

January 13, 2019 Baptism of the Lord

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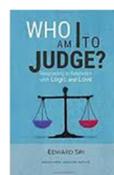
Today's Gospel: Luke 3:15-16,21-22 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Vangelo di Oggi: Luca 3,15-16,21-22 *In quel tempo, poiché il popolo era in attesa e tutti, riguardo a Giovanni, si domandavano in cuor loro se non fosse lui il Cristo, Giovanni rispose a tutti dicendo: «Io vi battezzo con acqua; ma viene colui che è più forte di me, a cui non sono degno di slegare i lacci dei sandali. Egli vi battezerà in Spirito Santo e fuoco». Ed ecco, mentre tutto il popolo veniva battezzato e Gesù, ricevuto anche lui il battesimo, stava in preghiera, il cielo si aprì e discese sopra di lui lo Spirito Santo in forma corporea, come una colomba, e venne una voce dal cielo: «Tu sei il Figlio mio, l'amato: in te ho posto il mio compiacimento».*

Assisted Suicide: Communicating with Clarity and Compassion Come and hear and International pro-life speaker and author Stephanie Gray. She will be addressing some challenging questions such as, "What should a civil and humane response to suffering be?" "How can people of good will respond to this legalized killing?" She will discuss the most common concerns with clarity and without judgement. It will be a compelling and eye-opening talk. There will be time for some questions at the end. The talk will be held at the Parish on Wednesday, Feb 6 at 7 pm. All are welcome.



"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist at the start of his earthly ministry. The Holy Spirit descended on him and the Father spoke to him from heaven. As far as we know, Jesus had not yet performed any miracles, taught any crowds, told any parables, or called any disciples. Yet God the Father, was not simply pleased with him, he was *well pleased* with him. This incident tells us something important. The worth and value of Jesus the Son was intrinsic, part of his essential nature. He was significant because of who he was, not only because of what he would do. In fact, what he later did was a result of who he was, not the other way around. This incident also indicates that the Father does not assign us worth based on our utilitarian value. We cannot impress God or make him love us more because we are *useful* to him. Contrariwise, we have value and significance because we are created in his image.



Who am I to Judge? Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love How do we talk about morality in a world that no longer believes in truth? When we're bombarded with messages of "Be tolerant!" "Don't judge!" and "Coexist!" many good people feel afraid to say anything is right or wrong anymore. This new DVD-based faith study gives an important key to responding to relativism effectively. Learn how real Catholic morality is all about love. Come to this new faith study on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm, beginning January 14 for 8 weeks.



Winter Institute Archdiocesan Institutes are dedicated to the Church's mission of lifelong faith formation. Our one-day courses equip Catholics with the knowledge, skills, and spiritual foundation necessary for active participation in the life of the Church. *Basics of the Faith* and *Discovering the Gospels* are great courses to renew, refocus, and refresh yourself for 2019. Saturday, Jan 19 10 am – 4 pm at Notre Dame High School. Cost: \$40 per person, includes lunch. Register at rcav.org/winter-institute.

Stamps for the Knights A friendly reminder from the Knights of Columbus that they collect used postage stamps. All donations are appreciated. There is a drop box on the wall in the vestibule.

Quo Vadis – Men's Discernment Events Men's Discernment group is having an evening with Fr. Nick Meisl - Hearing God's Call in the Bible on Wednesday, Jan 23 at 7 pm at St Patrick's Parish, Vancouver. Open to single Catholic men ages 18+ who want to answer the question: What is God calling me to do with my life? Please register at least one week in advance by contacting the Vocations Office at vocations@rcav.org or call 604-443-3254.



Combined Family and Enrollment Mass On Saturday, Jan 19 at the 5 pm Mass, we will celebrate with a combined Family and Enrollment Mass. As usual, the Family Mass entails children from our school choir leading us in song, others proclaiming the Word of God in the readings and still others assisting with ushering. The Enrollment Mass is a special time for all children, and their families, who will be receiving First Communion and Confirmation this year as they give their “yes” to receiving the sacrament later in the year.

SFA Saturday Night Supper Saturday Supper to follow the Family and Enrollment Mass on Saturday, Jan 19 at 6:15 pm. Doors open at 6:15 pm (following 5:00 Mass), dinner served at 6:30 pm. Dinner includes pizza (gluten free option available) salad, fresh fruit, cake, coffee and tea. All welcome, but we have limited tickets so don't miss out! Tickets \$15 for Adults, \$10 for children. Tickets available at parish office or call Lisa at 604-374-2808.



Preschool Open House Our Preschool will be hosting an Open House on Monday Jan 28 from 9:30 am - noon and 2 pm - 5:30 pm. We offer a nurturing environment to learn, grow and make friends. Please join us! For further information please call 604-255-9839 or

email preschool@sfaschool.ca

Religious Education Kiosk We have received more books and CDs for our Religious Education Kiosk located at the back of the church. New CDs available include “Confession” and “Our Lady of Sorrows” and books like “Saint Anthony of Padua” and “The Forgiveness of Sin”. Come check them out!



Notre Dame Open House Notre Dame will be hosting an open house on Thursday, Jan 17 at 6:00 pm. Learn more about the many great programs and facilities Notre Dame has to offer! 2019 Placement Exam will be on Friday,

Jan 18 at 11:30 am at Notre Dame.

First Friday Mass Starting February 1, SFA will offer Mass at 7 pm on the First Friday of every month. First Friday devotions have their origin in St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun and mystic, who in 1673 had visions of Jesus and His Sacred Heart and received promises entrusted to all who practice a devotion to his Sacred Heart on the first Friday of the month. First Friday devotion is an opportunity for us to encounter Jesus more than just on Sundays and to deepen our love for him.

Morning of Recollection Come and let us reflect on ‘Our Lady, the air we breathe’ with Madonna House. Come join us for a talk and a time of silent reflection, followed by fellowship, sharing, and mid-day prayer on Saturday, Jan 19 from 9:30 am to 12 noon at St John the Apostle Parish Hall (5457 Trafalgar St Vancouver).

Mass Intentions		
Sat Jan 12	5:00 pm	SFA Parish and School
Sun Jan 13 Baptism of the Lord	9:00 am	† Bruno Corra † Domenico Di Tomaso
	10:30 am	All Parishioners
	12:00 pm	<i>Baptism - Welcome to London Wong</i>
	1:00 pm	<i>Baptism - Welcome to Lauren Curle</i>
	5:00 pm	† Saverio Mazzei † Lina Floro
Mon Jan 14	8:00 am	† Tessone family
	6:30 pm 6:30 pm	<i>PREP</i> <i>Who Am I to Judge? Faith Study</i>
Tue Jan 15	6:30 pm	<i>Prayer for Virtues</i>
	7:00 pm	Perpetual Novena - St Francis
	7:30 pm	<i>Ladies Faith Study</i>
Wed Jan 16	8:00 am	† Cheung Sau Yung
	7:00 pm	<i>RCIA</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Gala Meeting</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Choir Practice - Sat 5 pm</i>
Thu Jan 17 St Anthony	8:00 am	Diane & Faban Navaro
	11:00 am	† Antonio Melillo † Martini family
	11:00 am 5:15 pm	<i>SFA Over 50 Club</i> <i>Legion of Mary meeting</i>
Fri Jan 18	8:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
	6:30 pm	<i>Choir Practice - Sun 10:30</i>
	8:00 pm	<i>Prayer for the Church</i>
Sat Jan 19	9:00 am	† Luigi & Angelina Capolongo
	9:30 am	<i>Confession</i>
	9:30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
	5:00 pm	<i>Family/Enrollment Mass</i> † Silvio Benincasa & Stefano Lecce
	6:15 pm	<i>Saturday Supper</i>
Sun Jan 20 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am	† Domenico Antoniazzi
		† Angela Morena & family
	10:30 am	† Caterina Zappavigna † Carmela & Teodosio Ceraldi
	12:00 pm	<i>SFO Meeting</i>
	12:00 pm	<i>Baptism - Welcome to Abigail Ziccardo</i>
	5:00 pm	All Parishioners

Baptisms Baptisms are scheduled at noon on Sundays. Parents, please call the Parish Office at 604-255-8855 to arrange a date for an appointment with Fr Eugenio.

Weddings Arrangements for weddings must be made at least six months in advance to allow enough time to complete the mandatory Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation classes and necessary paperwork. Please call the Office for more information.

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