

January 27, 2019 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Vangelo di Oggi: Luca 1,1-4; 4,14-21 Poiché molti hanno cercato di raccontare con ordine gli avvenimenti che si sono compiuti in mezzo a noi, come ce li hanno trasmessi coloro che ne furono testimoni oculari fin da principio e divennero ministri della Parola, così anch'io ho deciso di fare ricerche accurate su ogni circostanza, fin dagli inizi, e di scriverne un resoconto ordinato per te, illustre Teòfilo, in modo che tu possa renderti conto della solidità degli insegnamenti che hai ricevuto. In quel tempo, Gesù ritornò in Galilea con la potenza dello Spirito e la sua fama si diffuse in tutta la regione. Insegnava nelle loro sinagoghe e gli rendevano lode. Venne a Nàzaret, dove era cresciuto, e secondo il suo solito, di sabato, entrò nella sinagoga e si alzò a leggere. Gli fu dato il rotolo del profeta Isaia; aprì il rotolo e trovò il passo dove era scritto: «Lo Spirito del Signore è sopra di me; per questo mi ha consacrato con l'unzione e mi ha mandato a portare ai poveri il lieto annuncio, a proclamare ai prigionieri la liberazione e ai ciechi la vista; a rimettere in libertà gli oppressi e proclamare l'anno di grazia del Signore». Riavvolse il rotolo, lo riconsegnò all'insergente e sedette. Nella sinagoga, gli occhi di tutti erano fissi su di lui. Allora cominciò a dire loro: «Oggi si è compiuta questa Scrittura che voi avete ascoltato».



"Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

In today's Gospel Jesus reads the prophetic words of Isaiah. The good news in Isaiah refers to the restoration of Israel after the exile. The poor receive good news, not cash, because in Isaiah they are the afflicted and the oppressed in general, not merely the penniless. Likewise, captives are not convicted criminals but those unjustly imprisoned and even those imprisoned by their own sin or poor choices. Spiritual blindness was, and is, a problem. Freedom is not license to do as one wishes but a release from captivity to death, the will of others, and the will of the self. The year of favour is now until the end of time. Jesus truly is the fulfilment of all these things.



Share Lent Workshop 2019: Share the Journey of Migrants and Refugees Imagine that your life is in danger and you have to flee your home. You don't have time to prepare or take anything with you. You must flee now. What would you do? Where would you go?

How would you feel? More than 68.5 million people worldwide have faced this situation. In fact, every minute, 31 people are forced to flee their homes to escape war, persecution, large-scale development projects, extreme poverty, or the consequences of climate change. This Lenten season, Development and Peace-Caritas Canada and Pope Francis invite us to reach out and encounter migrants and refugees. Come for an interactive workshop aimed to help us understand what it's like to have to flee from home and to learn practical ways to help people who are in those situations. Saturday, Feb 2, 9:30 am - 1 pm at St Augustine's Parish, 2028 West 7 Avenue in Vancouver. <https://rcav.org/event/sharelent-workshop-2019>

Pre-Authorized Donations (PAD) Forms are available at the back of the church for any parishioner who wishes have their donations withdrawn automatically and conveniently.



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. Please join us! It is a play-based, licensed preschool for 3 and 4 year olds and offers a nurturing environment to learn, grow and make friends. Meet the teachers, see the facility, check it all out. For further information please call 604-255-9839 or email preschool@sfaschool.ca

First Friday Mass Everyone is welcome to attend First Friday Mass on Feb 1 at 7 pm. This is a wonderful way to finish the week, by spending time with our Lord in Mass.



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 and the most common concerns regarding euthanasia with clarity and without judgement. This includes questions like “what about suffering?” and “what about those who don’t want to be a burden to others?” Wednesday, Feb 6 at 7 pm in the Hall. All are welcome. Bring your friends! The event is free.

World Day of the Sick 2019 Archbishop Miller, CSB will be celebrating a Mass of anointing in honour of World Day of the Sick 2019 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Vancouver on Monday, Feb 11 at 11 am. The sacrament of anointing of the sick will be administered after the homily. All the sick and their caregivers are invited to attend. Following Mass, simple refreshments will be offered in the school gym. Plenty of parking is available. For more info visit <https://www.chabc.bc.ca/blog> or contact 604-524-3427 or info@chabc.bc.ca



How to Survive in Marriage while Raising Children This session will discuss some of the challenges parents have in keeping their marriages strong and healthy. Practical suggestions will be given to help parents improve their connection with each other in the midst of the turmoil of every day life. The importance of conversation and collaborative decision making will be discussed along with creative ways to keep a marriage great! Presented by Denis Boyd, MA Registered Psychologist. Wednesday, Feb 20 at 7 pm at St Anthony of Padua Church Hall, Vancouver.

University Mass 2019: “Let it be done to me according to your word.” (Lk 1:8) Archbishop Miller, in partnership with the community of Simon Fraser University, cordially invites university and college communities to the University Mass. All students, faculty, and staff with their families from public and private post-secondary institutions are invited to this annual Mass on Saturday, Feb 9 at 7 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Confessions start at 6 pm. A performance on vocation and fellowship will follow the Mass in Holy Rosary Hall. <https://rcav.org/event/university-mass-2019>

Mass Intentions		
Sat Jan 26	5:00 pm	All Parishioners
Sun Jan 27 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am	† Girolano Cerato
	10:30 am	† Lepore family † Enrico Torrelli & Agatha Paris † Aqualiva Borrelli
	5:00 pm	† Rosaria Pagnotta & Luigi Bruno † Salvatore Tomassoli
Mon Jan 28 St Thomas Aquinas	8:00 am	SFA Parish & School
	9:30 am	<i>Preschool Open House</i>
	2:00 pm	<i>Open House continues</i>
	6:30 pm	<i>PREP</i>
	6:30 pm	<i>Who Am I to Judge Faith Study</i>
Tue Jan 29	11:00 am	Funeral for Mario Iaconis <i>Requiescat in pace</i>
	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 30	8:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 pm	<i>RCIA</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Choir Practice - Sat 5 pm</i>
Thu Jan 31 St John Bosco	8:00 am	All troubled & suffering youth
	11:00 am	† Rosa Zollo † Michele Forleo
	11:00 am	<i>SFA Over 50 Club</i>
	5:15 pm	<i>Legion of Mary meeting</i>
	6:00 pm	<i>PLT meeting</i>
Fri Feb 1	8:00 am	† Fr James Fagan
	9:15 am	School Mass
	6:30 pm	<i>Choir Practice - Sun 10:30</i>
	7:00 pm	First Friday Mass
	8:00 pm	<i>Prayer for the Church</i>
Sat Feb 2 Presentation of the Lord	9:00 am	† Dallamore family † Raimondo & Michelina Milone
	9:30 am	<i>Confession</i>
	9:30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
	5:00 pm	† Mario Ballarin † Domenica & Giuseppe Giustra
Sun Feb 3 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am	† Domenico Mazza & Maria Romeo † Loretta Tommaso & Gina Ferrari
	10:30 am	All Parishioners
	5:00 pm	† Domenico & Antonia Sansalone † Ada Soriano

Baptisms Baptisms are scheduled at noon on Sundays. Call the Parish Office 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.

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