

September 23, 2018 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Gospel: Mark 9:30-37** 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 9,30-37** *In quel tempo, Gesù e i suoi discepoli attraversavano la Galilea, ma egli non voleva che alcuno lo sapesse. Insegnava infatti ai suoi discepoli e diceva loro: «Il Figlio dell'uomo viene consegnato nelle mani degli uomini e lo uccideranno; ma, una volta ucciso, dopo tre giorni risorgerà». Essi però non capivano queste parole e avevano timore di interrogarlo. Giunsero a Cafarnaù. Quando fu in casa, chiese loro: «Di che cosa stavate discutendo per la strada?». Ed essi tacevano. Per la strada infatti avevano discusso tra loro chi fosse più grande. Sedutosi, chiamò i Dodici e disse loro: «Se uno vuole essere il primo, sia l'ultimo di tutti e il servitore di tutti». E, preso un bambino, lo pose in mezzo a loro e, abbracciandolo, disse loro: «Chi accoglie uno solo di questi bambini nel mio nome, accoglie me; e chi accoglie me, non accoglie me, ma colui che mi ha mandato».*

**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.

**Infant Loss Awareness Mass** October 15 is National Infant Loss Awareness Day. We remember our little ones who have gone too soon. To honour them, Archbishop Miller will celebrate Mass at the Evangelist Chapel at the Gardens of Gethsemani. We will light up the cemetery in their honour, so please come and join us for this special Mass on Monday, October 15 at 7 pm at Gardens of Gethsemani, Surrey.



*"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all."*

In this week's Gospel Jesus picks up on the conflict of motives that surrounds our relationship to others. While, Jesus was preparing these disciples for his imminent arrest, abuse, death, and resurrection, his followers were preoccupied with debating who of them would be the greatest. How we view greatness is a reflection of our acculturation. If our heart and mind have been impregnated with the world's wisdom, we view greatness as an issue of superiority, of one person over another. Jesus turned the world's definition of greatness upside down by his personal example and by words. There was no doubt in the minds of those who observed Jesus that he was great. Even his enemies were aware of this. Yet Jesus' example was one of humbleness, eating with the despised, elevating the view of women, washing the feet of his followers, etc. Greatness in Jesus' mind is a reflection of love and service.

**WALK-A-THON**



**School Walkathon October 5** The School Walkathon is our annual fundraising drive where our students are actively involved in raising funds

for the school. This year our School Walkathon will be held on Friday, October 5. Each year students from Kindergarten to Grade 7 walk to raise money in support of our school. This year will be unlike any other as our goal of building a new school is becoming a reality. We have achieved "Approval in Principle" from the Archdiocese of Vancouver, a potential sale of our parish land, and our Development Application is almost ready to be submitted to the City of Vancouver. The funds raised in this year's Walkathon will go toward the costs of the Development Permit application and continuing community consultation and engagement; these steps are crucial to the success of this project and to the future of the St Francis of Assisi community in East Vancouver. 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 information on our BUILD SFA 2020 campaign or if you think you might have time to help please contact us at [BuildSFA@sfschool.ca](mailto:BuildSFA@sfschool.ca).



**Feast Day Celebrations** Our Feast Day celebrations start at the end of this week! We will celebrate with a three-day series of events. On Friday, Sept 28, there will be a free choral concert in the church from 7 to 8 pm. Come hear our parish and school choirs perform.

There will be a bonus guitar and viola selection as well. They have been practicing hard so come out and hear the beautiful music! 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 pm and have them blessed. On Sunday, Sept 30, we will 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 and are available through the Office.

**Interested in Becoming Catholic?** If you, or anyone you know, is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, RCIA is for you! RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) participants meet weekly, on Wednesdays at 7 pm, with Fr Gino. The program has begun but it is not too late to join. Just come on Wednesday, no pre-registration is necessary. Please call the parish office for more information at 604-255-8855.



**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Annual Conference** Reclaim wonder and awe! See the faith from the eyes of a child, experience amazement, and learn the art of listening to God with children. There are many joys that CGS methodology offers to children and most importantly to adults. Come and see! For the first time ever, the Archdiocese of Vancouver is proud to sponsor the Catechesis of the Good

Shepherd Association of Canada's Annual Conference Oct 19 -21, at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel. Cost: \$100/day or \$150 for both conference days. Silent auction and raffle draw available. Register today for this unique conference and experience CGS for yourself: [rcav.org/cgs-annual-conference/](https://rcav.org/cgs-annual-conference/)

**The Catholic Faith - in plain English** Learn the teachings and practices of the Catholic Faith in this robust course. This course is suitable for all adult learners including Catholics and non-Catholics. It will be especially useful for anyone who teaches religious education (PREP, RCIA, Catholic Schools), those in lay ministry (youth ministry, young adult ministry, prayer group leaders), and anyone seeking deeper answers to their questions. 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). The course runs 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>

Mass Intentions and Parish Activities		
Sat Sept 22	5:00 pm	All Parishioners
Sun Sept 23 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am	† Angela Moreno & family † Domenico Di Tomaso & family
	10:30 am	† Anna Conte † Letizia Di Tomaso
	12:00 pm	<i>Baptism - Welcome to Marigold Morris</i>
	5:00 pm	† Frank Sacco † Giuseppina Fox
Mon Sept 24	8:00 am	SFA Parish and School
	6:30 pm	<i>PREP</i>
	8:00 pm	<i>Symbolon Faith Study</i>
Tue Sept 25	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>Prayers for † Scalli</i>
	8:00 pm	<i>Knights of Columbus meeting</i>
Wed Sept 26 Sts John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jaques and Companions	8:00 am	Carolyn Molsberry
	12:30 pm	Funeral for Francesco Scalli <i>Requiescat in pace</i>
	7:00 pm	RCIA
	7:00 pm	<i>Choir practice - Sat 5 pm</i>
	8:00 pm	<i>Finance Council meeting</i>
Thu Sept 27 St Vincent de Paul	8:00 am	† Deceased priests of RCAV † Strong family
	11:00 am	† Gina Giotto † Anna Amoto † Norval & Margaret Rally
	11:00 am	<i>SFA Over 50 Club</i>
	5:15 pm	<i>Legion of Mary meeting</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Lector meeting</i>
Fri Sept 28	8:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
	9:15 am	School Mass
	7:00 pm	<i>Choral Concert</i>
Sat Sept 29 Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	9:00 am	† Carmela La Montagna † Cristina Fiorante
	9:30 am	<i>Confession</i>
	9:30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
	2:00 pm	<i>Animal Blessing</i>
	5:00 pm	† Mario Daga † Attilia & Costantino Reale
Sun Sept 30 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am	† Vincenzo & Anna Cambiotti † Caldarino family
	10:30 am	<i>Commissioning Sunday</i> All Parishioners
	11:30 am	<i>Feast Day Lunch</i>
	5:00 pm	† Soava & Francesco Di Nozzi † Mario Ballarin

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