

March 10, 2019 1st Sunday of Lent

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Gospel: Luke 4.1-13 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Vangelo di Oggi: Luca 4,1-13 *In quel tempo, Gesù, pieno di Spirito Santo, si allontanò dal Giordano ed era guidato dallo Spirito nel deserto, per quaranta giorni, tentato dal diavolo. Non mangiò nulla in quei giorni, ma quando furono terminati, ebbe fame. Allora il diavolo gli disse: «Se tu sei Figlio di Dio, di' a questa pietra che diventi pane». Gesù gli rispose: «Sta scritto: "Non di solo pane vivrà l'uomo"». Il diavolo lo condusse in alto, gli mostrò in un istante tutti i regni della terra e gli disse: «Ti darò tutto questo potere e la loro gloria, perché a me è stata data e io la do a chi voglio. Perciò, se ti prostrerai in adorazione dinanzi a me, tutto sarà tuo». Gesù gli rispose: «Sta scritto: "Il Signore, Dio tuo, adorerai: a lui solo renderai culto"». Lo condusse a Gerusalemme, lo pose sul punto più alto del tempio e gli disse: «Se tu sei Figlio di Dio, gettati giù di qui; sta scritto infatti: "Ai suoi angeli darà ordini a tuo riguardo affinché essi ti custodiscano"; e anche: "Essi ti porteranno sulle loro mani perché il tuo piede non inciampi in una pietra"». Gesù gli rispose: «È stato detto: "Non metterai alla prova il Signore Dio tuo"». Dopo aver esaurito ogni tentazione, il diavolo si allontanò da lui fino al momento fissato.*

Quo Vadis – Men's Discernment Events Men's Discernment will be having a Day of Recollection with Archbishop Miller on Saturday, Mar 23, 10-3 pm at John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Van. 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.



"Jesus, for forty days was tempted by the devil."

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert being tempted by the devil. His temptations were not somehow weaker because of who he is – in fact they were probably more intense. Why would he do this? Why would the Holy Spirit lead him to such a difficult time? God loves us so much that he was willing to endure every form of hardship and human suffering that enters into our lives. Temptation comes from our weakness but also from the evil one. It can be a heavy burden and cause heavy emotional and psychological pain. Some days we may feel the loneliness and isolation of one who is driven into the desert of our sins. We may feel as though the wild beasts of our disordered passions are getting the best of us. Jesus endured and never gave in to the temptations. This tells us that he can be our strength and inspiration. So whether our own 'desert' is only a slight agitation or a struggle against complete despair, Jesus truly understands. He conquered the desert and is able to conquer any desert in our lives too as we turn to him in prayer and look to him for guidance.

Taizé Prayer Service Contemplative prayer in the tradition of the Taizé community. The evening will feature candlelight, music, and time for quiet in the midst of our busy lives. All are welcome on Wednesday, Mar 20, at 7 pm at Immaculate Conception School, Vancouver. For more info please contact Kelden Formosa at kelden.formosa@icschoolvancouver.com



Fiat: Women's Discernment Events – Day of Recollection Day of Recollection – Fiat of Women in the New Testament on Saturday, Mar 23, 12 - 3:30 pm at Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist Convent, 2811 Venables Street, Vancouver. Fiat, the women's vocation discernment group for the Archdiocese of Vancouver, is getting ready for another year of events. Events are open to single, Catholic young women ages 18 to 35 who are open to discerning and responding to God's call in their life. Sign up now to receive emails of events throughout the year. Email womensvocations@rcav.org



Pancake Breakfast Come to the pancake breakfast today 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!

Discover Discipleship The Discover Discipleship study started 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 at 6:45 pm in the Conference Room. If interested kindly let the office know to ensure enough books are available.

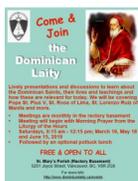
Over 50 Club Over 50 will meet again starting Thursday after the 11 am Italian Mass. Panini will be served this week.



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.

Principal Leaving Mrs Sussex will not be returning as principal for the 2019-2020 school year. She has been Principal at St Francis of Assisi School for the past seven years. Now, her heart has told her it is time to work closer to home and be more available for her children and family. She will remain as principal until the end of this school year in June. We have already begun the process to find a new principal. Please pray for Mrs Sussex and her family, and for Fr Gino and the SFA School hiring committee.

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.



Inspiring Dominican Saints: St. Pope Pius V Mysteria Lucis Lay Dominicans invite you to join them at the rectory basement at St Mary's Parish, Van, for lively discussions of Dominican Saints – Who were they? What can they teach us? How can we apply this in today's world? On

Saturday, Mar 16, meet St Pope Pius V (1504-1572) who was known for his asceticism, reform of the Church, fight against heresy and promotion of the Rosary, which led to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary in October. For information, call Cathy at 604-874-8037.

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 pm at St John the Apostle.

Mass Intentions		
Sat Mar 9	5:00 pm	All Parishioners
Sun Mar 10 1st Sunday of Lent	9:00 am	† Domenico Di Tomaso † Angela Morena & Family
	10:00 am	<i>Pancake Breakfast</i>
	10:30 am	† Tommasina Pulice
	11:30 am	<i>Pancake Breakfast</i>
	12:00 pm	<i>Baptism - Welcome to Vanessa Naimark</i>
	5:00 pm	Kristie Hubbard
Mon Mar 11	8:00 am	† Adamo & Rosa Cabrone † Pagluiso family
	6:30 pm	<i>PREP</i>
	6:30 pm	<i>Who am I to Judge Faith Study</i>
Tue Mar 12	10:00 am	† Funeral for Antonio Prai <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>
	8:00 pm	<i>Knights meeting</i>
Wed Mar 13	8:00 am	† Chan Kang Chi
	12:30 pm	† Funeral for Guerino Armano <i>Requiescat in pace</i>
	5:00 pm	<i>Pastoral Leadership Team</i> <i>RCIA</i>
Thu Mar 14	8:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
	11:00 am	† Bigolin family † Maria Spitale
	11:00 am	<i>Over 50 Club</i>
	5:15 pm	<i>Legion of Mary meeting</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Choir Practice - Sat 5 pm</i>
Fri Mar 15	8:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
	6:00 pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	6:00 pm	<i>Preschool Family movie night</i>
	6:30 pm	<i>Choir Practice - Sun 10:30</i>
	6:45 pm	<i>Discover Discipleship</i>
	8:00 pm	<i>Prayer for the Church</i>
Sat Mar 16	9:00 am	† Virginia Turco † Consigna De Gregorio
	9:30 am	<i>Confession</i>
	9:30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
	5:00 pm	† Molaro Carter † Laurie Marconato
Sun Mar 17 2nd Sunday of Lent	9:00 am	All Parishioners
	10:30 am	† Giuseppe & Giuseppina Vetere † Joe Sorrenti
	12:00 pm	<i>SFO Meeting</i>
	5:00 pm	SFA Parish and School

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