

# May 26, 2019 6th Sunday of Easter

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Gospel: John 14:23-29** Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

**Vangelo di Oggi: Giovanni 14,23-29** *In quel tempo, Gesù disse [ai suoi discepoli]: «Se uno mi ama, osserverà la mia parola e il Padre mio lo amerà e noi verremo a lui e prenderemo dimora presso di lui. Chi non mi ama, non osserva le mie parole; e la parola che voi ascoltate non è mia, ma del Padre che mi ha mandato. Vi ho detto queste cose mentre sono ancora presso di voi. Ma il Paràclito, lo Spirito Santo che il Padre manderà nel mio nome, lui vi insegnerà ogni cosa e vi ricorderà tutto ciò che io vi ho detto. Vi lascio la pace, vi do la mia pace. Non come la dà il mondo, io la do a voi. Non sia turbato il vostro cuore e non abbia timore. Avete udito che vi ho detto: "Vado e tornerò da voi". Se mi amaste, vi rallegrereste che io vado al Padre, perché il Padre è più grande di me. Ve l'ho detto ora, prima che avvenga, perché, quando avverrà, voi crediate».*

**The Role of the Laity in the Reform of the Church: A modest but urgent proposal** Join Dr Michael Higgins and panelists Sr Sue Mosteller, Dr Angus Reid, and Fr Ronald Rolheiser for an evening of dialogue on how the laity can shape Church leadership. John Henry Cardinal Newman provides a marvelous foundation for considering and valuing the role of the laity in the life—and yes, teachings—of the Church. How do we use some of Newman's insights for our modern predicament? How do we move forward as a Church ever reforming? Dr Michael Higgins will explore one vital direction whereby the laity can influence and shape credible and meaningful spiritual leadership for our time. Takes place on Monday, May 27, at 7 pm at UBC – Westbrook Room 100, Vancouver. Free admission.

**Polish Parish Days 2019** Polish Parish and Community days; with fantastic entertainment, great food and opportunity to win interesting prizes. Drop by on Saturday, June 8 at 12 pm or Sunday, June 9 from 9:30 am until 6 pm at St. Casimir's Parish in Vancouver.



*"Whoever loves me will keep my word... and we will come to him and make our home with him."*

The promise of God's abiding presence would have been of great comfort to John's community who knew that the Temple in Jerusalem, the physical symbol of God's presence with His people, had been destroyed by the Roman army by the time John's Gospel was written. In today's Reading, Jesus tells us that the one thing in life which we can always trust is God's presence. God inhabits our hearts so deeply and intimately that we become the visible dwelling place of God. His living and life-affirming Presence is always with us, yet hidden in the very things we so often take for granted. Thus, we are invited to look for and encounter - "God-with-us," yet "hidden" - in the person sitting next to us, in the spoken word, in the beauty of nature, in the touch of another, and countless other areas.



**Pancake Breakfast Sunday** The Knights of Columbus are hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 26 after the 9 am and 10:30 am Masses. Cost: \$5 per person or \$3 per child (children under 10 years old) The meal includes pancakes & sausages; coffee, tea or juice. Everyone is welcome!

**Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform Pro-Life Study Series** Everyone is invited to participate in a five-week study series which includes educational videos, engaging discussions, and practical tools to allow the everyday Christian to stand against abortion and defend pre-born children. Duration: One session per week for five weeks. Time: begins June 30, ends July 28. Location: Holy Family Parish, Vancouver. For more details and to register, please email [mroy@endthekilling.ca](mailto:mroy@endthekilling.ca)



**Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil** Join us for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents. This month's Mass takes place on Saturday, June 1 at 9 am at Holy Spirit Parish, New Westminster. Mass followed by the Rosary. For more Mass dates, visit <https://rcav.org/pro-life-mass-and-prayer-vigil/>



**Confirmation May 25** On Saturday, May 25, during the 5 pm Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Very Reverend Gary Franken. Twenty-three young people will be anointed with the sacred oil of Chrism and sealed with the Holy Spirit. This sacrament brings to them a deepening of baptismal grace, unites them more firmly to Christ and increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for all our confirmands and their families.

**Project Advance 2019** We've launched and Project Advance 2019 has begun! As in past years, we have a parish goal of \$30,000. Our Archdiocesan goal is \$20,000 which helps with many initiatives including secondary school renovations, parenting and marriage support, youth and young adult ministry, and services for the poor and marginalized. All funds raised over our Archdiocesan goal will be returned to the parish and go towards new boilers for the church and rectory. Donations can be made through one of our volunteers after Mass, through the parish office or online at [projectadvance.ca](http://projectadvance.ca).



**Carnival Next Weekend** The Annual Spring Carnival is finally upon us! We are looking forward to an amazing afternoon! Sunday, June 2 from 11:30 am - 4:00 pm. We have quite a few additions to this year's event: a mini donut truck and 11 amazing carnival games, plus the old favourites: the talent show, arts and crafts, face painting, and of course, the dunk tank! Join us in the parish garden next Sunday!

**Man's Destiny Men's Conference 2019: Through HIM We Conquer** In today's fast-paced world filled with distractions, many of us are hard pressed to know if we are winning or losing; and not just that, some of us aren't even sure what battle we are in or who it is we're fighting. At this year's 2019 Man's Destiny conference we will be looking at this all too common problem through a series of talks delivered by Deacon Ralph Poyo from Steubenville, Ohio. Takes place on Saturday, June 8, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Register online at <https://saintmatthews.ca/events>



**Magnificat Breakfast** The Magnificat Vancouver Chapter invites all women to join them on Saturday, June 1, from 10 am to 12:30 pm. (Doors open at 9:30 am.) As part of the breakfast, there will be a time of prayer for the needs of all present and an opportunity to hear one woman's experience of the transforming love of Christ in her own life. Please plan to come and bring a friend to rejoice in the presence of the Lord. Register by email at [magnificatvancouver@telus.net](mailto:magnificatvancouver@telus.net) Include your name, phone number, email address and names of guests or call Anna at 604-818-4919. The non-refundable cost per ticket is \$25. The Walking in the Spirit Prayer Teams will be available after the breakfast for those who wish to remain for individual prayer. For more info, visit <https://rcav.org/event/magnificat-breakfast-2/>

Mass Intentions		
Sat May 25	5:00 pm	All Confirmands † Carolina Shannon † Battista Bosa
Sun May 26 6th Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	† Benito Manzo † Caterina Zappavigna
	10:00 am	<i>Pancake Breakfast</i>
	10:30 am	† Umberto Cucca † George Fernandez
	11:30 am	<i>Pancake Breakfast</i>
	12:00 pm	<i>Baptism - Welcome to Sebastiano Di Sabatino</i>
	5:00 pm	All Parishioners
Mon May 27	8:00 am	All sick & suffering
	6:30 pm	<i>PREP</i>
Tue May 28	6:30 pm	<i>Prayer for Virtues</i>
	7:00 pm	Perpetual Novena - St Anthony
	8:00 pm	<i>Knights of Columbus meeting</i>
Wed May 29	8:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 pm	<i>Choir Practice - Sun 10:30 am</i>
Thu May 30	8:00 am	SFA Parish & School
	11:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
	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 May 31 Visitation/ Blessed Virgin Mary	8:00 am	† Francesca & Gaetano Megliaccho
	9:15 am	School Mass
	8:00 pm	<i>Prayer for the Church</i>
Sat June 1 St Justin	9:00 am	† Maria Teresa & Antonio Milone
	9:30 am	<i>Confession</i>
	9:30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
	5:00 pm	All Parishioners
Sun June 2 Ascension of the Lord	9:00 am	† Luigia & Giuseppe Franciosi † Tommasina Pulice
	10:30 am	<i>Family Mass</i> † Walter Bertini & Antonio Grande † Hilarina Horta
	11:30 am	<i>Carnival</i>
	12:00 pm	<i>Baptism - Welcome to Alessia Zappavigna</i>
	5:00 pm	† Angelo 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. Please call the Parish for more information at 604-255-8855.

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