

May 5, 2019 3rd Sunday of Easter

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Today's Gospel: John 21.1-19 Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Madonna House Morning of Recollection Come to St John the Apostle Parish Hall, Van for a Madonna House Apostolate Morning of Recollection which will be on "What is the most important thing to know?" There will be a talk, and a time of silent reflection; followed by fellowship, sharing, and mid-day prayer on Saturday, May 18 from 9:30 am to 12 pm.



"They were not able to haul [the net] in because there were so many fish."

Peter and six others have returned to the sea, to what they used to do, to where they are comfortable. They have spent the night fishing. They had many questions after Jesus crucifixion and were looking for some sense of understanding and meaning. Jesus appears and says, "Children, you have no fish, have you?". This is more a statement of fact than a question. Jesus is not asking for a fishing report. He is commenting on the reality and emptiness of Peter's and the other disciples' lives. Peter is living in the pain and the past of Good Friday. He is fishing on the Good Friday side of the boat and the net is empty. There are no fish, no answers, no way forward. The nets of dark night fishing contain nothing to feed or nourish life. "Cast your net to the right side of the boat," Jesus says, the resurrection side of the boat. The men passover the net from one side of the boat. An abundance of life is on the other side. Jesus calls us all to move out death into life, out of sin into righteousness, out of error into truth. In so doing we can all proclaim, "It is the Lord,"



21st Annual Focus on Life Gala Dinner
Changing Lives, Transforming Culture An inspirational evening of storytelling, highlighting the many ways in which the

work of Focus on Life partners results in real, transformative change. Whether it is coming alongside women facing a crisis pregnancy, helping young people understand their inherent worth, or advocating for the value of all human beings, Focus On Life is dedicated to transforming our culture and our communities. The Gala takes place on Monday, May 27 at the Italian Cultural Centre. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$65 each, \$650 for a table of 10. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit focusonlife.ca/gala

Fr Bernard Rossi's 50th Anniversary Come celebrate Fr Bernard Rossi's 50th Anniversary, beginning with Mass with Archbishop Miller at noon followed by a reception until 3 pm on Sunday, May 12 at St Michael's Parish, Bby.



First Communion Today Congratulations to all those who will receive Jesus for the first time today. Let us pray for the children and their families as they receive their First Holy Communion that they will continue to grow in the love of Jesus.

Lasagna Sales Thank you to everyone that purchased the lasagnas and to the Pompei group for all their hard work in planning and making them. Lasagna sales after expenses came to \$400 which went towards the SFA school building fund.



Our Lady of Pompei Supplica The Feast of the Madonna of Pompei 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.

SFA Gala SFA Gala is a week away on Friday, May 10 at the Croatian Cultural Centre. Doors open at 6 pm. All proceeds made will go towards building a new school for our kids. Tickets are \$100 per person and deadline for buying tickets has been extended to midnight Sunday, May 5 online at www.sfaschool.ca/tickets/gala-2019. Please email galacommitee@sfaschool.ca or call 604-253-7311 for more information. Come celebrate while helping us build a new learning environment for our children. Don't miss out! Four-course meal, live and silent auction, cash bar, dancing and a fun evening.



March For Life Victory Join thousands of others from throughout BC on Thursday, May 9, 2019 for the 12th annual March for Life, Victoria. Transportation is readily available throughout the archdiocese. From Vancouver, there will be a bus that will pick up passengers from St Patrick Church, 2881 Main Street. The bus will depart at 7:30 am. Reserve a seat at 604 327-2230 or email mchua@rcav.org. You can also go to the website at www.m4lvictoria.ca/transportation. Adults cost: \$50; Seniors, 65 and over: \$20, bring ID. The day will start in prayer at 12:00 pm at various locations and end with the Victoria Pro-Life Gala Dinner at 5:30 pm. You can find all the information online at www.m4lvictoria.ca.

ENDOW Women's Faith Study This faith study 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. Register before Monday, May 6 at 12pm at <https://secure.rcav.org/endorw/> \$50 registration fee and study guide. Open to all women. 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.

Mass Intentions		
Sat May 4	5:00 pm	All Parishioners
Sun May 5 3rd Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	† Luigi Cambiotti
	10:30 am	† Giuseppe & Luigia Franciosi
	1:30 pm	† Anna Conte
	5:00 pm	† Carmelina & Gaetano Cantafio First Holy Communion † Rosaria Pagnotta
Mon May 6 St Francois de Laval	8:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
	6:30 pm	PREP
	6:30 pm	Faith Study - 7 Deadly Sins, 7 Lively Virtues
Tue May 7	3:00 pm	Preschool Mothers day workshop
	6:30 pm	Prayer for Virtues
	7:00 pm	Perpetual Novena - St Francis
	7:30 pm	Ladies Faith Study
Wed May 8	8:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
	6:30 pm	Mass & Supplica
	7:00 pm	PEC Meeting
Thu May 9	8:00 am	All New Catholics
	11:00 am	† Tassone family
	11:00 am	Over 50 Club
	5:15 pm	Legion of Mary meeting
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice - Sat 5 pm
Fri May 10	8:00 am	† Wilfred Skinner
	9:15 am	School Mass
	6:00 pm	SFA Gala
	8:00 pm	Prayer for the Church
Sat May 11	9:00 pm	† Benito Manzo
		† Maria Spitale
	9:30 am	Confession
	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:00 am	PLT meeting
	5:00 pm	† Adamo & Rosa Cabrone † Tanon family
Sun May 12 4th Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	All Parishioners
	10:30 am	† Ferdinando Iacoe
	5:00 pm	† Filichella family † Arnaldo Ruscito † Frank & Nicola Sacco

Baptisms Baptisms are scheduled at noon on Sundays. Parents, please call the Parish Office to arrange a date 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. For class times, visit <http://rcav.org/m-prep/>. Please call the parish office for more information at 604-255-8855.

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