

November 4, 2018 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Gospel: Mark 12:28-34 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Vangelo di Oggi: Marco 12,28-34 » *In quel tempo, si avvicinò a Gesù uno degli scribi e gli domandò: «Qual è il primo di tutti i comandamenti?». Gesù rispose: «Il primo è: "Ascolta, Israele! Il Signore nostro Dio è l'unico Signore; amerai il Signore tuo Dio con tutto il tuo cuore e con tutta la tua anima, con tutta la tua mente e con tutta la tua forza". Il secondo è questo: "Amerai il tuo prossimo come te stesso". Non c'è altro comandamento più grande di questi». Lo scriba gli disse: «Hai detto bene, Maestro, e secondo verità, che Egli è unico e non vi è altri all'infuori di lui; amarlo con tutto il cuore, con tutta l'intelligenza e con tutta la forza e amare il prossimo come se stesso vale più di tutti gli olocausti e i sacrifici». Vedendo che egli aveva risposto saggiamente, Gesù gli disse: «Non sei lontano dal regno di Dio». E nessuno aveva più il coraggio di interrogarlo.*

A Time to Remember & a Time to Pray The Catholic Church dedicated the entire month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. During the entire month we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those whom we have known and loved. Praying for the faithful departed pleases God, who makes use of our prayers to help purify these souls in purgatory that He Loves. A Holy Souls 30-Day Prayer Guide book is available for free at the back of the church or online to assist you with prayers and devotions throughout the season.

Notre Dame Fundraiser Event Notre Dame Regional Secondary invites you to Notre Dame: Uncorked, a new fundraising event on November 16th at 7:00 pm, hosted right at the school! This evening features wine tasting and great food, as well as an exciting silent auction. Tickets are \$50 and are available at the Notre Dame school office. For more information, please contact the school office at 604-255-5454 or ldcotiis@ndrs.org



"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength."

Interestingly, Jesus, in giving a response to a scribe, characterizes our lives as having four segments, heart, soul, mind, and strength. Frequently, though, we find we do not love God this comprehensively but amplify our love for God in one way to the detriment of the others. We may love devotedly but are weak on understanding, or have great knowledge about God, but lack deep love. Perhaps we express our love very emotionally while failing to attend to people's physical needs or do many kind deeds but have little interest in putting effort into our prayer life. Jesus teaches that this partial response is not sufficient. He repeatedly uses the word "all" to communicate that our love for God should encompass all parts of our being so that we may truly love God with all our heart, all of our soul, all of our mind and all of our strength.

Mass for Deceased Clergy The annual Mass for deceased bishops, clergy and consecrated men and women will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Wednesday, Nov 7 at 12:10 pm. All parishioners are most welcome to attend this special liturgy concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese. Remember kindly in your prayers during the month of November those who have laboured for the Church in Vancouver and pray that the Lord will send more dedicated men and women to continue their ministry.

Making Sense of Anxiety in Children and Youth The escalating level of anxiety in our children begs for an explanation as well as a solution. This Dr Gordon Neufeld video course, presented by Kevin Bredeman, MA, sheds light on this age-old problem, paving the way for natural interventions that can actually get to the root causes as opposed to just managing symptoms. Although the focus is on children, this enlightening material will benefit anyone suffering from anxiety. Join us on Nov 7, 14, 21 and 28, 7-9 pm at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. Cost: \$40. Register today: <https://rcav.org/parenting>

Welcome Fr Ain We are pleased to welcome Fr Ain Leetma to our parish. Fr Ain (rhymes with train) comes to us from Whitehorse in the Yukon. "I am happy to be here", he says. He's here to gain parish experience in the Archdiocese of Vancouver and assist Fr Gino.

Teaching Mass Fr Gino will be offering a special teaching Mass on Saturday, Nov 17 at 5 pm. He will teach during the Mass giving explanations of its various parts and texts. You will come away with a better understanding of what is happening during Mass and why we do what we do. Bring your family and friends or anyone who is interested in learning more about the Mass.



SFA Saturday Night Supper Join us for Saturday Night Supper on Saturday, Nov 17 after the teaching Mass. Doors open at 6:15 pm (following 5:00 Mass), dinner

served at 6:30 pm. Dinner includes: Pasta al forno (baked pasta) vegetarian or meat, salad, fresh buns, fruit, pastry, coffee and tea. All welcome, but we have limited tickets so don't miss out! Tickets \$15 for Adults, \$10 for children. Tickets will be sold after the 10:30 am Mass today and are also available at the school and parish offices.

SFA School Open House SFA School is having an Open House for prospective families. If you know of any families who may be interested in being part of our award-winning and friendly school community, please invite them to the Open House on Thursday, Nov 22 at 6:30 pm. The school is located at the corner of Victoria and Venables at 870 Victoria Drive. For more information visit www.sfaschool.ca.



Lasagna Fundraiser The Madonna di Pompei Prayer Group will be selling large (9 1/2 in x 11 1/2 in, serves 12) lasagnas for \$50.00. All proceeds go to the St Francis School Building Fund. Order forms are available at the back of

Church. Bring your completed form to the Office or drop it in the collection by November 10th.

Memorial Mass The Staff at Kearney Burnaby Chapel's cordially invite you and your family to the First Annual Memorial Mass to honour your loved ones who have passed on this year. This special Mass will be celebrated at St Helen's Church: 3860 Triumph Street, Bby, on Tuesday, Nov 6, 2018 at 7 pm. Please RSVP to: 604-299-6889 or email burnaby@kearneyfs.com. Refreshments will be offered after the Mass.



Pre-authorized Donations Reminder that PAD donations only apply to the regular collection and to the building fund. It does not apply to other second collections, so please use your boxed envelopes to contribute to these special offerings.

Knights of Columbus Raffle The Knights will be selling raffle tickets after Mass. Tickets \$3 each. Money raised supports the efforts of the Knights including our parish and school.

Mass Intentions and Parish Activities		
Sat Nov 3	5:00 pm	SFA Parish and School
Sun Nov 4 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	† Coltelaro family † Giuseppe & Luigia Franciosi † Bevilacqua family † Conte & Milekovic families All Parishioners
Mon Nov 5	8:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	† Anastazia Edeh † Angelina Deluca & Rosa DeBlasio <i>PREP</i> <i>Symbolon faith study</i>
Tue Nov 6	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	<i>Rosary</i> Perpetual Novena - St Francis <i>Knights of Columbus Meeting</i>
Wed Nov 7	8:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	† Ernesto Turco † All Souls in Purgatory <i>Pastoral Leadership meeting</i> <i>RCIA</i> <i>Choir practice - Sat 5pm</i>
Thu Nov 8	8:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 5:15 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	† Deceased priests of RCAF † All Souls in Purgatory † Carolina Shannon & Emilio Cerone † Joe Sorente <i>SFA Over 50 Club</i> <i>Legion of Mary meeting</i> <i>PEC meeting</i> <i>Sacramental prep mtg</i>
Fri Nov 9 The Dedication Lateran Basilica	8:00 am 9:00 am 6:00 pm 8:00 pm	† Antonio & Rosaria Orlando † Pasquale Faugno <i>Discovery Faith Study</i> <i>Choir Practice - Sun 10:30</i> <i>Prayer for the Church</i>
Sat Nov 10 Leo the Great	9:00 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 5:00 pm	† All Souls in Purgatory † Benedetto Fiorante <i>Confession</i> <i>Rosary</i> † Bombara & Zenone family † Maria Donata Ruscitti
Sun Nov 11 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	† Francesco Mangolia & family † Lepore family † Pagaliuso family † Conte & Milkicovich family † Adamo & Rosa Cabrone Santa Lucia

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. For class times, visit <http://rcav.org/m-prep/>. Please call the parish office for more information at 604-255-8855.

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