

March 3, 2019 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Gospel: Luke 6.39-45 Jesus told his disciples a parable: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye. "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. "Out of the good treasure of the heart, the good person produces good, and out of evil treasure, the evil person produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

Vangelo di Oggi: Luca 6,39-45 *In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli una parabola: «Può forse un cieco guidare un altro cieco? Non cadranno tutti e due in un fosso? Un discepolo non è più del maestro; ma ognuno, che sia ben preparato, sarà come il suo maestro. Perché guardi la pagliuzza che è nell'occhio del tuo fratello e non ti accorgi della trave che è nel tuo occhio? Come puoi dire al tuo fratello: "Fratello, lascia che tolga la pagliuzza che è nel tuo occhio", mentre tu stesso non vedi la trave che è nel tuo occhio? Ipocrita! Togli prima la trave dal tuo occhio e allora ci vedrai bene per togliere la pagliuzza dall'occhio del tuo fratello. Non vi è albero buono che produca un frutto cattivo, né vi è d'altronde albero cattivo che produca un frutto buono. Ogni albero infatti si riconosce dal suo frutto: non si raccolgono fichi dagli spini, né si vendemmia uva da un rovo. L'uomo buono dal buon tesoro del suo cuore trae fuori il bene; l'uomo cattivo dal suo cattivo tesoro trae fuori il male: la sua bocca infatti esprime ciò che dal cuore sovrabbonda».*

Young People and the Church? A Conversation Young adults and those who work with young people are invited to a panel discussion followed by small group conversations responding to the 2018 Synod on Youth. The panelists and hosts include experts in theology, educators, and young people who live active faith lives. We will explore how the Church can listen to, learn with, and accompany young people in the real circumstances of their lives. Thursday, Mar 14, at 7 pm at St Mark's College. To register (no cost), visit <https://rcav.org/event/young-people-and-the-church/>

A Morning of Recollection with Madonna House Come and reflect on 'Season of Simplicity' to help our with Lenten journey. There will be a talk, and a time of silent reflection; followed by fellowship, sharing, and mid-day prayer on Saturday, Mar 16, 9:30 am to 12 noon at St John the Apostle



"Out of the good treasure of the heart, the good person produces good and out of evil treasure the evil person produces evil."

The fruit of our lives clearly reveal the true contents of our heart. It is impossible for an evil person to produce a good life. On the contrary, a life of righteousness reveals someone that is following God and whose words and actions can be trusted to be genuine and sincere. Our choices, words, actions and the resulting fruit speak loudly concerning the true nature of what is in our hearts.



Pancake Breakfast Next Week The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Mar 10 after both morning Masses. Cost: \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Everyone is welcome! Come, enjoy a meal together and support the work of the Knights of Columbus!

Saturday Supper Cancelled The Saturday Supper Night, scheduled for March 2, has been cancelled.



Retrouvaille Marriage Help Retrouvaille is a Catholic peer ministry which offers a three-phase program for married couples with difficulties of all kinds, including years of misery, infidelity, separation, or even divorce. Is Your Marriage in Crisis? – Repair your marriage, rediscover romance and gain the tools you need for healthy, loving communication! It is not too late! For confidential information or to register for the program beginning the weekend of April 5 – 7, 2019, please call Marc and Candice at 604-530-6710 and leave a message or send an email vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org. For more info visit www.retrouvaille.org or www.retrouvaillevancouver.com.



Ash Wednesday The holy season of Lent starts Wednesday, Mar 6. There will be three Masses on Ash Wednesday, at 8:00 am, 9:15 am (school Mass) and 7:00 pm. By having the sign of the cross made with ashes on our foreheads, we

mourn Christ's suffering on the cross and our own sins, which made that suffering necessary. A reminder that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting. The Church prescribes fasting (only one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not greater than a full meal) and abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics aged 18-59 are bound to fast; those 14 and older to abstinence. Those who are ill are freed from these obligations. Everyone, even those above the age of 59, are encouraged to fast and abstain. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance.



Giving up Self-Discipline for Lent Is there more to giving up chocolate for Lent only to stop part way through? Is it all about our own self discipline? Why should we bother? Is it for us or for God? What's really going on? Hear Fr. Ain Leetma address these questions and more. Come on a Scriptural and historical walk through the three classical Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Thursday, Mar 7 at 7 pm in the parish hall.

Discover Discipleship The Discover Discipleship study beginning Mar 8, lead by Sonia Erichsen. Discover is a small group faith study looking at the core message of the Christian faith with a focus on Jesus. We look at short Scripture passages, reflect on them and discuss them – all within one hour. Discover is a step in answering the questions of faith we all have. Join us for Discover on six Fridays during Lent from 6:45 pm, in the Conference Room. If interested kindly let the office know to ensure enough books are available.



Stations of the Cross Come and pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 6 pm during Lent. The Stations are a powerful way to contemplate and enter into the mystery of Jesus' Passion and his love for us.

Over 50 Club There will be no Over 50 Club until Mar 14. Panini will be served on that date. The Italian Mass will still be celebrated as usual at 11 am.

Feast of Holy Family Luncheon On Sunday, Mar 24, in honour of the Holy Family, SFA Parish will be hosting a full and delicious lunch. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. All are welcome. Tickets available at the Parish office. Come and celebrate with us.

Used Car Wanted for Seminary The Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary Redemptoris Mater is in need of a used car. If you would be willing to donate one, please call the seminary at 604-709-8509.

Mass Intentions		
Sat Mar 2	5:00 pm	† Giovanna & Lino Breda † Luigi Perone
Sun Mar 3 8th Sunday in Ordinary time	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Eugenio & Michelina Pagliuso † Caldarino family † Antonio & Tommasina Pulice <i>Baptism- Welcome to Argentino Ciarniello</i> All Parishioners
Mon Mar 4	8:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	† Mary Joseph Lee <i>PREP</i> <i>Who am I to Judge Faith Study</i>
Tue Mar 5	10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	† Funeral for Anna Caputo <i>Requiescat in pace</i> <i>Prayer for Virtues</i> Perpetual Novena - St Anthony
Wed Mar 6 Ash Wednesday	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:30 pm	† All Souls in Purgatory School Mass <i>Gala Committee Meeting</i> Leo Strong † Marco & Laura Savegnago <i>RCIA</i> <i>Rehearsal - Eucogal & Chua</i>
Thu Mar 7	8:00 am 11:00 am 5:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	SFA Parish & School † Mario Sebastiani <i>Legion of Mary meeting</i> <i>Choir Practice - Sat 5 pm</i> <i>Giving up Self-Discipline for Lent</i>
Fri Mar 8	8:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:45 pm 8:00 pm	† Francesco Pilluso † Moreau family Wedding - Congratulations to Nathan Eucogal & Angel Chua <i>Notre Dame Form Signing</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Choir Practice - Sun 10:30</i> <i>Discover Discipleship</i> <i>Prayer for the Church</i>
Sat Mar 9	9:00 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 5:00 pm	† All Souls in Purgatory † Carmela Zarelli <i>Confession</i> <i>Rosary</i> All Parishioners
Sun Mar 10 1st Sunday of Lent	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Domenico Di Tomaso † Angela Morena & Family <i>Pancake Breakfast</i> † Tommasina Pulice <i>Pancake Breakfast</i> <i>Baptism - Welcome to Vanessa Naimark</i> SFA Parish & School

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