

September 9, 2018 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Gospel: Mark 7:31-37 Returning from the region of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Vangelo di Oggi: Marco 7,31 –37 *In quel tempo, Gesù, uscito dalla regione di Tiro, passando per Sidone, venne verso il mare di Galilea in pieno territorio della Decàpoli. Gli portarono un sordomuto e lo pregarono di imporgli la mano. Lo prese in disparte, lontano dalla folla, gli pose le dita negli orecchi e con la saliva gli toccò la lingua; guardando quindi verso il cielo, emise un sospiro e gli disse: «Effatà», cioè: «Apriti!». E subito gli si aprirono gli orecchi, si sciolse il nodo della sua lingua e parlava correttamente. E comandò loro di non dirlo a nessuno. Ma più egli lo proibiva, più essi lo proclamavano e, pieni di stupore, dicevano: «Ha fatto bene ogni cosa: fa udire i sordi e fa parlare i muti!»*



Catholic Cemeteries Special Burial Discount Available With continued interest in mausoleum burial space, Catholic Cemeteries is constructing a new buildings on its

sacred grounds at Gardens of Gethsemani in Surrey. Holy Angels Mausolea & Columbaria will include the addition of full body crypts, granite niches, and glass-fronted niches, providing a bright and reverent space for remembering. Special pre-construction discount available starting September 1, 2018. Purchase before October 15, 2018, and receive 20% off your purchase. If you would like to receive updates on the progress of Holy Angels Mausolea & Columbaria or simply learn more, register for news and alerts at HolyAngelsatGardens.ca.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter A Weekend of Discovery... A Lifetime of Love! By offering married couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation – Marriage. The weekend is entirely focused on your relationship. So take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together. October 20-22, Deroche, BC (just east of Mission) Info at wwmevancouverbc@gmail.com



"Be opened." Immediately the man's ears were opened."

We may have a malady similar to the man in this week's Gospel. Though we may not be physically deaf or mute we can be tuned out to the spiritual and miraculous realm which exists around us. Though we can see evidence of God's handiwork around us we can be deaf to the Spirit's explanation and possess lips that are silent rather than expressing appreciation and gratitude. Though we pray, and God answers, sometimes we are oblivious to the fact that what has transpired comes from him, attributing the things in our life to our goodness, good science, or to good luck rather than God's influence. Our ears, mouth and mind also need to "be opened" to God.

The Art of Effective Communication – Tools & Techniques for Today's Parents The number one concern of parents today is how to maintain good relationships with their children while disciplining them. This two-part presentation will equip us with the skills for communicating effectively with our children and will include a mini-workshop at the end of each evening. Part 1: Sept 19 at 7–8:30 pm & Part 2: Nov 21 at 7–8:30 pm. Topics include: 1) How to avoid dysfunctional talk and chaotic discussions 2) How to discuss difficult topics, such as drugs, alcohol and pornography 3) How to discuss the use of technology and its problematic implications. St Anthony of Padua Parish, Vancouver. For more information, contact Sara Ho at 604-266-6131.

Archbishop's Dinner 2018 Join Archbishop Miller on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 7 pm at Hyatt Regency, Vancouver for dinner. Reception at 6 pm. Archbishop Miller has designated the proceeds of the Seventh Annual Archbishop's Dinner to help the Archdiocese meet the costs of its intensive and comprehensive formation program for our future permanent deacons, along with the continuing education of those already ordained. Your donation and support will ensure well-trained ministers to bless our parishes, serve the poor, and contribute to the Church's presence in hospitals, First Nations communities and ports at among many other places. Purchase tickets today at <https://rcav.org/dinner2018/>

Archbishop's Visit Archbishop Miller has been visiting SFA for the past few days. We have been blessed by his presence as he met with parish group leaders and both school and parish staff. He concludes his visit to our parish by celebrating both Masses Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome to attend the reception with Archbishop Miller in the hall after the 10:30 Mass.

PREP starts Sept 17 The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is designed for all Catholic children from grades 1 to 7 who are attending non-Catholic schools. During PREP, the children learn the fundamentals of the Catholic faith through hands-on, play-based learning using the methodology of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The classes take place at the church on Monday evenings from 6:45 to 8 pm with the exception of the first evening which starts at 6:30 pm. For more information or the registration form, please contact the parish office.



Interested in Becoming Catholic? Our RCIA program will be beginning September 19. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, this is for you! RCIA (Rite

of Christian Initiation for Adults) participants meet weekly, on Wednesdays at 7 pm, with Fr Gino and systematically go over all aspects of Catholicism. The classes are small with lots of opportunities to ask questions. Please call the parish office for more information.

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. The volunteers lead the children, ages 3 to 9, through the weekly Readings and explain the Gospel to them in a way they can understand. Instruction books and training are provided. With enough volunteers, the commitment would be one Mass per month. Please speak with Fr Gino or call the parish office if interested.



Feast Day Celebrations Our Feast Day is coming at the end of the month! We will celebrate with a three-day series of events. On Friday, Sept 28, there will be a free choral concert in the church at 7:00 pm, featuring our parish and school choirs. Saturday Sept 29, we will have our annual animal blessing as we remember St Francis and his love of animals. Bring your pets to the parish garden at 2:00 pm and have them blessed. On Sunday Sept 30, we will celebrate the feast of St Francis of Assisi with a delicious lunch. Lunch tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children under 12. They are available through the parish office or after select Masses.

Rosary on Saturdays The Our Lady of Pompei Group will resume leading the Rosary every Saturday after the 9:30 am Mass. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Mass Intentions and Parish Activities		
Sat Sept 8	5:00 pm	† Tonon family
Sun Sept 9 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am	† Salvatore Tomassoli
	10:30 am	† Ferrari family <i>Family Mass</i> All Parishioners
	11:30 am	<i>Reception with Archbishop Miller</i>
	12:00 pm	<i>Baptism - Welcome to Aila Belmondo</i>
	1:00 pm	<i>Baptism - Welcome to Giuliana Vacchiano</i>
	5:00 pm	† Ida & Pacifico Pellizzari
Mon Sept 10	8:00 am	† Adamo & Rosa Carbrone
	7:00 pm	† All Souls in Purgatory <i>Symbolon Faith Study</i>
Tue Sept 11	10:00 am	<i>Mt Carmel meeting</i>
	6:30 pm	<i>Prayer for Virtues</i>
	7:00 pm	Perpetual Novena - St Francis
	7:30 pm	<i>Ladies Faith Study</i>
	8:00 pm	<i>Knights of Columbus meeting</i>
Wed Sept 12	8:00 am	† Maria Trozzo
	5:00 pm	† Jean Stofati
	7:00 pm	<i>Pastoral Leadership Team</i> <i>Choir practice - Sat 5 pm</i>
Thu Sept 13 St John Chrysostom	8:00 am	† Deceased priests of RCAV
	11:00 am	SFA Parish and School
	11:00 am	<i>SFA Over 50 Club</i>
	5:15 pm	<i>Legion of Mary meeting</i>
	6:45 pm	<i>Meet the Teacher Night</i>
Fri Sept 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross	8:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
	6:00 pm	<i>Choir practice - Sunday 10:30</i>
Sat Sept 15 Our Lady of Sorrows	9:00 am	Spec Int Leo Strong
	9:30 am	<i>Confession</i>
	9:30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
	5:00 pm	† Tessone family
Sun Sept 16 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am	† Felice & Maria Coltelaro
	10:30 am	† Stefano & Annunziata Sarangelo
		† Benedetto Fiorante
		† Teddy Caisip
	12:00 pm	<i>Baptism - Welcome to Hugo Murphy</i>
	2:00 pm	SFO Mass and profession
	5:00 pm	All Parishioners

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.

Please support these businesses which directly support St Francis of Assisi Parish

Agnes Wan
 Pianist • Organist
 Harpist • Violinists

Home: (604) 299-3916
 Cell: (604) 671-5365
 joagnes@shaw.ca

Weddings • Receptions
 Funerals • Events • Lessons

Home hardware

Fluent in both Italian & English
 "Proud to help support St. Francis Parish!"

Magnet Hardware - We are here to help
 1575 Commercial Drive, Vancouver
 Tel: 253-1747

Bell & Burnaby Funeral Chapel

"The Slavin Family" - Since 1934

Personalized Service
 Proud to Serve the Catholic Community
 Guaranteed Pre-arranged Funeral Plans Available

4276 Hastings Street, Burnaby-Tel: 604 298-2525
www.bellburnaby.com

A Division of Service Corporation International
 (Canada) ULC

ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTRE

SIT DOWN DINNERS, BUFFETS,
 BREAKFAST MEETINGS FOR 40 - 900 GUESTS

TRADITIONAL ITALIAN CUISINE
 Excellent Service | Central Location

Free Parking
 State-of-the-Art
 Audio-Visual Equipment

3075 Slocan St. Vancouver, BC | (604) 430-3337 | italianculturalcentre.ca

STEVEN ALMEIDA
 REALTOR®
 604 358 5758

O 604 435 9477
 F 604 435 9412
 Info@MetroVanProperty.com
 www.MetroVanProperty.com

Sutton - Centre Realty
 3010 Boundary Road
 Burnaby, BC V5M 4A1
 An Independent Member Broker

BOSAFOODS

VISIT US FOR A TRUE
 EUROPEAN SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

Fine Food Wholesale - Retail - Deli - Butcher
 California Grapes & Juices

1465 Kootenay Street, Vancouver
 540 Victoria Drive, Vancouver
 Phone: 604.253.5578 Fax: 604.253.5578

HEYES

Roofing & Installations

Sloped & Flat Roofing
 Installation and Repairs

Brian Heyes Tel: 604-985-8546

Lombardo's
 Pizzeria & Ristorante

1641 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, BC V5Y 3A3
 T: 604.251.2240

Patti Lombardo, owner
 www.lombardos.ca

Retrouvaille
 Vancouver

www.HelpOurMarriageBC.com

vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org

Our pre-need team is here to help.

Kearney FUNERAL SERVICES

Kearney Burnaby Chapel:
 4715 Hastings Street
 604.299.6889

www.KearneyFS.com

Mike Garisto
 604-312-9799

Birthright

- Free help for unplanned pregnancies
- Realistic plan for the future of mom & child
- Non-judgmental, no discrimination

604-687-7223 www.birthright.org

BCMEDEQUIP
 HOME HEALTH CARE LTD.

Medical equipment and
 Supplies
 Compression garments
 Mobility Aids

604-888-8811

2230 Springer Avenue, Burnaby, BC V5B 3M7
 (near Brentwood Mall)
 www.bcmedequip.com service@bcmedequip.com

renzullo FOOD MARKET

Mirella Renzullo
 Owner

1370 Nanaimo St, Vancouver, BC V5L 4T6 Phone: 604 255 9655
 www.renzullofoodmarket.com contact@renzullofoodmarket.com

Columbus MEAT MARKET

Serving the Community Since 1991

Eugenio Masi Giancarlo Masi Vito Masi

Tel: 604-253-2242

1310 Nanaimo Street, Vancouver, BC V5K 2Z9 Fax: 604-253-2260

JAMES BUONASSISI **KW VANCENTRAL**
 KELLERWILLIAMS REALTY

Call: 604.626.9734 info@jamesb.ca www.jamesb.ca

3995 Fraser Street
 Vancouver, BC
 CANADA
 V5V 4E5

Plumbing
 Heating
 Drain Cleaning
 Gas Fitting

Tony Ventresca
 604.251.5164

Ventresca Plumbing Ltd.
 ventrescaplumbing@telus.net
 Fax 604.251.5044

GNK Insurance Services Inc.
AUDIA & SPARTANO

4198 E. Hastings St.
 Tel: 604-434-8259
 Fax: 604-294-8260

Residential & Commercial Insurance
 Autoplan Insurance - Travel Insurance, Etc.

NOTARY SERVICE AVAILABLE

Da Vinci International Travel Inc.

Fluent in both Italian & French

Contact Laura or Marina at 604-254-9557
 Olga directly (toll free) 1-877-735-7038

1428 Commercial Drive, Vancouver
 Email: davincitravel@telus.net Fax: 604-254-7224

La Rinascente Imports

China, porcelain, ceramics, silver, stainless steel, Linen, clothing, blankets & much more!
 We also sell religious pictures and statues

Rose's Childrens Wear
 dresses, suits, coats, communion dresses and christening sets for boys & girls

2677 E. Hastings Street, Van. Tel: 255-6020

CUSTOMER

CREATIVE IMAGES
 Award Winning Photographers
 #3 - 4609 East Hastings, Burnaby
 Tel: 291-6344

The celebration of a lifetime
 BEGINS HERE.

Dignity MEMORIAL

LIFE WELL CELEBRATED™

GLENHAVEN MEMORIAL CHAPEL VANCOUVER 604-255-5444
OCEAN VIEW FUNERAL HOME BURNABY 604-435-6688
FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME BURNABY 604-299-7720

Registered Trademark of CARP, used under license.
 Dignity Memorial is a division of Service Corporation International (Canada) ULC.

COLUMBUS WORLD TRAVEL
 Your travel specialist since 1963.

Phone: 604.255.7781
 Toll Free: 1.800.661.8005

1503 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, BC V5L 3Y1
 info@columbusworldtravel.com | www.columbusworldtravel.com

f s+ @ColumbusWorldTravel @ColumbusTravel

GARDENS OF Gethsemani Catholic Cemeteries Archdiocese of Vancouver

Peace starts with an appointment

604-531-2141 / rccav.org
 15694 32nd Avenue, Surrey, BC, V3Z 9V1

SAINT FRANCIS of ASSISI SCHOOL and PRESCHOOL

sfaschool.ca
 604-253-7311
 Teacher specialists
 After School Club
 Award winning academic and physical education programs

Cosmo

Cell: (604) 727-1594
 Email: cos@telus.net

ROYAL LEPAGE

String Realty
 INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED