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PASTOR'S CORNER

THE SHEPHERD'S CALL: PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

The fourth Sunday of Easter sets our focus on Jesus, the Good Shepherd. We are also reminded of our duty to pray for vocations to priesthood to carry forward the ministry of Jesus with heart of Jesus the Good Shepherd. In today's gospel from John, Jesus tells us: "I am a good shepherd: the good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep... I know my own, and my own know me. They listen to my voice..." We learn from this, two crucial lessons. The first, the role and characteristics of a good shepherd. The second is the duty and response of the flock.

The good shepherd knows and takes care of his flock. He is patient, he loves and never harms his flock or sheep. A good shepherd is readily available for his flock. He is ready to make sacrifices for their good. On the other hand, a good flock listens to its shepherd. It obeys his instructions and follows him with trust and confidence. In other words, there must be a good relationship and understanding between a good shepherd and his flock.

The celebration of Christ the Good Shepherd today reminds us that we are shepherds, as well as flocks. This is because each one of us is occupying one leadership position or the other. So, who is a good shepherd, and where can we find one?

Rightly, then, that this Sunday is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. I invite you, dear parents, and young people, to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We may not be the ones called by God to this kind of vocation, but as Christians, we have the obligation to campaign for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life. For once, let us seriously consider the value of the priesthood in our life. St. John Marie Vianney, the patron saint of all priests said, "Without the priest, the passion and death of our Lord would be of no avail. It is the priest who continues the work of redemption here on earth...What use would be a house filled with gold, where there is no one to open its door? The priest holds the key to the treasures of heaven: it is he who opens the door: he is the steward of the good Lord; the administrator of His goods...Leave a parish for twenty years without a priest and they will end by worshipping the beasts there." Pope Benedict XVI is

perfectly right when he said that without priestly ministry "there would be no Eucharist, no mission, not even the Church."

There are two steps we have to take. First, let us help in making our people aware of the value and importance of the priesthood and religious life. This is a formidable task, considering the materialistic and egoistic culture we are in now. But it has to be done.

But campaigning for vocations becomes more effective when we take the second step. If Jesus is our Good Shepherd, we must become true members of his flock. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine, and mine know me" (Jn 10:14). As Good Shepherd, "he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice" (Jn 10:4). When we know and follow the Good Shepherd, we become good shepherds ourselves. That is why we know for a fact that priestly vocations usually come from good families where authentic Christian values are taught and lived. May our families be holy families after the example of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

I must share two great events that took place in our parish this week. First, sixty-four of our young people received the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, 17 April and forty-nine of our children from PREP classes received the First Holy Communion on Saturday 20 April. As a parish family we congratulate all of them and their parents. We also thank all the teachers and those responsible for preparing them for the reception of these sacraments. May the Lord sow the seed of religious call at least some of them.

Fr. Joseph

Please note: From 22 April 2024 to 25 May 2024, I will be on my annual holiday in India. During my absence the spiritual and pastoral needs of the parish will be taken care of by Fr. Gabriel Chadarevian and Fr. Gilles Simard, all other administrative needs will be handled by our staff.



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TOGETHER IN HOPE

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

APRIL 21ST, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr.26
Family Movie Night

May.4
Pro Life Mass & Vigil
Crowning of Mary

May.5
CWL Mother's Day Brunch

May.9
March 4 Life

SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR B

FIRST READING
ACTS 4: 8-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
PSALMS 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23,
26, 28, 29

SECOND READING
1 JOHN 3: 1-2

GOSPEL
JOHN 10: 11-18

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2024 YEAR OF PRAYER AS DECLARED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

SUNDAY MASSES (AND SATURDAY)

SAT 05:00 pm (anticipated mass)
SUN 08:00 am | 09:30 am | 11:15 am | 01:00 pm
03:00 pm (Tagalog) | 05:00 pm | 07:00 pm

DAILY MASSES

 MON - FRI 08:00 am | SAT 08:30 am | WED-FRI  07:00 pm

CONFESSION

SUNDAY before & after mass | WEEKDAY after mass

DEVOTIONS

MON - FRI 07:15 am Rosary & Lauds
WED 06:00 pm Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
THU 06:00 pm Rosary & Prayer for Vocations
FRI 03:00 pm Divine Mercy
06:00 pm Novena: Two Hearts of Jesus & Mary
07:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
09:00 pm Benediction
SAT 07:45 am Rosary & Lauds

FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS UPDATES | NEWS | EVENTS

Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil | May.4 - Sat 8:30am Archdiocese of Vancouver & St.Mary's Parish

One of the fundamental answers to abortion is prayer. Join your voice with ours as we pray for a new culture of life. We begin with Mass, followed by the rosary and other prayers with Adoration. All are welcome!

March4Life | May.9 - Thurs | Victoria, BC M4L Victoria & Knights of Columbus + Columbus Homes


Join us for the March for Life in Victoria, BC, on May 9, 2024! Starting with Mass at Sacred Heart Parish, Delta, at 9:15 am, presided over by Archbishop Miller. Catch the 11:00 am ferry to Victoria and participate in the March from Centennial Square to the BC Parliament Buildings. Speakers will enlighten us on vital life issues. m4lvictoria.ca
Buses are available from select parishes. Deadline to register for bus transportations is April.25th ; for transportation inquiries, contact **Jim Canil at jrcanil@telus.net**.

 **New Hope on the Horizon Opportunity!**
Catholic Street Missionaries **April.30**
Deadline

Calling all young adults, a summer full of spiritual enrichment is waiting! CSM is hosting a summer outreach program empowering those to live like Christ and help the homeless. **Financial support offered. Special bursaries are available for those who want to join this summer!** Visit our website and contact us for more info...

Registration closes April.30th! tinyurl.com/CSMHorizon

Catholic Women's League Announcements

 **Crowning of Mary - May 4th 6:00pm (after 5pm mass)**
St Mary's Catholic Women's League is hosting our annual Crowning of Mary celebration on Sunday May 4th at the parish from 6pm to 7pm. If attending, please bring a flower, it will be presented to Mother Mary during the ceremony. So, we encourage everyone to join us at this special celebration honoring our Mother Mary!

 **Annual Mother's Day Brunch - May 5th 9:30am - 1pm**
A great opportunity to treat your lovely mother or special friends to a fabulous brunch and show her your appreciation. We have great menu, at a very low cost so buy your tickets now before it's sold out!! **Ticket price is \$28 per adult, children 6-12 years \$12 and FREE for children under 6.** (Please note, ticket will be honored until 1:30pm)
For more info or purchase tickets please contact **Beth Hernandez - bethhernanadez86@yahoo.com**
Lenn Castro - lenn.castro.yvr@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities | Let's make an impact!

 **Catholic Steet Missionaries wants you!** 
Are you looking to improve your skills in project management, event planning, marketing, designing, and have a heart to serve the home homeless? We want you!
778-885-9611 or email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com

 **VBS Rocky Railway 2024 | Vacation Bible School is back!**
Registration forms will be available on the parish's website, Friday May 3 for an easier registration process. Registration day is on Sunday May 5 until 4:00pm. **We will not be accepting forms in the parish office and only on registration day.** We are also still looking for volunteers! E-mail Dana & Christina @ cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com

 **Looking to advertise?** If your business is looking to promote, we still have spaces the bulletin! For more info **Teresa: tky.lung@telus.net**

PROJECT ADVANCE 2024 Building our Parish Community
Project Advance 2024 is back
our goal of our parish goal of **\$120,000**

Pledge now at projectadvance.ca

New and previous donors can donate online or drop off your donations in regular Sunday collections. For more info contact Teresa Lung tky.lung@telus.net

Fr.Joseph away April. 22 - May 25 Holiday Announcement

Fr.Joseph will be away on his annual holiday to India. During his absence the spiritual and pastoral needs of the parish will be taken care of by Fr. Gabriel and Fr. Gilles. All other administrative needs will be handled by our staff.

Parish Family Movie Night | Friday - Apr.26 7:30 pm Playing: "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness"

Join us for movie night as we watch Ingrid Bergman, in her spiritual journey to find God, make her way to China in the midst of a China-Japan conflict. Popcorn will be served!

St.Mary's School Announcements

SMS Parent Support Group Raffle | Now till June.19

St Mary's Raffle Event are back! Tickets will be on sale starting March 25th for **\$2.50 per 1 ticket**. Get a ticket for some great cash prizes! **Raffle starts March.25 and ends June.19th and Draw Date on June 21st - 2:00pm at the school.**
1st Prize \$5,000 | 2nd \$2,000 | 3d \$1,000 | 4th and 5th \$500
All proceeds are for the development project of the school. Thank you for your support and good luck!! Raffle license # 148639

Kindergarten 2024-2025 | Accepting Applications

Now accepting applications for the kindergarten 2024 - 2025 school year. **Child must be born in 2019 and turn 5 by Dec 31st.** Apply/ info contact **604 437-1312 | office.smarv@cisva.bc.ca**

Seniors Gatherings | Save the dates!

Next gatherings: May 17th, Jun 21st
To register contact the parish office:
604-435-9611 ext. 0

Donations | Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Supporting the next generation of priests RCAV Second Collection - Good Shepherd Sunday, April 21

The 2nd collection funds the discernment, formation, and education of our seminarians. Parishioners can make their tax-deductible donation in-person or online at rcav.org/vocations

Knights of Columbus Food Drive | Now till - June 30

Non-perishable food items accepted for donation in specially marked boxes located in the Church foyer. *St.Mary's Council 13072*
All collected food items will be delivered to The Door Is Open at the end of June 2024.

Check out our Ministries!  next page!
Each Ministry is updated each bulletin so don't miss out on your chance to join!

PARISH MINISTRIES

MISSION ABLAZE NEXT MEET APR.23

Come join the Mission Ablaze Prayer Group
Meet and experience the power and love of the Holy Spirit
Every Tues @ 07:30 PM - 09:00 PM at the church hall **IN-PERSON & ZOOM**
For zoom link + info Email: missionablazesm@gmail.com

DNA Discipleship | aNd | Accountability NEXT MEET APR 27 - SAT

D.N.A. is a men's Group meeting on the **2nd and the 4th Saturday of every month**, at **9:30am**, in the Parish Rectory basement. For more info reach out to Fr. Gabriel at: **604-435-9611, ext. 202** | fathergabriel1@outlook.com

ST. MARY'S 1PM MASS CHOIR We need you! **ST. MARY'S 5PM YOUTH CHOIR**

1PM Mass needs singers and piano players, to share praise in song.
Every **FRI 7:30PM** - Parish choir area
Sam Law | samsgrman@gmail.com

5PM Mass is looking young adults who want to offer their musical talents (singers, guitarists, bassists, cajon players). Weekly practice **THURS 7:30PM** - Rectory basement | **SUN 4:15PM** - Parish choir area
**Except 3d week of the month*
Wen | **604-780-2830** | seals.stmarys@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION EVERY TUE & WED
*I will come to you in the Silence...
Be still and know that I am God...
Come and rest in Me*

Join us for meditation and prayers once a week either:
In-person: Wednesday 7:00 pm @ Rectory Basement.
Contact Cora Alcuitas - calcuitas@gmail.com
Online: Tuesday 7:00 pm
Contact Maeve Slein - mms3018@gmail.com

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP & Fr. David Bellusci NEXT MEET TBA

Previous Topic: Book of Ecclesiastes | Next Meet: TBA
Who wrote it? What is it about? What is the wisdom conveyed?
Join us online via zoom, and learn the spirituality of St. Padre Pio.
For more info + zoom link: pppgvancouver@gmail.com

St. Mary's Youth Ministry NEXT MEET TBA

Last event: Movie Night | Next: Event TBA
A space where youth can make memories, ask deep questions, and learn how to grow in the faith with the fellowship of your friends!
Open to gr 7-12 | Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome!
Joyce | **(604) 435-9611 ext. 209** | youth.smarv@rcav.org

Our Lady of Fatima Junior Praesidium A Legion of Mary Youth Program

Inviting youths (and their parents/guardians) ages 6 - 18 years old to join the Our Lady of Fatima Junior Praesidium.
Guided by senior legionaries, learn about prayers, works of the Legion, and deepen your relationship to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
If interested, we have a sign-up sheet at the foyer!

CATECHISM & SACRAMENTS

MARRIAGE Lorna | ext.204

One of the couple must be Catholic and a parishioner of St. Mary's Parish. Contact us at least six months prior to the wedding. Make no wedding arrangement until you have met with the priest.

RCIA Edwin | ext. 205 rcia.smarv@rcav.org

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for adults in need of Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation, or who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - VANCOUVER BC
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK & FUNERALS

Please contact the parish office to schedule a visit, to speak to a priest or to arrange a service.

INFANT BAPTISM ext.200 reception.smarv@rcav.org

For infants 5 years old and younger. Family must be registered parishioners or must reside within parish boundaries. Non-parishioners must obtain permission from the pastor of their parish.

PREP Edwin | ext.205 prep.smarv@rcav.org

Parish Religious Education Program. Catechism for children who are attending public schools. Registration opens in the summer of 2023 for SY 2023/24.

VANSPEC Christina | vanspec.smarv@rcav.org

1-on-1 special needs catechism. Vanspec classes are led by volunteer catechists and aides who, with the assistance of the Program Director, adapt the content of each lesson and learning materials to the needs of the individual student.

Stewardship Reflection

Apr. 21, 2024 - 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 you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

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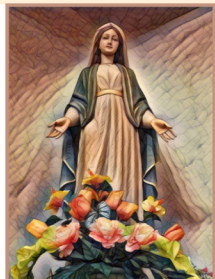
1. Go to the formed site and Search by postal code: V5R 4G8
2. Select "St. Marys Vancouver 5251 Joyce Street"
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check your emails for a link to begin using FORMED!

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