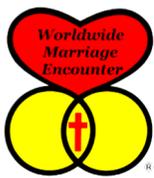


September 16, 2018 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Gospel: Mark 8:27-35** Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

**Vangelo di Oggi: Marco 8,27-35** *In quel tempo, Gesù partì con i suoi discepoli verso i villaggi intorno a Cesarèa di Filippo, e per la strada interrogava i suoi discepoli dicendo: «La gente, chi dice che io sia?». Ed essi gli risposero: «Giovanni il Battista; altri dicono Elia e altri uno dei profeti». Ed egli domandava loro: «Ma voi, chi dite che io sia?». Pietro gli rispose: «Tu sei il Cristo». E ordinò loro severamente di non parlare di lui ad alcuno. E cominciò a insegnare loro che il Figlio dell'uomo doveva soffrire molto, ed essere rifiutato dagli anziani, dai capi dei sacerdoti e dagli scribi, venire ucciso e, dopo tre giorni, risorgere. Faceva questo discorso apertamente. Pietro lo prese in disparte e si mise a rimproverarlo. Ma egli, voltatosi e guardando i suoi discepoli, rimproverò Pietro e disse: «Va' dietro a me, Satana! Perché tu non pensi secondo Dio, ma secondo gli uomini». Convocata la folla insieme ai suoi discepoli, disse loro: «Se qualcuno vuol venire dietro a me, rinneghi se stesso, prenda la sua croce e mi segua. Perché chi vuole salvare la propria vita, la perderà; ma chi perderà la propria vita per causa mia e del Vangelo, la salverà».*



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*"Whoever wants to be my follower, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."*

Knowing people's aversion to pain and suffering and our preoccupation with self-preservation, why did Jesus invite them to follow him while telling them how he must suffer and die? Equally mystifying is why the disciples said yes to Jesus' call. This week's Gospel sheds some light on the reasons. First, as we see in Peter's answer to Jesus' question, the disciples had moved from a position of simply viewing Jesus as a great teacher to one of knowing that he was in fact the Christ. When this truth grips a person's heart and mind, as it did the disciples' hearts, it becomes the most important thing in the world. Then he is to be followed and pursued regardless of the cost.

**Life Chain** On Sunday, Sept. 30, pro-lifers at over 200 locations from coast to coast will participate in Life Chain, praying silently for an hour while holding non-graphic signs with messages such as, "Abortion kills children," "Abortion hurts women," and "Life: the first inalienable right." Although Life Chain is usually on the first Sunday of October, due to Thanksgiving this year it will be held a week earlier. This simple, peaceful witness provides an opportunity for young and old to remind their fellow community members of the inherent dignity of every human being, and our duty to defend the vulnerable. Please join us in this effort, bringing your family and friends on Sunday, Sept. 30 from 2 – 3 pm at Oak Street and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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



**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. The classes are small with lots of opportunities to ask questions. Please call the parish office for more information.

**PREP starts Monday** The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is designed for all Catholic children from grades 1 to 7 who are attending non-Catholic schools. 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 at 604-255-8855.

**Love Children?** Want to help them understand the Mass and Readings? We are looking for volunteers for Children's Liturgy. 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.

**Mission with Jesse Manibusan** St Joseph the Worker Parish, Richmond, is excited and pleased to welcome world renowned singer, songwriter, storyteller and speaker Jesse Manibusan who will share his words, songs and messages of hope, faith, love and encouragement over three days. Session #1 Sept 16, at 7 pm, repeats on Sept 17 at 10 am; Session #2 Sept 17 at 7 pm, repeats on Sept 18 at 10 am; Session #3 Sept 18 7 pm (no repeat). Jesse is a speaker who relates well to people of all ages. Come as a family, come on your own, whatever you do...don't miss this opportunity! Event by donation. More information at 604-277-8353.

**Rosary Coast to Coast** All Canadians are invited to pray the Rosary Coast to Coast wherever they can gather in prayer for our country. Visit <https://rcav.org/event/rosary-coast-to-coast> for more information.

Mass Intentions and Parish Activities		
Sat Sept 15	5:00 pm	† Tessone family
Sun Sept 16 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 2:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Felice & Maria Coltelaro † Stefano & Annunziata Sarangelo † Benedetto Fiorante † Teddy Caisip <i>Baptism - Welcome to Hugo Murphy</i> SFO Mass and profession All Parishioners
Mon Sept 17	8:00 am 6:30 pm 8:00 pm	SFA Parish and School <i>PREP starts</i> <i>Symbolon Faith Study</i>
Tue Sept 18	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	<i>Prayer for Virtues</i> Perpetual Novena - St Anthony
Wed Sept 19	8:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	† Luigi & Angelina Caplongo <i>RCIA starts</i> <i>Choir practice - Sat 5 pm</i>
Thu Sept 20 Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong and Companions	8:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 5:15 pm 6:30 pm	† Antonio & Ida Orlando † Enrico Torrelli † All Souls in Purgatory <i>SFA Over 50 Club</i> <i>Legion of Mary meeting</i> <i>Little Friends Walk-About</i>
Fri Sept 21 St Andrew	8:00 am 6:00 pm	† Silvio & Ida Bevacqua <i>Choir practice - Sunday 10:30</i>
Sat Sept 22	9:00 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 5:00 pm	Thanksgiving for St Anthony <i>Confession</i> <i>Rosary</i> All Parishioners
Sun Sept 23 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Angela Moreno & family † Domenico Di Tomaso & family † Anna Conte † Letizia Di Tomaso <i>Baptism - Welcome to Marigold Morris</i> † Frank Sacco

**New Choir Members Welcome** All our parish choirs welcome new members. If interested in singing in one choirs please see the choir director after Mass.

**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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