

April 22, 2018 - 4th Sunday of Easter

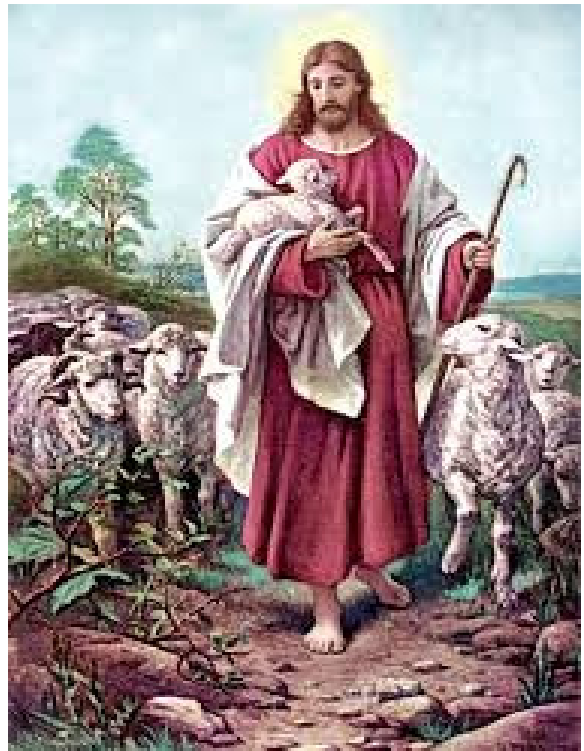
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Gospel: John 10:11-18 Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Vangelo di Oggi: Giovanni 10:11-18 In quel tempo, Gesù disse: «Io sono il buon pastore. Il buon pastore dà la propria vita per le pecore. Il mercenario – che non è pastore e al quale le pecore non appartengono – vede venire il lupo, abbandona le pecore e fugge, e il lupo le rapisce e le disperde; perché è un mercenario e non gli importa delle pecore. Io sono il buon pastore, conosco le mie pecore e le mie pecore conoscono me, così come il Padre conosce me e io conosco il Padre, e do la mia vita per le pecore. E ho altre pecore che non provengono da questo recinto: anche quelle io devo guidare. Ascolteranno la mia voce e diventeranno un solo gregge, un solo pastore. Per questo il Padre mi ama: perché io do la mia vita, per poi riprenderla di nuovo. Nessuno me la toglie: io la do da me stesso. Ho il potere di darla e il potere di riprenderla di nuovo. Questo è il comando che ho ricevuto dal Padre mio».



World Day of Prayer for Vocations Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and the Church is marking the 55th annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations – a time when the whole Church is united in praying that more men will answer God's call to be the visible face of the Good Shepherd in our world. Everyone is invited to pray the rosary, especially as a family, with the intention of an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Special meditations on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary have been written for this purpose. We invite you to reflect on them as you pray from April 22 to 28. Visit www.rcav.org/pray-for-vocations to view these special meditations on the Glorious Mysteries. "If anyone is seeking God, know that the Beloved is seeking that person much more." *St John of the Cross.*



"I am the Good Shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me."

Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd. He distinguishes himself from the bad shepherd, or hired hand who puts his own interests ahead of the sheep's well-being. The hireling does not own the sheep, he does not know the sheep individually, and does not love the sheep, therefore he has no qualms about abandoning the sheep in the face of peril. Jesus on the other hand owns the sheep, having bought us with his own blood. We are his prized possession. He also knows us individually and calls us each by name. In this intimacy of knowing and being known personally by Jesus there is great assurance and peace.



March For Life Victoria Join the thousands raising their voice for "human" rights for all "human beings" on Thursday, May 10. All are welcome to start the day in prayer. Marchers should be at Centennial Square by 1:45. The March will leave at 1:45, and head down Government Street to the BC Legislature. Marchers will arrive at the Legislature front lawn at approximately 2:15 pm for the Rally for Life, which will have inspirational speakers and lively music until 3:15 pm. The day ends with the Victoria Pro-Life Gala Dinner. Visit rcav.org/event/march-life-victoria for the complete schedule of events, contacts, and transportation options.

Catholic Faith Study Everyone is welcome to attend Symbolon, a DVD-based faith study covering the core teaching of the Catholic faith. Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Conference Room. For more information, please call the parish office at 604-255-8855.



Youth Ministry starts Today! Calling all youth in Grades 6 to 8! The SFA Youth Group starts today. Come to the Sunday 5 pm Mass and then head down to the hall with Fr Gino for some food, faith and fun.

Youth in Grade 9 and above are encouraged to come as well and help Fr Gino as leaders. The Youth Group will meet monthly, on the 4th Sunday of the month. Come, and bring your friends!

Red Mass The 2018 Archdiocese of Vancouver Red Mass and reception will be on Tuesday, May 8. The Red Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Miller, will be at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver, at 5 pm. A reception will follow at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 655 Burrard Street, Vancouver at 6:30 pm with our special guest speaker, Angus Reid. The Red Mass is a Mass celebrated in honour of the legal profession as a vocation in the service of justice and the common good. All are welcome to the Red Mass and tickets for the reception can be purchased at rcav.org/red-mass

Building Resilient Children in an Age of Anxiety Presented by St Anthony's Parish Education Series, this event features speaker PJ Lewis, Registered Clinical Counsellor and co-founder of Lifted Counselling and Consulting. As a skilled speaker, PJ has presented at numerous forums, workshops, and conferences locally, nationally and internationally. Presentation will take place on Wednesday, April 18, in church basement at St Anthony of Padua Church, from 7-8 pm, followed by refreshments and discussion until 8:30 pm.



Healing Mass on St Peregrine Feast Day Celebrate the Feast of Saint Peregrine with healing Mass followed by Novena, Exposition & Benediction, May 4 at 7 pm at Our Lady of Mercy, Burnaby. There will be prayers for healing by prayer teams immediately after Benediction. Contact Lila Caldera at 778-882-8048 for details.

My Family Story: Every family has a story to inspire Every family's story is unique and valuable. Who were your grandparents? Will your children and grandchildren know about them? Foster close relationships with your loved ones by sharing photos and the origins of your family traditions. Led by experienced genealogy educator and writing coach Lynn Palermo, learn how to capture family history and life stories in your pajamas from the comfort of your armchair. My Family Story is a free, multi-week program where webinars will be delivered to your inbox in the form of easy-to-follow videos that you can start, pause or stop at anytime. Gardens of Gethsemani and The Armchair Genealogist have partnered together to offer these free webinars accompanied by the right tools to create your own Family History and Legacy Journal themed around motherhood, fatherhood, marriage and family. Register today at myfamilystory.ca.

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Mass Intentions and Parish Activities		
Sat Apr 21	5:00 pm	All Parishioners
Sun Apr 22 4th Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	† Domenico Di Tomaso † Caterina Zappavigna Spec Int Divine Mercy
	10:30 am	SFA Parish & School
	12:00 pm	SFO meeting
	5:00 pm	† Giuseppina Greco † Luigi Bevilacqua
	6:00 pm	SFA Youth Group
Mon Apr 23	8:00 am	† Argento Mascitti
	11:00 am	Funeral for Carmela Di Pomponio <i>Requiescat in pace</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Symbolon Faith Study</i>
Tue Apr 24	6:30 pm	Rosary
	6:45 pm	Gr 7 PREP (CGS)
	7:00 pm	Perpetual Novena - St Anthony
	7:30 pm	Ladies Faith Study
	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus meeting
Wed Apr 25 St Mark	8:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
	6:45 pm	Gr 1-6 PREP (CGS) in Hall
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice - Sat 5 pm
Thu Apr 26	8:00 am	† Deceased Priests of RCAV
	11:00 am	† Francesco Mangolia † Maria Pia Alessio
	11:00 am	SFA Over 50 Club
	5:15 pm	Legion of Mary meeting
	6:00 pm	Building Committee meeting
Fri Apr 27	8:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
	1:00 pm	Funeral for Adela Murphy <i>Requiescat in pace</i>
Sat Apr 28	9:00 am	† Emilia Cerone & Carolina Shannon † Carmela La Montagna
	9:30 am	Confession
	5:00 pm	† Settimia Fregolent † Argento Mascitti
Sun Apr 29 5th Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	† Felix Gabriele † Angelina Di Lorenzo
	10:30 am	All Parishioners
	12:00 pm	Baptism - Welcome to Emmett Miller
	5:00 pm	† Luigi Bevilacqua † Anna Faccone

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 Office for more info.

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