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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday), Year B, 21st April 2024

'They too will listen to my voice ...'

We continue our journey through Eastertide, experiencing the joy of the Risen Lord. This fourth Sunday of Easter traditionally features Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and is also kept annually as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

In the **First Reading**, Peter explains that the miracle he has been able to perform came not from him, but from the name of Jesus Christ, the keystone rejected by the builders.

The **Psalm**, normally sung by pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem, is a thanksgiving prayer from someone who has been rescued from an ordeal. It uses the same cornerstone image as the First Reading. Like Peter, the psalmist acknowledges the Lord as his Saviour.

The writer of the **Second Reading** stresses that we are God's children. Although we might find the path difficult, and feel unsure of what the future holds, we will be transformed into God's likeness when we meet him.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd, who is prepared to lay down his life for us; he knows us intimately and wants to bring everyone into his fold.

On this Day of Prayer for Vocations, we might pray that everyone should be willing and able to fulfil their own vocation. We continue to pray for war-torn countries, that they will find a Good Shepherd to guide them out of conflict.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass

Saturday 9 am & 5 pm
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday
& Thursday - 9 am
Tuesday & Friday - 7 pm

Sacrament Of Confession

Saturday 9.30 am - 10am
4 pm - 4.30 pm
or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday To Friday

10:00am - 4.30pm
Lunch Break 12pm - 1pm

Saturday

10.00am - 12:00 noon

Office is closed on
Monday



In his intention for April 2024, Pope Francis prays:

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Parish Ministries, Organization & Services

Altar Servers Ministry

Be The Light Ministry
Coordinator: Noli Pangilinan

Catechetical Ministry
PREP Winnie Bernardo

Catholic Women's League
President : Cecile Cartago

Knights Of Columbus
Robert Yang

Legion Of Mary
Fidel Carolino

Ministry Of Hospitality
Coordinator: Jose Cruz

Ministry Of Lectors
Coordinator: Armando Cordova

Music Ministry
Dr. Audrey Zylmans
Ana Marie Avendano
Noreen Nicolas

Project Advance Team
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Building Committee
Theo Vanden Hoven

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

BAPTISM: Call the parish office to register for the Baptism Preparation Course. This is for parents and godparents. It is held every 1st Saturday of the month from 1pm to 3pm. Baptism is every 3rd Sunday of the month at 1pm

MARRIAGE: Arrangements are to be made through the pastor at least six months prior to your wedding date. A marriage preparation course is a requirement of the Archdiocese. Secure a spot at all Marriage Prep courses. Go to registration webpage: <http://rcav.org/m-prep/>

CONVALIDATION: If your marriage was not celebrated as a Sacrament and you wish your marriage to be recognized by the Church, then call the parish office to make an appointment to see **Fr. Jack**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK : Call the parish office to request a hospital visit or for communion to the sick at home.

FUNERALS: Please contact the office before making any arrangements with the Funeral Home.

MASS INTENTIONS: Did you know, Catholics can "offer" Mass?

We do so for multiple reasons such as thanksgiving, for another person/s such as a birthday, graduation or wedding anniversary or as is most common, for the repose(peace) of the soul of someone who has died. Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church

Parish Events

1. Knights of Columbus Pancake/Tapsilog Breakfast.

The Knights of Columbus are holding their monthly pancake/tapsilog breakfast on 21st April, 2024, in the parish centre after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. A take away option is offered for your convenience. Please note that for this month only, the breakfast will be held one week earlier than usual.

2. Parish Council and Youth Ministry.

Fr. Jack is planning to start a **Parish Council and a Youth Ministry** in the parish. There are signup sheets for both of these groups in the church foyer. Anyone who is interested in either of these Ministries, please put your name and phone number on the respective sheet and **Fr. Jack** will contact you.

3. Volunteers.

The lectors ministry is seeking volunteers for all the Masses, especially the 5:00pm Saturday Masses. If you are interested in volunteering for this, or any other ministry, please talk to **Fr. Jack** or the ministry coordinator, or call the parish office.

4. The annual March For Life to the Legislature Buildings in Victoria will be held on Thursday, the 9th of May, 2024. Busses will be leaving from a number of parishes in the Lower Mainland for anyone requiring transportation. To book a seat on one of them, google M4LVictoria.ca for contact details. Please look at the flyers on the noticeboards for more Information.



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Location Weekly until May 19, 2024 on Sundays and Mondays - All Day

Online or in-person at John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver, or; St. Anthony's, West Vancouver



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New Pathways of Prayer



Sometimes, during prayer, we feel as if our litanies to God fall on deaf ears. But God is out there—as well as inside us—beaming forth love, goodness and inspiration. But it's lost on us because we fail to pray, to tune in or open ourselves to God's loving presence.

Actually, there are many prayer paths to God available to us today. In recent years, new approaches to prayer and contemplation have been developed.

As a Franciscan friar and writer, I have many favorite prayers and I have collected over the years many ideas for enriching our prayer life.

Prayer: Recognizing What We Already Have

Whether we know it or not, we are already in the presence of God and united with God because God is everywhere. Prayer helps us bring to consciousness this precious bond we have with God and his saving love.

God's presence is a gift, and we cannot force ourselves into living communion with God by a sheer act of will. Human friendship is similar. We cannot force another man or woman to be our friend. We can only offer our friendship to another and then humbly await the gift of his or her friendship.

The essence of prayer consists in this humble waiting—in a childlike spirit of openness, expectation, and listening. To pray means to make ourselves present and available to God so that we are truly ready to open the door when Jesus comes and knocks.

Finding Your Own Pathways

Each of us is wise to find the styles of prayer that suit us. The Holy Spirit is the only true teacher of prayer, and without preconceived ideas we must let the spirit draw us to those ways of prayer that work best for us. If any of the following suggestions are helpful for you, wonderful.

If any seem out of sync with your temperament or cause anxiety, steer clear of those. Any good spiritual director will warn you against methods of prayer that do not harmonize with your spiritual gifts.

With this in mind, feel free to explore the following approaches to prayer. I trust that some of them—if adapted to your needs—can lead to a richer union with God.

Jack Wintz, OFM Franciscan Spirit Blog

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

Saints for April



Saint Teresa of Los Andes

Saint Teresa of Los Andes' Story

One needn't live a long life to leave a deep imprint. Teresa of Los Andes is proof of that.

As a young girl growing up in the early 1900's in Santiago, Chile, Juana Fernandez read an autobiography of a French-born saint—Thérèse, popularly known as the Little Flower. The experience deepened her desire to serve God and clarified the path she would follow. At age 19 Juana became a Carmelite nun, taking the name of Teresa.

The convent offered the simple lifestyle Teresa desired and the joy of living in a community of women completely devoted to God. She focused her days on prayer and sacrifice. "I am God's," she wrote in her diary. "He created me and is my beginning and my end."

Toward the end of her short life, Teresa began an apostolate of letter-writing, sharing her thoughts on the spiritual life with many people. At age 20 she contracted typhus and quickly took her final vows. She died a short time later, during Holy Week.

Known as the "Flower of the Andes," Teresa remains popular with the estimated 100,000 pilgrims who visit her shrine in Los Andes each year. Canonized in 1993 by Pope John Paul II, she is Chile's first saint.

Reflection

The special graces given Saint Teresa reflect the mysterious wisdom of God at work in individuals whether young or old. It appears God has his own logic when it comes to who gets what in the realm of grace. All we can say is; "Praised be the Lord."

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Mission

Vision



Holy Spirit Parish is a community demonstrating that God is known and loved through living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ taught by the Roman Catholic Church through Word, sacrament and service with certain hope that all who repent and believe will have eternal life

1. We see a parish that is diverse, Spirit-filled and vibrant, joyously worshipping together.
2. We see a parish generously caring for each other with our time, treasure and talents.
3. We see a parish with relevant, active and well-led ministries that are mission-oriented.
4. We see a new parish hall built in the next 3-5 years that serves as a gathering space for parishioners to learn, connect, grow and celebrate our faith.



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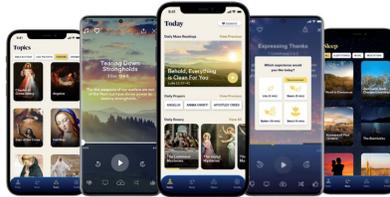
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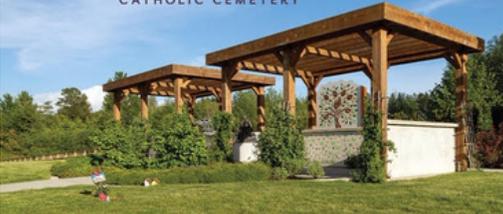
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