i>
	7:00 pm	Perpetual Novena - St Anthony
	8:00 pm	<i>Knights of Columbus meeting</i>
Wed Oct 3	8:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory † Frank Piluso
	7:00 pm	<i>RCIA</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Choir practice - Sat 5 pm</i>
Thu Oct 4 St Francis of Assisi	8:00 am	† Deceased priests of RCAV
	11:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
	11:00 am	† Paolo & Nicoletta Seminara
	5:15 pm	<i>SFA Over 50 Club</i> <i>Legion of Mary meeting</i>
Fri Oct 5	8:00 am	† Edward Dallamore
	9:00 am	<i>School Walkathon</i>
	6:00 pm	<i>Choir Practice - Sun 10:30</i>
Sat Oct 6	9:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory † Enrico Iaggolini
	9:30 am	<i>Confession</i>
	9:30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
	5:00 pm	Thanksgiving for St Anthony † Pasquale Faugno
Sun Sept 30 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am	† Francesco and Michellina Potegnano & Family † Franco Pingitore
	10:00 am	<i>Supplica Prayers</i>
	10:30 am	† Brando Soccorza & Paulo Barone † Tonino Fiorante
	12:00 pm	<i>Baptism - Welcome to Bruno Tommaso</i>
	5:00 pm	All Parishioners

Baptisms Baptisms are scheduled at noon on Sundays. Please call the Office for an appointment with Father.

Weddings Wedding arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation classes are mandatory. Please call the Office for more info.

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