



Guardian Angels Parish

May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

PARISH LITURGICAL AND PRAYER SCHEDULE

Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday 4:00 pm (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday 9:00 am; 11:00am; 12:30pm

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday 7:00 pm
Tuesday – Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am

Sacraments:

Confessions– Saturdays between 3:00—3:45 pm or by appointment.

Baptism / Marriage / Anointing of the Sick or Home

Communion / Funeral - Please contact the Parish office.

Devotions / Prayers

Morning Prayers / Breviary:

Tuesday-Friday 7:40 am
Saturday & Sunday 8:30 am

Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays 7:00 pm

Infant Jesus of Prague:

Mondays 6:30 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Sundays 1:30 pm

First Fridays - Holy Hour at 6:00 pm (except during Lent)

Stations of the Cross (during Lent) - every Friday at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm.



A GOOD SHEEP LISTENS TO THE SHEPHERD

Today is the Good Shepherd Sunday; a day in which the church recalls the relationship between God and his people as described in the image of Shepherd and Sheep. In Ezekiel 34, God addresses the leaders of Israel as shepherd and took the responsibility of caring for the sheep, and became the shepherd of the flock of his people. In Psalm 23 David now addresses him as the Shepherd of his people. In John 10.11 Jesus addresses himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. In today's gospel reading Jesus tells his followers, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow."

Jesus is obviously our shepherd, there is no doubt about it but there can be a lot of doubt about whether we are the kind of sheep that we ought to be. In our reflection we are going to consider the two words Jesus uses to address the sheep of his flock – he hears me and follows me.

Hearing the voice of the master or the leader is natural in parent-child relationship. It is a sign of loyalty. Our dogs and cats hear us more than any other person no matter their disposition, they can be silent to the voice of an outsider but the moment they hear the voice of their owner, they jump up. This kind of reaction is proper to the relationship of a father or mother and child. The same also should be true of our relationship with God. In the light of the gospel, if we reach close relationship with God, we would be able to distinguish His voice from the many voices that are urging us to follow them – parents, teachers, doctors, government, coaches, employers, advertisers and marketers – each trying to influence our values and behaviors with their voices.

The problem with us is that we pay attention to these other voices than the voice of God. We can listen and believe the weather forecaster, the astronomer, the medical doctor and the economist, but when God speaks, we take it for granted. Look at the ease with which we make reference to the speeches of historians and politicians, but pay little or no attention to God's. One of the signs of parental upbringing is the ability to recall and use the speeches of one's parents or teachers to buttress speeches as Jesus did. He maintained the culture of his religion by always quoting it – Mathew 5.43; 19.4.

This brings us to the second thing demanded of the sheep in the gospel reading today, namely, following the Lord. The sheep does not only listen to its shepherd but followed him and his instructions. Listening to God is one thing, but following him is another. We can listen to God without following his words. The problem with Christianity today is that on Sunday so many people come Mass to listen to the voice of God but when the Mass is over, they go home and follow their own conscience, opinions and ways of life with the expression "I have my own life to live the way I want it. This mentality has done more harm than good. But no one who believes in God does things his or her own way. This is what it means to follow Him.

So, it is in following him we prove that he is our shepherd. Believing in him is not enough if it cannot lead us to following him. As it were, the good news today demands of us. (a) ability to keep and practice the Lord's teachings in the Bible and the teachings of the Church (b) ability to use the light of His teaching to assess the numerous voices trying to influence our values and numerous voices trying to influence our values and behaviors (c) and the ability to draw inference from his word and teachings to buttress our points and arguments.

God bless you,
Fr. Rudy, O.C.D.



Daily ReadingsMay 8—13**Monday: May 8**

Acts 11.1-18; Psalm 42;

John 10.11-18

Tuesday: May 9

Acts 11.19-26; Psalm 87;

John 10.22-30

Wednesday: May 10

Acts 12.24-13.5a; Psalm 67;

John 12.44-50

Thursday: May 11

Acts 13.13-25; Psalm 89;

John 13.16-20

Friday: May 12

Acts 13.26-33; Psalm 2;

John 14.1-6

Saturday: May 13

Acts 13.44-52; Psalm 98;

John 14.7-14

Mass OfferingsMay 8—14

Monday 7:00 pm-

+ Goolkhanam Khan +

By: Shairoon Bainbridge

Tuesday 8:00 am-

Wednesday 8:00 am-

Thursday 8:00 am-

+ Brian Figueiredo +

By: Maria Figueiredo

Friday 8:00 am-

+ Rosemarie Mascarenhas +

By: T. Dagenais

Saturday —

9:00 am:

+ Dolores Atienza dela Rosa +

By: Joan & Guy Champoux

4:00 pm:

Selvarani

(Thanksgiving Intention)

Sunday —

9:00 am:

Riz Geronimo

By: Cecilia Bozyk

11:00 am:

+ Mark Shanbaum +

By: David DuPerron

12:30 pm:

Shaw Baksh

By: Sairoon Bainbridge

The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what he is sending us every day in his goodness.

— Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTSKoC FLOWERS

The Knights of Columbus have ordered 300 Carnations for the traditional Mother's day Carnation sale after each of the Saturday and Sunday Masses on **May 13th and 14th**. Cost is \$1.00 each and proceeds will go to Birthright Vancouver.

CROWNING OF MARY - Mother's Day

All parishioners are invited to participate in this beautiful event for our Mother Mary on **Sunday, May 14** at 3:00pm. Bring flowers for offering. Reception to follow after the event.

FIRST COMMUNION 2017

The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for our PREP Grade 2 children will be held on **Sunday, May 14** at the 9:00 AM Mass.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE*March for Life

This year's March for Life will be held on **Thursday, May 11**, marking the 10th annual March for Life in Victoria. The March will commence from Centennial Square at 1:45 p.m. and proceed to the Legislature. The Rally will commence at 2:15 p.m. Theme is "Human Rights Still Matter" with special guest speaker Archbishop Miller, CSB, Irene De Souza, Stan Leyenhorst and Dr. Paul Chamberlain. For more info. or transportation options, visit <http://www.m4victoria.ca/>

*Spirit Alive Gala Choir Concert

St Patrick Regional Secondary celebrates the 19th annual Spirit Alive Gala Choir Concert, conductor Tony Araujo, at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts on **Saturday, May 13** at 8:00 pm, featuring the award winning senior choirs and Vancouver Opera orchestra musicians. Tickets are available through the Chan Centre box office or the school office \$25

*Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rallies

This year is the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions to the three children at Fatima, and the Miracle of the Sun, seen by at least 70,000 people, and which was reported in newspapers in Portugal and New York. The Holy Father is visiting Fatima on 13th May. Six Rosary rallies will be held at the South Plaza of the Vancouver Art Gallery, 800 Robson St., Vancouver on the following **Saturdays: 13 May, 10 June, 15 July, 12 August, 16 September & 7 October**. Time of each rally: 10.00 am to about 11 am.

*Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

For most post-abortive women, the forgiveness of God is a concept which they can mouth, yet difficult for them to digest. How can they feel forgiven when every instinct in their nature says they cannot be forgiven, even should not be forgiven? God can forgive any sin, even abortion. Come experience God's merciful forgiveness on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat. Next **Retreat is May 2017**. For confidential information and to register call 604.525.0999.

*Reclaim your dream and get married in the Church

Would you like to get your marriage blessed so you can receive the sacraments? We can help you. On **Saturday, September 16**, Archbishop Miller, CSB, will celebrate the blessing of marriages at Saint Clare's Parish, Coquitlam for a large number of civilly married couples. Be a part of it. To learn more, check out our upcoming information session on **May 17** at 6:30pm at Saint Francis de Sales, Burnaby, or **May 31** at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Surrey. For more info, please contact Deacon Greg at 604-771-2975 or Jimmy at 778-378-5389.

Week of Prayer for Vocations

The National Catholic Broadcasting Council (NCBC) is hosting a Week of Prayer for Vocations from **May 6th - May 13th**. Each Mass during that week will focus on the call to religious life. You can join the Vocations Prayer Circle by visiting the NCBC website at www.dailytvmass.com, by e-mail at info@ncbc.ca, or call toll-free at 1-888-383-6277 to have your name added to the Circle.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ.'

ACTS 2:38

The word 'repent' means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead? Change that is permanent comes from within, we must take control and be disciplined. Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the load.

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O God, grant that whatever good things I have, I may share generously with those who have not, and whatever good things I do not have, I may request humbly from those who do.

— Saint Thomas Aquinas



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*Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
they have the heart.*



Let us pray for those in our long-term prayer list

Maggie, Geoffrey & Doreen DeSousa,
Joyce Kisoondath, Pat Williamson,
Masooma Noorzai,
Hassiran Hakim, Elizabeth Walton,
Barry McDermott, Eddie Bilek, Lucille
Johnston, Ralph Milburn, Milta Rapalo, Ida Brown, Sonja
Lawrence, Colleen Mason,
Jara Asterova, Zenaida Nicolas, Doreen Millburn, Helena
Glavot, Zeenith Garay, Florence Nichols, Joanne Borrys,
Soledad dela Cruz, Rosa Maria Santos,
and all the sick / shut-ins of our Parish whom we may not
know by name.



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