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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

SUNDAY MASSES:	SATURDAY	5:00PM
	SUNDAY	9:00AM & 11:00AM
DAILY MASS:	MONDAY	9:00AM
	TUESDAY — FRIDAY	8:00AM
	SATURDAY, HOLIDAYS	9:00AM
CONFESSIONS:	SATURDAY	4:00PM OR BY APPOINTMENT
ADORATION:	EVERY FRIDAY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS AND ENDING WITH BENEDICTION AT 2:30PM	



ST. PIUS X SPRING FAIR
SATURDAY, MAY 11 — 10AM to 2PM

Student Entrepreneurship
Cake Walk
Bouncies
Cotton Candy, Snow Cones,
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Donuts, Snacks
Refreshments
Famous CWL Bake Sale
Raffle 50/50

Bring your family, friends, and neighbours

The Good Shepherd

Our Lord Jesus Christ, during his earthly ministry, knew very well how to speak to the people about his person and his mission, using simple and direct words. The images or examples that Jesus used in his teachings were taken from the daily lives of the people whom he addressed. Even so, the people did not always immediately grasp the meaning of these images or examples, so Jesus took pains to explain more clearly how the people should apply his teachings to their lives.

In the Gospel text for this Sunday, the image that Jesus uses for himself is that of a good shepherd who lovingly tends to his flock. Jesus also calls himself the gate by which the sheep come and go from the sheepfold. This would have been familiar imagery for the nomadic and pastoral people who listened to Jesus. While few or maybe none who read this Gospel now are shepherds of sheep, we understand easily enough the idea being put forth of the importance of a good shepherd and a peaceful sheepfold. To adhere to Jesus without fear or doubt is the basic challenge that the Lord presented to his first hearers, and to us in this day and age as well.

Jesus contrasts himself – the good shepherd – with the thieves who deceive and do not lead the sheep along good paths. Jesus says clearly that he comes to bring life, and life to the full. What the thieves bring may look like life, but in fact brings spiritual death. That would include the unbridled pursuit of pleasure, accumulation and hoarding of goods, living for oneself rather than for God and others in genuine and humble service – in short, living a life of vice and not of virtue.

Jesus speaks of himself as the leader of God's flock, the Good Shepherd, walking in front of the sheep, as the way, the truth, and the life for all those who are truly seeking to be in God's sheepfold. Today, perhaps more than ever, in the face of so much loss of morality and direction in life, where apathy and mistrust abound in the social, political, and even religious realms, we need to hear again this strong message of Jesus. The Lord is indeed our Good Shepherd, guiding us in right paths, giving us courage and strength even in our darkest moments, spreading a banquet for us, and inviting us to dwell in God's house forever. If that be the case, then truly we shall not want for anything.

This is the theme of the well-loved Psalm 23 that begins, "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." Psalm 39 expresses the same sentiment with the beautiful phrase, "And now, Lord, what is there to wait for; in you rests all my hope." The gentle message of the Lord today is applicable to all, rich and poor, healthy and infirm, young and old, leaders and followers, saints and sinners. No one is to be excluded from Jesus's sheepfold, and all are lovingly invited into it.

The shepherd knows his sheep, says Jesus, as he knows each of us. Nothing is hidden from God's sight, so we can never pretend to be other than what we are: a flock that has been loved into being. As individuals, endowed with free will, we are capable of straying from the fold and seeking our own will rather than God's. However, the good shepherd never leaves the flock untended, and is always seeking the return of the stray, searching for and finding the lost and the discouraged.

Expressed another way, God continually pours out his grace so that we, the sheep of God's flock, may truly adhere to the one thing necessary, which is participation in God's life that Jesus came to give us to the full by dying a bitter death and rising from the dead. "By his wounds you were healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Could there be a richer consolation for our weary hearts? Our Good Shepherd knows our needs, shares our experiences, and is in communion with his flock. We thus have confidence that we are never left without the help of a loving and saving God.

As a flock gathers around its shepherd, so are we called to assemble in worship around our Good Shepherd, Jesus, who feeds us with the finest wheat and pours himself out for us. At the Eucharist, we truly "taste and see the goodness of the Lord" (Psalm 34:8) when we partake of the Body and Blood of the Lord in Holy Communion, for Jesus assures us, "Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (John 6:51). This is our peace and our joy in this Paschaltide!

Adapted from a reflection from the Benedictine Monastery of Christ in the Desert, Abiquiu, New Mexico



CWL SPRING FAIR BAKE SALE

**Saturday, May 11th
10am-2pm
Calling All Bakers**

**Please join us and support our
Spring Fair Bake Sale**

Cookies, loaves, muffins, bars, pies, and other sweet or savory tarts, including GLUTEN free recipe items, are most welcome. **PLEASE NOTE:** We cannot accept baked goods that need refrigeration. Drop off your wrapped baked goods with a list of ingredients attached on Friday, May 10th between 4-6pm or on Saturday, May 11th between 8:30-10am in the Gym.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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CWL Annual Spring Plant Sale: Order Deadline May 8, Pick Up May 25: Our CWL will be selling beautiful baskets, planters, herbs, plants, veggie plants. Net proceeds support charitable, community, and literacy causes supported by our Council. Order via the website: <https://spxcwl.growingsmilesfundraising.com> or order forms are available at the CWL desk in the vestibule. Payment via cheques payable to St. Pius X CWL, credit card, and e-transfer.

CWL Bursaries – Deadline April 30, 2024: For application forms and criteria information sheets, please contact Carol Landy at glandy@telus.net or 604-929-6235.

Marriage Anniversary Mass 2024

"Love isn't easy. No. But the most beautiful thing that a man and a woman can give each other is true love, for a lifetime." - Pope Francis

On Sunday, May 12, Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB will be honouring couples celebrating milestone marriage anniversaries: five-year increments from 5 to 60 years, and every year beyond 60 years. The Marriage Anniversary Mass will be at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Port Coquitlam at 1:30 p.m. Learn more and register at family.rcav.org/mam.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY:

"I am the good shepherd, and I lay down my life for the sheep, and they will heed my voice."
John 10:14-16

When we pray, do we only ask Jesus for the things that we want? Do we ever ask Jesus what he wants from us? How do we listen for his response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, let's take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for his voice.

FINDING MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE:

Mass Finder is a digital tool that makes it easier to find Mass, confession times, and parishes anywhere in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. It can search more than 800 Masses in different languages across 94 locations, and highlights the availability of 240 hours of confession every week, underscoring the commitment of the Archdiocese and its priests to making the sacrament of reconciliation more accessible. For more information: massfinder.rcav.org.

MOTHER—DAUGHTER—SISTER TEA:

This is a free opportunity for moms and their daughters to meet and spend an afternoon with religious sisters of different communities over tea and treats, with activities organized by the Sisters of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. On Saturday, May 11, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall in Port Coquitlam. There's an option to go to the Saturday Vigil Mass after the event at 5 p.m. Registration deadline: Saturday, May 4. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

MEN'S SHELTER MINISTRY:

Pick up of sandwiches and/or baked goods to deliver to the Catholic Men's Shelter will be on Friday, April 26, 1:30-2pm, in the exit parking lot of the parish.



Second Collection: Work of Vocations

April 20-21, 2024

A Message from Archbishop Miller

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Celebrated on April 21, Good Shepherd Sunday draws our attention to the need to pray for vocations to the priesthood and to support the Work of Vocations second collection.

This annual appeal helps to fund the discernment, formation, and education of our seminarians. It ensures that they are well prepared to be effective and zealous shepherds of souls.

The Archdiocese of Vancouver urgently needs priests who are willing to devote their lives to the service of God and his people in our local Church. Without priests to offer the Mass, celebrate the Sacraments, preach the Word of God, and provide pastoral leadership in our parishes, the Church cannot fulfil her evangelizing mission of bringing Christ to the world.

More than ever, the formation for our seminarians is a costly and time-intensive process. Their training usually takes at least nine years. While this entails a significant investment of time and resources, such expenses are essential if we are to have well-formed priests to serve our parish communities.

Through your prayers and your generosity, many of you already generously support the Work of Vocations. I am deeply appreciative of your help.

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood from the men in our Archdiocese and, to the extent that you can, I also ask that you contribute from your heart to the Work of Vocations this Good Shepherd Sunday.

With my blessing and the assurance of my prayers for you and your families during this Easter Season, I remain

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,

+ J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver



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OUR SCHOOL IS A VIBRANT FAITH AND LEARNING COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO DEVELOPING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF EACH CHILD USING CHRIST AS OUR CENTRE. WE ARE BLESSED WITH CARING AND DEDICATED EDUCATORS COMMITTED TO INSPIRING LIFE LONG LEARNERS IN ALL AREAS. WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE MANY ENRICHING LEARNING EXPERIENCES WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY
 10AM-1:30PM
 604-929-1404
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REGISTRATIONS AND DONATION ENVELOPES:

REGISTRATION TO THE PARISH AND REQUEST FOR DONATION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE OR YOU MAY CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.

REQUESTS FOR MASSES:

FOR THE LIVING AND DECEASED. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE. SUGGESTED MASS STIPEND IS \$10. MASS CARDS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. FOR A COST OF \$3.00

MARRIAGES:

TO BEGIN THE SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, PLEASE CONTACT FR. JEFF AT LEAST 9 MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

BAPTISM:

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR.

VISITATION OF THE SICK:

Please call the parish office when a parishioner or family member is hospitalized or housebound to arrange visitation, Holy Communion and Anointing.

BERKLEY CARE CENTRE:

Every 1st Wednesday at 1:30pm. Mass or Prayers with Communion.

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PARISH GROUPS AND CONTACT INFORMATION & TO VOLUNTEER:

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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 236-999-1286

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GREETERS

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE USHERS/GREETERS

AT ALL THE MASSES

PLEASE CALL PARISH OFFICE

TO VOLUNTEER

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To volunteer for Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament please contact Lisa Miiller adoration.spx@gmail.com

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Come and pray the Rosary every Saturday morning before Mass at 8:30am

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ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

FOLLOW US – See what's happening! Check out our Bulletin Board in the Church vestibule.

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

Our Lady of Good Counsel: 604-640-7543

BIRTHRIGHT:

MONDAY—FRIDAY,
 110-207 West Hastings St. 604-687-7223

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: 604-525-0999