

April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Gospel: Luke 20.1-18 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary Magdalene stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Restore the Beauty: Women's Conference This conference is for every woman desiring to experience restoration in her life, the lives of those around her, the Church and the world. This two-day event includes inspiring talks, prayerful moments of encounter with God and Mass with Archbishop J Michael Miller. Throughout the weekend you'll experience hope and encouragement, while gaining practical tools to help you restore the beauty in your world, no matter your circumstances. The exciting and amazing speaking team is: Sister Miriam James, Fr Josh Johnson, Michelle Benzinger, and Heather Khym. Event will be held May 3 and 4. Register today: liferestoration.ca/womensconference



*"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here, but has risen."*

It seemed darkness reigning supreme when Judas and an armed crowd came to arrest Jesus at night. Darkness provided the cover for the evil intentions of those persecuting Jesus but also for the shameful abandonment of Jesus by his disciples. Even Peter had to slink away into the darkness to hide his shame. How the forces of evil must have rejoiced as "from noon onward there was darkness over the whole land," until at last Jesus "gave up his spirit." How they must have believed that this darkness was just a foretaste of the spiritual darkness which would envelope the whole earth since they believed they had just killed the Son of God. While darkness still seemed to reign, Mary Magdalene and her companions, and later Peter and John, came "while it was still dark" only to find an empty tomb. But when they realized that the face cloth was separate from the other burial wrappings, a ray of hope and light pierced the darkness, never to be extinguished again. This ray of hope and light grew in brilliance as Christ's resurrection became known and its meaning understood. He is risen! He is triumphant over darkness and death! And we are full recipients of his victory. He is the Light of the World, conquering death and darkness for all eternity!



SFA Gala There are still tickets available for the SFA Gala that is taking place this year on May 10 at the Croatian Cultural Centre. The Gala will start at 6 pm with wine reception, followed by a 4-course Italian dinner, cash bar and dance. There will be a silent and live auction fundraiser that all proceeds will go towards building a new learning environment for our kids. Tickets are \$100 per person and you can purchase them at www.sfaschool.ca/tickets/gala-2019 or at the Parish office. For more information, email galacommitee@sfaschool.ca or call 604-253-7311. Tell your friends and family and come and enjoy an evening celebrating new friendships, those we already count as friends, and reflecting on what this school and parish community means to our families.

Pastor's Easter Message We are given a share in the risen life of Jesus for resurrection is not something that Jesus keeps for Himself. All that He has He shares with us: His Father, His mother, His Spirit, His body, blood, soul, and divinity, and even His risen life. We can begin to share in this risen life now, experiencing its regenerating power in our souls and even in our bodies. We have access to it in many ways, but especially in the Eucharist. For the Body of Christ received in this sacrament is His risen, glorified body, so that we too will live forever (John 6:40-65). Each of us will pass through physical death caused by sin, but we are not alone. He will be with us, just as the Father was with Him as He made His perilous passage. Yes, Jesus is our Redeemer and while we will experience indescribable joy when our souls "see" Him face to face, this is not the end of the story. He will return. Then His resurrection will have its ultimate impact. Our joy will know no bounds on that final Easter when He makes our bodies like His own, in glory. "We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen!" This is why we believe and carry the cross which is given to each of us. This is why we love without counting the cost. This is why we humble ourselves to serve as Jesus taught. Happy Easter! *Father Eugenio Aloisio*



Easter Egg Hunt On Easter Sunday, after the 10:30 Mass, we will have our annual Easter egg hunt. All children, ages 10 and under are welcome to participate. It would be appreciated if all the plastic egg covers be returned to the church office the following week after Easter so that they can be used next year.

Dying Healed All are invited to the Dying Healed program by Life Canada Saturday, Apr 27, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Receive formation and knowledge on end-of-life issues, understanding of human suffering, human dignity, and the power of human presence. Cost \$45/person. Workbook, lunch, and refreshments included. Register today: <https://rcav.org/event/dying-healed>



Marian Talk ... Woman, what do you want from me?... And a sword will pierce your soul also... May is the month of Mary. As Catholics we often hear about the Blessed Virgin Mary and are expected to know all

about her. We can pray the Rosary without understanding her role as a disciple; we can admire a painting of her without insight into her place in the Old Testament and beyond the New. Come and learn why the Church places such an importance on our Blessed Mother with Fr Ain Leetma. Thursday, May 2 at 7 pm in the parish hall.

Lasagna Pick up Thank you to all who ordered Lasagna. They will be ready for pick up next weekend on the following two days and times: Saturday, April 27, between 2 pm - 4 pm & Sunday April 28 after the 9 am Mass in the Parish Hall. For those of you who can't make the pick up times, please come to the office.

Mass Intentions		
Sat Apr 20 Holy Saturday	9:00 pm	All Parishioners
Sun Apr 21 Resurrection of the Lord	9:00 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	† Lepore family † Joe Di Lorenzo † Joe Sorrenti † Arturo & Rosa Conte <i>Easter Egg Hunt</i> † Caterina Zappavigna † Gubiani family
Mon Apr 22 Solemnity	8:00 am	<i>Office Closed for the Holiday</i> † Moreau family Notre Dame Parish in France
Tue Apr 23 Solemnity	10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	† Funeral for Cosimo Borzillo <i>Requiescat in pace</i> <i>Prayer for Virtues</i> Perpetual Novena - St Francis <i>Ladies Faith Study</i> <i>Knights meeting</i>
Wed Apr 24 Solemnity	8:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	† Mary Lew Chan Suet Ha <i>Choir Practice - Sun 10:30</i> <i>RCIA</i>
Thu Apr 25 Solemnity	8:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 5:15 pm 7:00pm 7:00 pm	Venezuela † Giuseppina Giacomazza † Nicoletta Seminara <i>Over 50 Club</i> <i>Legion of Mary meeting</i> <i>Choir Practice - Sat 5 pm</i> <i>Building Committee meeting</i>
Fri Apr 26 Solemnity	8:00 am 9:15 am	† Edward Dallamore School Mass
Sat Apr 27 Solemnity	9:00 pm 9:30 am 9:30 am 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Carmalina LaMontagna † Adele Figone <i>Confession</i> <i>Rosary</i> <i>Wedding - Congratulations to Brandon Alves & Judy Mae Marmolejo</i> <i>Lasagna Pick up</i> † Settimia Fregolent † Giovanni & Giuseppina Greco
Sun Apr 28 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Francesco & Pasquale Mangiola & family † Benito Manzo <i>Lasagna Pick up</i> † Cucca family † Joseph Franchi <i>Baptism - Welcome to Koen & Gregory Wutke</i> <i>Baptism - Welcome to Evan Stefanakis</i> All Parishioners

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