

April 28, 2019 2nd Sunday of Easter

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Gospel: John 20.19-31 It was evening on that day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas, who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." After eight days his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



Our Lady of Pompei Supplica The Feast of the Madonna of Pompei is coming soon. It will be celebrated in our parish on Wednesday, May 8 with a special procession and prayers beginning at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

First Friday Mass First Friday Mass will be offered this Friday, May 3 at 7 pm.

ENDOW Women's Faith Study This apostolic letter contains the theological and philosophical underpinnings of St John Paul the Great's understanding of woman and her vocation. We are invited to ponder along with the Holy Father the anthropology of man and woman, God's intention for their relationship, woman's vocation to motherhood, and the Church as Bride of Christ. Pope John Paul II offers age-old truth with a freshness thought that explains how "feminine genius" is essential to building a civilization of life and love. Takes place on 8 Fridays beginning May 10 and ending June 21 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. Open to all women. \$50 registration fee and study guide. Register before Monday, May 6 at 12pm at <https://secure.rcav.org/endorw/>



"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Easter is an event which cannot be captured in just one day. It must be celebrated and made part of our daily lives, day after day, week after week, year after year. The celebration is not just a recalling of what has taken place but should lead to an active response from us. Easter must be alive within us as we go about our daily lives. We, like the apostles in the readings, are being sent out to proclaim the Easter message that Jesus has died, he has risen and he is active among us. Some may feel like Thomas and may not be fully convinced that Jesus is alive and that he makes a difference in our lives. To them Jesus' words can bolster the faith, "Blessed are those who have not seen but have believed."

Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations Join Fr Rodney Nootebos, Director of Vocations and Seminarians, along with other members of the faithful throughout the Archdiocese, in a monthly Holy Hour of prayer, intensely focused on asking the "Lord of the Harvest to send forth labourers into the harvest." This month's Holy Hour will be held at Sts Peter and Paul Parish in Vancouver on Thursday, May 9 beginning with Mass at 7 pm.

New Evangelization Summit 2019 On Saturday, May 4, the New Evangelization Summit conference will bring together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. All Catholics – pastors, missionaries, lay ministers, and the lay faithful – will benefit immensely from this powerful opportunity to be further equipped in the fundamental mission of the Church. The annual NES will be held in Ottawa and streamed to 54 host-sites across North America including four parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver: St. Anthony of Padua in Vancouver, St. Luke's in Maple Ridge, Star of the Sea in Surrey, and Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in New Westminster. Cost is free but you must pre-register and choose your location at www.newevangelization.ca.



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. Fr Ain Leetma is a gifted speaker and teacher, using sacred art, humour and stories to connect the divine to our everyday experience. Thursday, May 2, 7 pm at St Francis of Assisi 2025 Napier Street, Vancouver.



SFA Gala SFA Gala is just around the corner 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. Deadline for buying tickets is Friday May 3. For more information, please email galacommittee@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.

Permanent Diaconate Information Sessions Do you feel called to be a Permanent Deacon? Men between the ages of 35 and 60 interested in ordained ministry, along with their spouses, can learn more about the permanent diaconate this spring! The Permanent Diaconate Office is hosting information sessions this May in Vancouver and Langley. For more information, or to register, please visit <http://stmarkscollege.ca/news-events/events/permanent-diaconate-information-sessions/> or email deacons@rcav.org. Sessions will be held on Saturday, May 11, 8:30 am - 2 pm at St Mark's College, Vancouver and Saturday, May 25, 9 am - 12 pm at St Nicholas Parish, Langley.



Making Sense of Anxiety in Children and Youth The escalating level of anxiety in our children begs for an explanation as well as a solution. Dr Neufeld sheds light on this age-old problem, paving the way for natural interventions that can actually

get to the root causes as opposed to just managing symptoms. Although the focus is on children, this enlightening material will benefit anyone suffering from anxiety. This 4-session weekly series begins on Monday, May 6 from 7 pm to 9 pm at St Francis de Sales Church in Burnaby and ends on June 3. Register online at <https://secure.rcav.org/making-sense-of-anxiety/>

Mass Intentions		
Sat Apr 27	5:00 pm	† 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 Mangiola, Pasquale & 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
Mon Apr 29 St Catherine of Siena	8:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	† All Souls in Purgatory <i>PREP</i> <i>Faith Study - 7 Deadly Sins, 7 Lively Virtues</i>
Tue Apr 30 St Marie of the Incarnation	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	<i>Prayer for Virtues</i> Perpetual Novena - St Anthony <i>Prayers for Antonietta Basile</i>
Wed May 1	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm	† Lew Shing Kai <i>First Communion Retreat</i> † Funeral for Antonietta Basile <i>Requiescat in pace</i> <i>First Communion Rehearsal</i>
Thu May 2 St Athanasius	8:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 5:15 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	St Francis Parish & School † Vincenzo & Anna Cambiotti † Oballa family <i>Over 50 Club</i> <i>Legion of Mary meeting</i> <i>Choir Practice - Sat 5 pm</i> <i>Marian Talk with Fr Ain</i>
Fri May 3 Feast of St Philip & St James	8:00 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	† Erna Dallamore First Friday Mass <i>Prayer for the Church</i>
Sat May 4	9:00 pm 9:30 am 9:30 am 5:00 pm	† Ben Santelli † Benito Manzo <i>Confession</i> <i>Rosary</i> All Parishioners
Sun May 5 3rd Sunday of Easter	9:00 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm 5:00 pm	† Luigi Cambiotti † Giuseppe & Luigia Franciosi † Anna Conte † Carmelina & Gaetano Cantafio First Holy Communion † Rosaria Pagnotta † Luigi Bruno

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