

# APRIL 25TH, 2010 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The voice of Jesus calls us to “follow me” (gospel). While following the Good Shepherd truly leads to “eternal life,” the way of discipleship is not easy. Discipleship always takes us through suffering, rejection and persecution (first reading). However, no matter what the cost of following Jesus we are not alone nor are we abandoned to our own resources. Nothing or no one can take us out of Jesus’ care.

Jesus is both the Good Shepherd and the Lamb who was slain. As Shepherd, Jesus is the one who cares for us and leads us. As Lamb, Jesus is the one who lays down his life in sacrifice for us.

Hearing Jesus’ voice and fidelity to its call involves us in the harsh realities of the world in which we live. As the first reading reminds us, we will meet with jealousy and persecution.

Not everyone wants to hear a message of forgiveness and repentance, of self-sacrificing and surrender, even when there is assurance that this is the way to life. Yet, the turmoil of this world is not a sign that God has abandoned us. Jealousy, violent abuse, persecution, expulsion etc, have always been part of our human condition. In all of this, Jesus is at “the centre,” will shepherd us, lead us to “springs of the water of life,” and “wipe away every tear” (second reading). No matter what we encounter in following Jesus, nothing or no can take us out of his cares. This is what Good Shepherd Sunday is all about: it is about a God who so deeply cares for us that the only Son became the Lamb who was slain. This is, indeed, Easter Good News.

**✠ PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** Your prayers are requested for the sick of our Parish: J. Cardoso, A. Eberle, M. Faigen, F. Labis, Jr., L. Lida, I. Meszaros, M. Monahan, D. Ngui, E. Phipps, and all those afflicted at home or in the hospital. May Christ our Lord be their strength and healing.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today is *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Our individual vocations, married, single, religious life, or the priesthood, are all a gift, and essentially a call to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus sent the disciples out to be a joyful presence in a troubled world. We are sent in the same way. How are you joyfully and generously being a steward of the vocation God has given you? Today’s Gospel gives us confidence as we faithfully live out our vocations.

**A second collection will be taken up today for the Work of Vocations.**

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION/BENEDICTION

“Come and be still” for awhile next Saturday when we have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:30 am until Mass time. Refreshments will be available in the hall after Mass. Come and join us for our communal friendships.

## 1ST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Next Sunday, at the 11:00 am Mass seven children from our PREP class will receive their 1st Holy Communion. And two boys and one girl will also be confirmed at the same Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

**BRIDGE** The Seniors Outreach Group invite you to join them for bridge every Thursday afternoon, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. All are welcome.

**LINE DANCING** Every Wednesday, at 1:30 to 3:00 pm. For more info, call Pat at 604-266-6179.

**KUDOS** Fourth Degree Knights of the Simon Fraser Assembly generously replaced our Canadian Flag on the pole. We thank the Knights for their show of patriotism.

## ✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Apr. 26</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Yuk Sing Lee.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Apr. 27</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Katerina Kolvek.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Apr. 28</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Kathleen Phinn.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Apr. 29</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Magdalene Chiu
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Apr. 30</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Anne Shaw.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Theresa Han.  <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Generoso Reyna.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 2</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Mae Leung.

✠ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Steve Stefanik, brother of our parishioner, Ann Halicki. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

## PROJECT ADVANCE 2010

Archdiocesan Goal.....	\$33,000
Expenditures.....	\$ 3,000
Total Parish Goal.....	\$100,000

*Next Sunday, our chairperson and secretary of Project Advance are available after Mass to assist you, to process your Sacrificial Gifts toward this year’s appeal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask them. Your participation definitely testifies to God’s goodness to us all who commit our faith in action.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GOING GLOBAL** Listen to spirit-filled music from around the world with the Corpus Christi College Chamber Choir today, April 25th, at 2:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church, 2881 Main St. Tickets are \$15.00

**ARCHBISHOP MILLER TO CELEBRATE MASS FOR LIFE** Archbishop's Annual Mass for Life will be celebrated on April 28th, at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Mass at 7:00 pm, rosary at 6:30 pm.

**LIVE-IN** Attend a Silent Live-In Retreat for women interested in discerning religious life; hosted by the Sisters of the Child Jesus at Mary's Mountain, 48368 Elk View Road, Chilliwack. The live-in runs from 7:00 pm on Friday, May 7th to 3:00 pm Sunday, May 9th. Call Linda at 604-533-5580 or Sr. Anne-Marie at 604-936-2875 or email: [a-mfransoo@shaw.ca](mailto:a-mfransoo@shaw.ca)

**JEFF CAVINS COMING TO VANCOUVER** Jeff Cavins, a well-known Scripture teacher and creator of the Great Adventure Bible Study, will facilitate an all day seminar on the gospel of Matthew on May 8th, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at St. Patrick's Parish. Jeff and his associate will also offer an informative and inspirational evening to parish bible study leaders on Friday, May 7th at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver. Info and registration at [www.rcav.org/ore](http://www.rcav.org/ore) or call the ORE office at 604-683-0281.

**ORDINATIONS TO TAKE PLACE ON MAY 7TH & 22ND** *Bryan Duggan* will be ordained to the diaconate on May 7 at 7:00 pm and *Edwin Kulling, Swann Kim* and *Rodney Nootebos* will be ordained to the priesthood on May 22 at 10:00 am, both at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Please keep them in your prayers

**VC MAYFAIR** Saturday, May 8th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come and enjoy the annual Vancouver College Mayfair. It is an old fashion Spring Carnival complete with a food fair, games, rides and much more. We hope to see you and your family and guests there. Location: 5400 Cartier Street (1 block east of Granville on 38th Ave.)

**MARCH FOR LIFE** The 3rd annual March for Life takes place in Victoria, on Thursday, May 13th. The theme is *Life: The First Human Right*. The March begins with Mass at St. Andrew Cathedral at noon and walk to Parliament Building.



The Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul II Council 14459 is organizing a bus trip. It departs at 7:00 am from St. Casimir's Parish, 1187 E. 27th Ave., Vancouver and will be returning to Vancouver approximately 8:00 pm. For more info, please call 604-421-7695.

**SPIRIT ALIVE** Gala Choir Concert at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, featuring St. Patrick Regional Secondary Concert Choir and Chamber Choir and members of the Vancouver Opera Orchestra. On Saturday, May 15th at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 through Ticketmaster, 604-214-7837 or through the school office.

## Scripture Readings



### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps. 100; Rev. 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30

Apr. 26, Mon., Acts 11:1-18; Ps. 42; John 10:1-10

Apr. 27, Tues., Acts 11:19-26; Ps. 87; John 10:22-30

Apr. 28, Wed., Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps. 67; John 12:44-50

Apr. 29, Thurs., **St. Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor**  
Acts 13:13-25, Ps. 89; John 13:16-20

Apr. 30, Friday, Acts 13:26-33; Ps. 2; John 14:1-6

May 1, Saturday, Acts 13:44-52; Ps. 98; John 14:7-14

**FOCUS ON LIFE GALA** To take place at the Hyatt Regency, Vancouver on Monday, May 31st. Their featured speaker is Raymond Arroyo, an internationally known award winning journalist, producer, bestselling author and TV host on EWTN. Tickets for this event are \$75/person. Please call 1-877-7SIGNAL to order tickets.

**CHILDREN'S SHOP & SWAP MEET** On Saturday, June 5th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at St. Monica's Parish, 12011 Woodhead Rd., Richmond. This sale is open for people who want to clean out their kids closets or for retail stores that have new items to sell. Limited space available, so book your table now. Email Winnie at [stmonicafr@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicafr@gmail.com)

## YOUTH MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIPS

**AVAILABLE** The Youth Ministry Office is offering scholarships for students exemplifying outstanding leadership in their parishes, schools, communities and homes. Open to students finishing their Grade 12 year, applicants will be eligible to win one of two \$500 scholarships. Download the application form at [www.youthmin.com](http://www.youthmin.com) Application deadline is May 7th

**LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY** Vancouver's Catholic High School for girls is inviting applications for the 2010-2011 school year for prospective Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. If interested, please contact Kathi at 604-738-9016, ext 222 or fill out the waiting list application form posted on our website at: [www.lfabco.org](http://www.lfabco.org)

## STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

Christian missionaries from St. Paul onward have known they would have to stand up against a prevailing sinful culture, even if that would bring martyrdom. Are we as Christians today ready and willing to stand up for Jesus, even if the world around us rejects or even attacks us?