

May 12, 2019 4th Sunday of Easter

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Gospel: John 10.27-30 Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Vangelo di Oggi: Giovanni 10,27-30 *In quel tempo, Gesù disse: «Le mie pecore ascoltano la mia voce e io le conosco ed esse mi seguono. Io do loro la vita eterna e non andranno perdute in eterno e nessuno le strapperà dalla mia mano. Il Padre mio, che me le ha date, è più grande di tutti e nessuno può strapparle dalla mano del Padre. Io e il Padre siamo una cosa sola».*

Letter to SFA from the Archbishop The following is a letter from Archbishop Miller regarding our Gala. *Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: It is my pleasure to send warm greetings as you gather tonight for the Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Community Annual Gala. This event now bears witness to your community's commitment to providing a new facility for St Francis of Assisi School, as well as an opportunity to celebrate and enjoy fellowship with one another. God's faithfulness and the dedication of countless teachers, parents and parishioners are the reason that SFA School has thrived for more than seven decades of educating multiple generations of Catholic children in East Vancouver. A new building is now needed in order to continue this mission, and I encourage everyone to be as generous as possible in support of this vision. This exciting time presents a unique opportunity to further solidify the special bond that the School has within the Parish. May the good Lord guide and bless you through the process of achieving your much-needed new school! With best wishes and the assurance of my prayers for you and for all those who call St Francis of Assisi Parish and School their home, I remain Sincerely yours in Christ, J. Michael Miller, CSB Archbishop of Vancouver.*

Rosary Rally Come pray the Rosary in honour of Our Lady, to make reparation to her for sins committed against her Immaculate Heart, and to beg graces from her Divine Son, through her; with public witness to the faith. Held at the Vancouver Art Gallery, South Plaza, on Saturday, May 18, from 10 am to 11 am. Other rallies are scheduled for June 15, July 13, August 10 and October 19.

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.



"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me." Jesus' words in today's Gospel give us that kind of warm feeling we have when someone cares for us and is truly interested in what is happening in our lives. Jesus tells of the very personal and intimate relationship that he has with us. "As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me". Jesus describes his relationship with us using the closeness and intimacy that he and the Father share as an example of the personal way he knows us and what is happening to us. However, we can only know the close relationship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in a limited way because our knowledge is very incomplete so Jesus uses the description of the relationship between a shepherd and his sheep. The image of the Good Shepherd is one of love, care, protection, intimacy and closeness. We don't know what tomorrow will bring, but we do know that we have a loving shepherd who knows us intimately and walks with us through the good and bad.

Healing Service Fr Greg Bramalage with the Missionaries of the New Evangelization will conduct a healing service to show us the magnificence and depth of Jesus' love for us and his desire to heal us in every way. It takes place at St Patrick's Parish in Vancouver on Thursday, May 23 from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Inspiring Dominican Saints: St Rose of Lima Mysteria Lucis Lay Dominicans invite you to join them 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, May 18, meet St Rose of Lima (1568-1617), a Peruvian lay Dominican devoted to contemplative prayer, piety, penance and ministering to the poor. Takes place in the Rectory Basement at St Mary's Parish, Van. Begins with Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours at 9:15 am followed by a talk and discussion about the saint from 10 am until 12:15 pm with an optional potluck lunch. Please bring a breviary if you have one. For info call Cathy at 604-874-8037 or see: <http://www.dominicanlaity.ca/DominicanLaity/Events.html>.

Father Gino Away Father Gino will be away Monday to Friday for the next two weeks. He will be here for the weekend Masses.



Second Collection Today for World Day of Prayer for Vocations

We hope that you will join us in prayer in addition to supporting the Second Collection for Vocations this Sunday, May 12. This helps with the education costs for our seminarians and priests studying in the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Birthright Vancouver: Mass, Prayers and Crowning of Our Lady

Birthright Vancouver is a downtown crisis pregnancy centre. Birthright's efforts are to support pregnant women and their children by offering them the love, care and support they need. On Saturday, May 18, there will be a Mass at 12:10 pm preceded by the Rosary and followed by the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. Reception to follow in Rosary Hall, 650 Richards Street. Donations of refreshments appreciated. All are welcome. For more information please contact Birthright Vancouver at 604-687-7223 or birthrightvancouver@gmail.com.



Fiat: Women's Discernment Events - Day of Recollection 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 18-35 who are open to discerning and responding to God's call in their life. This event takes place on Saturday, May 25, from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist Convent in Vancouver. Email womensvocations@rcav.org for more information.

CWL Holy Name of Jesus Spring Fair

Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Vancouver is having their Spring Fair on Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19, from 10 am to 1 pm both days. Featuring beautiful, near new clothing, household and garage items, homemade baked goods and much more. There will be a tea garden on Saturday, May 18, and a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 19. Everyone is welcome.



21st Annual Focus on Life Gala Dinner Changing Lives, Transforming Culture

Whether it's accompanying 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. Come celebrate on Monday, May 27, at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver. Parking is free. Doors open at 5:30 pm and dinner begins at 6:30 pm. For more information and to register please go online at focusonlife.ca. Tickets are \$65 each, \$650 for a table of 10.

Mass Intentions		
Sat May 11	5:00 pm	† Adamo & Rosa Cabrone † Tanon family
Sun May 12 4th Sunday of Easter	9:00 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	All Parishioners † Ferdinando Iacoe † Filichella family † Arnaldo Ruscito † Frank & Nicole Sacco
Mon May 13	8:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Geoff Moeller & family <i>PREP</i> <i>Faith Study - 7 Deadly Sins, 7 Lively Virtues</i>
Tue May 14 St Matthias	10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	<i>Mt Carmel meeting</i> <i>Prayer for Virtues</i> Perpetual Novena - St Anthony <i>Knights meeting</i>
Wed May 15	8:00 am 6:30 pm	James Lew Keagan Hsueh <i>Choir Practice - Sun 10:30 am</i>
Thu May 16	8:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 5:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	† Manuela Santa Venere † Angelo & Maria Alessio † Gina Giotto <i>Over 50 Club</i> <i>Legion of Mary meeting</i> <i>Little Friends Walkabout</i> <i>Choir Practice - Sat 5 pm</i>
Fri May 17	8:00 am 8:00 pm	† Ken Steen & Eugene Chew <i>Prayer for the Church</i>
Sat May 18	9:00 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 3:00 pm 5:00 pm	† All Souls in Purgatory <i>Confession</i> <i>Rosary</i> <i>Baptism - Welcome to Eva Mcconnell</i> † Zanatta family † Adele Figone
Sun May 19 5th Sunday of Easter	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	† Michelina & Eugenio Pagliuso † Lepore family All Parishioners SFO meeting † Luigi & Angelina Capolongo † Giuseppe Massina

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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