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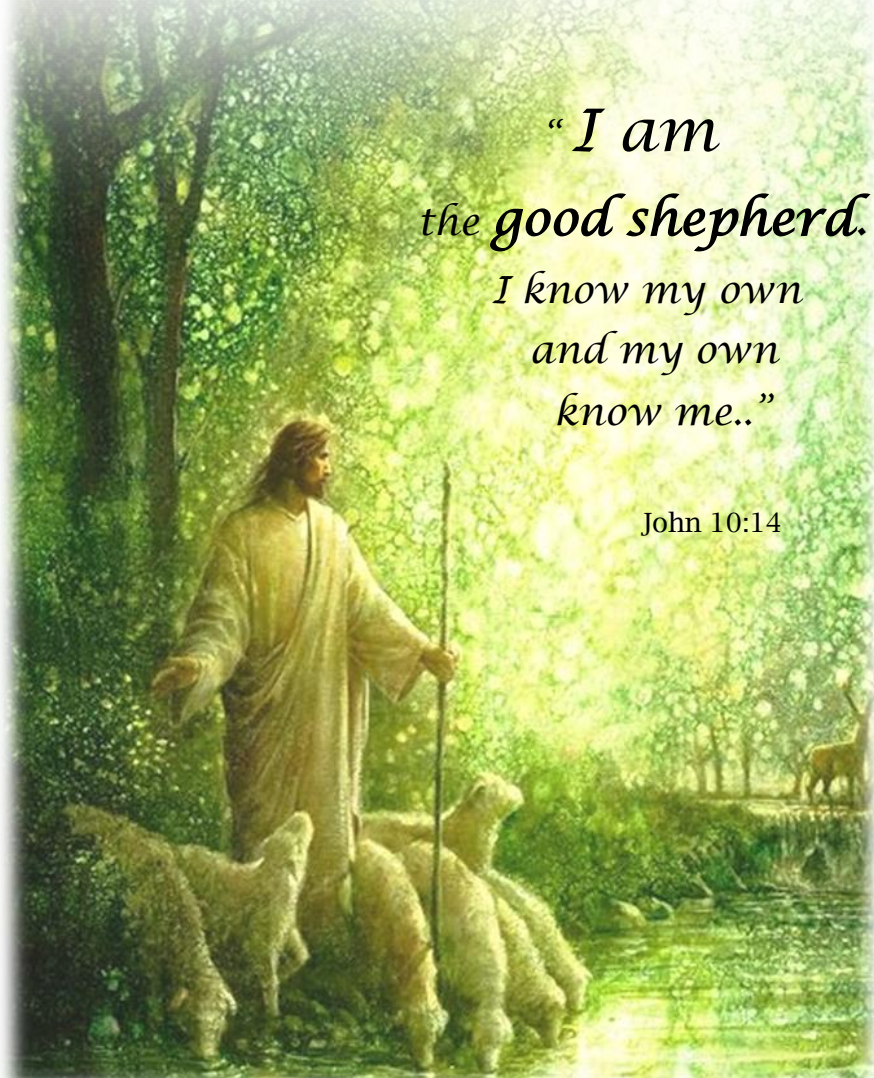
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STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 22, 2018



*“I am
 the good shepherd.*

*I know my own
 and my own
 know me..”*

John 10:14

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One Parish ~ Three Churches

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

2250 - 150th Street
 Surrey, BC V4A 9J3

Weekday Mass: 8:00am Monday
 6:30pm Tuesday
 8:00am Wed. to Saturday
 Weekend Mass: 5:00pm Saturday
 9am, 11am & 7pm Sunday
 Confession: 10:00-11:00am Saturday
 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

1153 Fir Street
 White Rock, BC V4B 4A8

Weekday Mass: 9:00am
 Tues. to Saturday
 Weekend Mass: 4:00pm Saturday
 10:30am Sunday
 Confession: 8:30am-9:00am
 Saturday

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

12268 Beecher Street
 Surrey, BC V4A 3A3

Weekend Mass:
 8:30am Sunday

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

If “*April showers bring May flowers*”, then we’re in for some marvelous garden displays in a few weeks’ time! It always takes concerted effort to till and enrich the soil, to weed and to prune, and to water and care for the plants, ensuring a good blossoming season. Much like the care we give to our children in their formation in the Faith, with special emphasis on preparing them for the reception of the Sacraments.

In two weeks we will celebrate the First Communion of our grade two students at a special Mass on Sunday May 6, at 2pm. It’s always a full church as family’s gather with their extended family and friends to share in this joyful sacramental milestone in the faith journey of their children. We take care to teach the children how to properly receive the Holy Eucharist, to come to the Mass with prayerful dispositions, and to remain in their pew until the final blessing has been given and the priest has processed out. We try to instill in these little ones good manners for their attendance at Mass, which will be the source of many future blessings.

Now I need to remind the rest of our parish family that these simple practices of liturgical courtesy are meant for everyone. I’ve noticed a kind of casual approach as many are coming late, leaving early, and still using electronic devices during the Mass. Shouldn’t we be giving the Lord our best attention, an attitude of preparedness, and our sense of dressing for a special occasion? We should teach our little ones by our own good example, and in pondering the First Communion program we might reflect on our own practice of Sunday Mass .

Have a happy week,

Fr. Dion

I ask parish communities not to yield to discouragement but to continue praying that the Lord will send workers to his harvest. May he give us priests enamoured of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters, living signs of God’s merciful love. - Pope Francis



Pope Francis’ message on the 55th World Day of Vocations.

Pope Francis reminded Christians that God never ceases to call men and women to follow Him: We are not victims of chance or swept up in a series of unconnected events; on the contrary, our life and our presence in this world are the fruit of a divine vocation... Even amid these troubled times, the mystery of the Incarnation reminds us that **God continually comes to encounter us. He is God-with-us**, who walks along the often dusty paths of our lives. He knows our anxious longing for love and he calls us to joy. In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to **listen, discern** and **live** this word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness.

A listening heart

The Lord’s call comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. Without a listening heart, His voice can be ‘drowned out’ by the distractions of daily life... Nowadays listening is becoming more and more difficult, immersed as we are in a society full of noise, overstimulated and bombarded by information... This prevents us from pausing and enjoying the taste of contemplation, reflecting serenely on the events of our lives, going about our work with confidence in God’s loving plan, and making a fruitful discernment.

Discernment

Each of us can discover his or her own vocation only through spiritual discernment... a process by which a person makes fundamental choices, in dialogue with the Lord and listening to the voice of the Spirit, starting with the choice of one’s state in life...Christian vocation always has a prophetic dimension... We have to resist the temptations of ideology and negativity, and to discover, in our relationship with the Lord, the places, the means and situations through which he calls us.

Living one’s vocation

Vocation is today! The Christian mission is now...Each one of us is called – whether to the lay life in marriage, to the priestly life in the ordained ministry, or to a life of special consecration – in order to become a witness of the Lord, here and now... **We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous “yes”, nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord.**

To listen to that voice, to discern our personal mission in the Church and the world, and at last to live it in the today that God gives us.

This Sunday's Readings

1ST READING: Acts 4:8-12

RESPONSORIAL: Psalms 118: 1,8-9, 21-23, 26, 29

2ND READING: 1 John 3:1-2

GOSPEL: John 10: 11-18



In today's Gospel passage, Jesus emphasises the self-sacrificing element in his own life. He contrasts the good shepherd who owns the sheep to someone who is simply hired to look after them, who if he sees a wolf coming, he takes off, leaving the sheep to be attacked and scattered in fear and terror. Jesus, on the other hand, will not be like a hired person: *"The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep."* Perhaps he contrasts himself with those mercenary religious leaders among his own people – and to be found in every religious grouping – who do just what is expected of them but have no real commitment or sense of responsibility to those in their charge.

He knows His sheep

The good shepherd knows his sheep and they know him. There is a mutual bond of love and intimacy. That love is compared to the deep mutual relationship that exists between Jesus and his Father. *"My own know me just as the Father knows me."* Again the hired man or the self-interested leader will not have such a relationship with his charges.

One Shepherd and One flock

The good shepherd deeply desires that many other sheep should come to identify themselves with him. *"There are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well."* The ultimate goal is that *"there will be only one flock, and one shepherd"*, that the whole world will be united together with its God and Lord. There are still so many millions of people who have not yet heard the message of a loving God who sent his only Son to die for them. They seek meaning and happiness in their lives by pursuing all kinds of other goals which inevitably turn to ashes: material abundance, status in the eyes of others, power over others, mistaking pleasure and hedonism for happiness... in so doing, they reject Jesus the Good Shepherd. *"Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us."* (1 Jn 3:1). This is something we must learn to accept because no matter how closely we follow our Lord (in fact, the more closely we follow him), the more likely it is that we will be rejected and even attacked.

More tragic still, however, there are so many people who claim Christ as Lord, many of them very good and sincere people, who are often divided, even bitterly divided among themselves. Here, more than anywhere there is a need for all to follow one Shepherd and form one flock. Otherwise how can we give witness to the love of Christ if that love is lacking among the servants of Jesus?

There are also those who, though incorporated through baptism into the Body of Christ, consistently behave in a way which totally distorts people's understanding of Christ and his call to discipleship, fulfilment and happiness. Probably, most of us have at one time or another failed in our call to give witness to the truth and love that is to be found in Christ.

Vocation

All of this is intimately linked with the second theme of this Sunday. Not only is it Good Shepherd Sunday, it is also "Vocations Sunday". On this day we are especially asked first of all to **pray that the Church may be provided with the leaders needed to do its work of spreading the Gospel.**

We know that at the present time there is a critical shortage of such leaders, at least in the traditional sense – priests and religious. But, while we may earnestly pray that our Church be supplied with the leaders it needs, there can be a tendency among us to pray that OTHERS may answer that call. We do not see ourselves as included. We may pray earnestly for more young people to offer themselves as priests and religious but may exclude our own children.

But the problem is a wider one. We have for too long given a much too narrow meaning to the word 'vocation'. We tend to limit it to a calling to be a priest or a member of a religious institute. But, in fact, **every single one of us has a vocation.** For most of us, probably, it is what we are now doing be it as spouses, parents, teachers, office workers, civil servants, running a business, salespersons...etc. Nevertheless, each one of us needs to ask ourselves today: *Is what I am spending my energies on every day my real vocation? Is this what God wants me to be doing with my life? How is what I am doing giving witness to my Christian faith? What contribution am I offering to making this world a better place for people to live in? To what extent am I a spreader of truth, of love, of justice, of freedom, of tolerance and acceptance...?* And, if I am in a position which would be difficult to change (spouse or parent or holding a particular job), *how, within that situation, is God calling me to greater service of my Church and my community? Am I giving something through my life or am I just using society (and even the Church) to get what I want?*

God is calling every single one of us to work for the Gospel. There are hundreds of other ways of serving the Church and helping to build up the Christian community. Where is God calling me to make my own unique contribution based on the particular talents God has given me?

If every single one of us were to answer that question sincerely and to act upon it, our Church would have all the leadership it needs.

Week at a Glance ~ Please refer to **Bulletin cover** for our **regular weekday Mass schedule**

Apr 23 Monday

7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS

8:30am Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - GS

6:30pm **Alpha** (Week 10 of 11)
"WHY AND HOW SHOULD I TELL OTHERS?" -GS

Apr 24 Tuesday

6:30pm CWL - Feast of our Lady of Good Counsel
Mass followed by reception - GS

7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation - GS Cry Room

7:00pm Small Christian Community - GS Library

7:00pm 33 Days to Morning Glory (Wk 3 of 5) - (off site)

Apr 25 Wednesday

7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS

10:00am Seniors Fitness - SOS Hall

6:30pm Confessions - GS

7:00pm RCIA - GS Meeting Room

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group - School

Apr 26 Thursday

7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS

8:30am Rosary after 8am Mass - GS

1:00pm GALATIANS Bible Study (7 of 8) - GS Meeting Rm

4:00pm Legion of Mary - GS Fireside

6:15pm PREP - School

6:30pm Confirmation Retreat - School Gym

7:00pm GALATIANS Bible Study (7 of 8) - GS Meeting Rm

Apr 27 Friday

6:00am Friday Morning Men's Group - GS - Fireside

7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS

7:00pm - 9:30pm **New Evangelization Summit**
- School Gym

Apr 28 Saturday

7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS

8:30am Confessions - SOS

8:30am Prayer Shawl Meeting - GS - Fireside

9:00am - 4:30pm **New Evangelization Summit**
- School Gym

10:00am Confessions - GS

Apr 29 Sunday

PROJECT
ADVANCE
2018



Live gratefully,
give generously.



For more information or to donate online projectadvance.ca

Highlighting the Goals for 2018

Quoting from the message of the Archbishop on Project Advance 2018, he highlights, "Your commitment is a constant source of inspiration to me, because this archdiocesan endeavour provides the means to build a solid foundation for growth in all our parishes and ministries." Our own parish has benefited from Project Advance. He further adds, "I am grateful for your sacrificial support and the impact you have had on the community through Project Advance. The need, however, continues."

The three pillars of Project Advance are Catholic education, parish life and social concerns. The bulk of the funding has gone to Secondary School Construction Fund and New Parish Sites Fund. It is no different for 2018.

2018 Archdiocesan Goal: \$3.25M

- An increase of \$0.25M from prior year
- Last increased in 2011
- Increase of Parish Goals based on an equitable formula

- Core Needs:**
- ◆ Secondary Schools: \$1.65M
 - ◆ New Parish Sites Fund: \$0.65M
 - ◆ Archdiocesan Ministries: \$0.85M
 - ◆ Special Grants: \$0.10M

We are very grateful to the 562 families/individuals who raised \$231,709 last year. They represented **28.5%** of registered parish families/individuals. **This year we have a stretch goal of 35% participation, 713 families/individuals. Every gift counts, no matter the size.**

Our Archdiocesan assessment is \$120,000. Anything we raise above this amount will be used here in our parish. Our goal is to raise a total of \$250,000 this year and intend to use the rebate money for:

- * **Youth and Young Adult Ministry**
- * **Evangelization and Discipleship Formation**
- * **Parish Centre Building Fund**

Beyond your offertory and other financial gifts, a gift to the appeal is also an investment in the life of our parish. It provides funding for activities, such as those listed above, for which we as a parish simply could not provide on our own. Your ongoing support is valued and much appreciated. **Thank you!**



Knights of Columbus Shopping Cards

available after all Masses on the weekend of **May 5th & 6th** from Superstore, Save-On, Safeway/Thrifty

Welcome

OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:

Reida Diego
 Deltraud Schove
 Mark & Kathleen Toth
 Raymond Li-Ting-Wai
 Astifo family: Semir, Vadia,
 Adam, Amanda & Amora

Congratulations to those recently Baptised:

Ndidi Nwandu and
 Cana Maria Javier



Please pray for:

Gordon Wilson, Theresa Isho,
 Rolf May, Toni Ward, Josie Lee,
 Julie Poskitt, Andrea Egan, Dominic
 Wight, Catharina Noble, Mia
 Tennant, Michelle Vandene,
 Fran Lizaraso Caparo,
 Pat Flickinger, Ashley Lambert,
 Marian Nadelko,
 Sophie Cosgrave (grandbaby of Susan &
 Deus Kearney), Derek Ridsdale,
 Graham Shore, Regina Merkl,
 Margaret Barron, Joanna Boomars,
 Alfred Morin, Joyce Henderson,
 Helen Mentek, Joe Novak,
 Luka Volentier, Dan Hof and
 Bernadette Deeley.

Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of:

Philip Ruskowsky
 George LaPointe
 Antonio Visone



Perpetual Adoration Chapel



“So let me ask you: Are there moments when you place yourself quietly in the Lord’s presence, when you calmly spend time with him, when you bask in his gaze? Do you let his fire inflame your heart? Unless you let him warm you more and more with his love and tenderness, you will not catch fire. How will you then be able to set the hearts of others on fire by your words and witness?” (§151) POPE FRANCIS ~ *Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad)*

The following hours are in need of a weekly visitor. If you are able to attend even if only for one or two weeks, please give us a call:

Sunday, 4:00-5:00am
 Sunday, Noon-1:00pm
 Tuesday, Midnight-1:00am
 Thursday, 2:00-3:00am
 Saturday, 1:00-2:00am
 Saturday, 2:00-3:00am

Substitutes are needed for:
 Sundays, Apr. 29, May 6, 13
 – 5:00am-6:00am
 Saturdays, May 5, 12, 19
 – 1:00am-2:00am
 Saturdays, May 5, 12, 19
 – 2:00am-3:00am

Please contact:
 Sandra Perrin 604-542-6057
 or Donna Sali 604-542-3070

A community meeting will be held on

Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:00PM

Star of the Sea School Gym

15024 - 24th Avenue, Surrey

to inform the concerned public opposed to

MANDATING ASSISTED SUICIDE in
HOSPICE and **PALLIATIVE CARE** .

Hear from Speakers:

Dr. Karen Mason - Retired Family Physician & Langley Hospice Volunteer
 Sarah Macey - Director of Operations, Delta Hospice Society
 Kiernan Hillan - Volunteer, Langley Hospice Society
 Marvin Hunt - MLA, Surrey-Panorama
 Mary Polak - MLA & Opposition Critic for Education, Langley

Ask questions. Find out how your concerns and objections can be heard!



**Feast Day Celebration
 Tuesday, Apr. 24**



The CWL would like to invite everyone to **6:30pm Mass** at Good Shepherd Church, this **Tuesday, April 24th**, followed by light refreshments and cake in honour of the Feast Day of our Patroness, **Our Lady of Good Counsel**. *Everyone welcome.*

12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care is on May 4, 2018



As a profound witness to the sanctity of human life, all parishioners, family and friends are invited to join the CWL in prayer and solidarity from **8AM - 8PM on Friday, May 4th** at Good Shepherd Church.

Those unable to attend are encouraged to join in prayerful support.

NEXT Seniors & Friends Café is Friday, May 4th,

9:30am. Coffee & Goodies at the Knights Chambers (enter off Star of the Sea Church Parking Lot). Come for coffee and make new friends!





Parish Education Committee (PEC) Elections

The Bishops of BC: *"the whole parish community has a family interest in Catholic Schools since all the baptized are responsible for seeing that the specific mission and distinctive characteristics of Catholic Schools are maintained and improved."*

There are three vacancies for the PEC for a 2-year term commencing July 1, 2018.

PEC elections will be held after Masses on the **weekend of May 26th & May 27th.** There will be an Advance Poll at the Parish Office on **Thursday, May 24th** from 3:00–3:30 pm for those who will be away on election weekend.

Pick up the handout on who is eligible to vote, who is eligible to hold office (and the exceptions thereto). Handouts and nomination forms are available at the Parish office and School office.

Forms must be submitted to the Parish Office **in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Nominating Committee by May 16th** (2:30pm at School office) and (4:30pm at the Parish office).

Registration Information

Kindergarten registration currently being accepted at Star of the Sea School. We encourage all our Parish families to consider a Catholic education for their Kindergarten age student and joining our school community.

Mass of Remembrance

Join us for our monthly Mass of Remembrance as we pray for our family members who have passed away this month. Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 29th** at 12:30pm and 2:30pm in our Evangelist Chapel at Gardens of Gethsemani, Surrey.



Join thousands of others from throughout BC on **Thursday, May 10th** for the 11th annual March for Life, Victoria. All are welcome to start the day in prayer:

- 12PM: Protestant Prayer Service at Central Baptist Church (833 Pandora Ave)
- 12PM: Mass at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral (740 View St.)
- 12PM: Mass at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church (2060 Haultain St.)



Marchers should be at Centennial Square by 1:45pm. The March will leave at 1:45pm 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.



Who am I? Workshop

Are you longing to:

- Discover the richness within yourself?
- Improve your relationships? Increase your happiness and productivity?

Who Am I? is an experience of self-discovery and development that explores the essential aspects of yourself. Join us for a 4-day workshop, from **May 4th-7th**, at Spirit of Formation (24283 16 Ave, Langley). To register or for more info, contact Leah Bittante 604-613-0023



Marriage Anniversary

MASS

Celebrate your Milestone Anniversary with us!

Join us for a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB **Sunday, May 13th, 2:00pm** St. Matthew Parish, Surrey, honouring couples celebrating their milestone anniversaries: 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th & 60th+ years of marriage.

Reception to follow in the parish gym with exhibitors present in Jubilee Hall. All are welcome to witness and celebrate the milestone anniversaries of others this Mother's Day!

REGISTRATION CLOSING ON APRIL 24 Register at rcav.org/marriage-anniversary