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*** 4th Sunday of Easter | 21st April 2024 ***

When Jesus speaks about being the Good Shepherd, he's not speaking to the people; he's speaking to the Pharisees and his words would have been considered pretty inflammatory. That's because he is alluding to a chapter in Ezekiel (Ezekiel 34, with which the Pharisees would be



The Good Shepherds
By Jean Allen

very familiar) in which God expresses his anger that the Jewish leaders have not cared for his flock the way they should have. God said that he, instead, would be their shepherd. If you are familiar with the well-known hymn, "Like A Shepherd", you would be familiar with various parts of that chapter.

"I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them astray. The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds, and pasture them giving them rest."

The Pharisees would have known that Jesus was directly criticizing their shepherding abilities and proclaiming himself the substitute for their roles as shepherds of Israel. In fact, by calling himself the Good Shepherd, Jesus was really saying he was God, come to rescue his people.

I think that idea tends to fly over our heads. It's not that we don't perceive Jesus as the Good Shepherd; it's that we do not grasp that God himself came to earth to shepherd his people. We think of Jesus as 'present with us' but somehow, in our heads, God stays somewhere 'out there'. He stays in heaven and sends his rep to us – in the Word, in the Eucharist and in the community. We need to begin to realize that wherever Jesus is, God is also there in all his huge love and deep concern for his people. And let's not leave the Holy Spirit out of this equation. The Spirit, too, comes to shepherd us.

What this tells us is that we are all cared for in ways that we can't even imagine. For the Trinity, the role of Shepherd isn't just a duty; it is an eternal desire. It's not just for an amorphous flock either; it's for individual sheep. It's for you and for me.

Do not be afraid, little flock.

LITURGICAL YEAR B

Saturday:

English Mass (Anticipated Sunday Mass) **4:00 pm**

Sunday:

English Mass (**last live-stream April 27**) **9:00 am**

Polish **1:00 pm**

Korean **3:00 pm**

Vietnamese (No Masses the rest of April) **5:30 pm**

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3:00 pm

Weekday Masses

English Masses

Tuesdays to Thursdays **12:05 pm**

Fridays (Mass followed by Adoration) **12:05 pm**

Adoration until 3 pm

(Sign-up sheet, in the foyer)

Korean Masses

Wednesdays **7:00 pm**

Thursdays **10:30 am**

Sacred Heart YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzXJfSxennwmYIT4kPyUh6w>

Parish Office Hours

Tuesdays to Fridays: **9:30 am to 3:00 pm**

The office is closed: **12:00 pm to 1:00 pm**

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays.

If you are new to the parish, and would like to register, or volunteer for a Parish Ministry, please kindly send an email to

sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

Baptism, Marriage, Funerals and Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office:
sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org / 250-479-1611

Save the Date

35th Anniversary of Priesthood



(May 13, 1989 to May 13, 2024: Feast of our Lady of Fatima) of

Fr. Jan Grotkowski, SDS

Monday, May 13, 2024, Mass is at 6 pm, followed by a Potluck Dinner in the Parish Hall.

The Sign-up Sheet for Potluck Dishes and to help clear up after the event is in the church foyer.



Children's Liturgy at 9 am Mass

Please contact Kinga Hearn through the Parish Office if you are interested:
Ph: 250-479-1611

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"We are children of the Lord, sons and daughters of Light. We are children of the Lord, and we want to walk in His Light."

By Carey Landry and Carol Jean Kinghorn-Landry

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Please pray for:

Those who have died

Jane Holatko, Fritz and Adi Ketzmerick, Brian Noonan, Patricia Pratt, Irene Remedios, Souls in Purgatory, and Joseph Thien.

Those who are ill

Rheza A, Vincenza Cameron, Skarlet, Thérèse A, Jon A, Maritza C, Patricia C, Cora C, Ludwik D, Lesley D, Stan D, Kathleen G, Gwen Jahelka, Khanh, Derek L, Lisa L, Rafael M-Duke, Matthew Moodie, Davide R, and Maria T.



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To join the society, please email Georgina: mgvshort@telus.net



The Sacrament of Marriage

Prepare to commit to a Sacred Covenant with God as a couple.

Online Marriage Preparation Course

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/marriage-prep>



Catholic Women's League

Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel Friday, April 26

Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel with the Sacred Heart Catholic Women's League at the 12 pm Mass on Friday, April 26, followed by a gathering in the Pope John Hall.

The CWL invites all Catholic women to join and make a difference.

Please contact Denise Owen for more information:

250-580-0066 or deniseowen@shaw.ca

Options to Donate

E-Transfer:

The email to use is sacredheart@rcdvictoria.org

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)

Automatic Debit Form:

<http://sacredheartvictoria.com/docs/PAD%20form%202020.pdf>

The PAD form is also available from the Parish Office.

If you are using the Special Collection Envelopes, please remember to complete your name and address on those envelopes to receive a tax receipt. Information & links are also available on our website.

Canada Helps

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47781>

If you have any questions on the available options, or would like to make a change in how you donate, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Thank you for your contributions!

April 13 to April 14, 2024

Envelopes \$ 2,504.00

Cash \$ 583.00

Total \$ 3,087.00

Donations through PAD, Canada Helps, & e-Transfer will be reported after the end of the month.



Feast of St. Mark April 25

The Church celebrates the Feast Day of St. Mark, Apostle and Evangelist, on April 25: the day of his death. On April 25th, 68 A.D., he was dragged through the streets of Alexandria for his faith in Christ, leaving both blood and flesh on the pavement stones. During the entire time he never ceased praising God and thanking Him for his sufferings.

He was one of the four writers of the Gospels, who provide us with a clear account of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. We know St. Mark, therefore, mostly through his authorship of the second Gospel; the Gospel according to St. Mark. Elsewhere in Scripture, he is known to have accompanied Paul and Barnabas on their journeys. From Tradition, he was the secretary of St. Peter and the founder of the Church in Alexandria, Egypt.

St. Mark is known by three names in Scripture, the best known being a Greek name Mark, used among the Gentiles (Acts 15:39). He is also called by his Jewish birth name John (Acts 13:5-13), and by both, John Mark (Acts 12:12 , 15:37).

Mark wrote his Gospel in Rome, the common opinion being that he did so in Greek, not in Latin. Greek was understood everywhere. It was the language of the Septuagint, the translation of the Hebrew Scriptures used by Greek-speaking Jews. It would be the language of the apostolic writings that would form the New Testament; with the exception of Matthew's Gospel, likely written in Hebrew or Aramaic for the Jewish people, and only later translated into Greek.

The Church that St. Mark eventually founded was in Alexandria, Egypt, where he later died as a martyr. Philo, most learned of the Jews, seeing the first church at Alexandria still Jewish in a degree, wrote a book on their manner of life as something creditable to his nation telling how, as Luke says, the believers had all things in common at Jerusalem, so he recorded that he saw was done at Alexandria, under the learned Mark.



St. Mark is commonly depicted as a winged lion. We also associate the lion to Jesus Christ, "the lion of the tribe of Judah" (Rev 5:5). Mark shows us that as Christians we are also called to be courageous and to spread the Good News of Christ.

This strange image for St. Mark is an association which was made early in the Church. It draws from Ezekiel 1 and Revelation 4, in which four living creatures or beings are shown at the throne of God, serving and worshipping Him, together with the 24 elders, the 12 patriarchs of Israel and the 12 apostles of the Church. Each angelic figure is winged, and each one has a different face, that of Man, a Lion, an Ox or an Eagle. Almost as soon as the Church was able to own and decorate churches, these images entered into Christian iconography—the Lion for Mark, the Man for Matthew, the Ox for Luke, and the Eagle for John.

While St. Mark was martyred in Alexandria, he is currently buried in the Italian city of Venice. His relics are venerated in St. Mark's Basilica.

[Online accessed, 15 April 2024, <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/st-mark-23653>]



**Blessed Marie-Anne
Blondin (1809-1890)
Memorial: April 18**

Esther Blondin (later, Mother Marie-Anne) was born in Terrebonne, Quebec, April 18, 1809. Her parents raised her with a faith centred on the Eucharist, surrender to the will of Providence, and love for the poor. At the age of 22, she worked as a domestic helper at the convent of the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre-Dame in her village.

A year later, she enrolled as a student in order to learn to read and write, and was later accepted as a novice by the Congregation, but had to leave because of her health. In 1833, she became a teacher in Vaudreuil, Quebec and discovered one of the reasons for the widespread illiteracy was due to a Church regulation that forbade classes of both boys and girls in co-educational schools, and because many priests could not afford to run two parish schools, they dispensed with having schools altogether.

In 1848, believing that she was being prompted by the Holy Spirit, Esther proposed to her Bishop, Most Rev. Ignace Bourget, a plan "to found a religious congregation for the instruction and education of poor children, in mixed schools." While the Bishop found the proposal "outrageous, subversive toward established order and contrary to healthy moral principles", the civil government was in favour of such schools. So, the Bishop authorized a modest trial. Thus the Congregation of Sisters of Saint Anne was founded in Vaudreuil, on September 8, 1850.

Over the years, as the Congregation grew, Mother Marie-Anne became the target of harassment by the Congregation's new authorities. In 1858, she was removed from office and brought back to the motherhouse, where she did humble work until her death. Through it all, she kept silent. Assigned to work in the laundry, her sole consolation was to inspire the novices with her exemplary patience, humility, and charity. After long years of exclusion, on January 2, 1890, Mother Marie-Anne died at the motherhouse in Lachine. She was declared Venerable on May 14, 1991, and was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II on April 19, 2001.

[Online accessed, 17 April 2024: <https://www.cccb.ca/the-catholic-church-in-canada/saints-blesseds-canada/canadian-blesseds/blessed-marie-anne-blondin-1809-1890/>]

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Thursdays, 1 pm | Parish Hall

We welcome all newcomers.
For more information,
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Margie Noonan 250-589-6313 or
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*Congratulations
Patrick and Tita
Quigley*



*on your
52nd Wedding Anniversary!*

(Tuesday, 23 April 2024)

Please do let us know if you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary, and we will celebrate along with you through the Parish Bulletin.



**CHILDREN'S ART
CLASSES**

**Begins Saturday, April 27
10:30 am to 12 pm,
Art Teacher, Ms. Belle**

**Save your spot now!
Please contact the Parish Office**

Children aged 6 to 15 are welcome.

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ROSARY**



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the Rosary as a
parish!



More details to come.



Moms & Tots

**Parish Hall, Twice a month
on Mondays 9:30 am to 11:30 am**

Come for the company and faith-sharing
between mothers. Parents and caregivers are
welcome.

Please contact Chantal: momstots.shvic@gmail.com



From the Diocese

**"Love and Respect": a marriage retreat
St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Victoria
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 7 pm to 9 pm**

Embark on a wonderful adventure, answering three questions:

- Why do we negatively react to each other in marriage?
- How do I best motivate my spouse?
- What if my spouse does not respond to me?

Please register in advance at:
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeO3axTZQ5GDP4ycAM3u2KLQOxbAIMJUPyp0kr546fZV_6-Fg/viewform)

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March for Life

Thursday May 9, 2024

12 pm Mass, St. Andrew's Cathedral

Participate in the March for Life in Victoria, BC and join thousands across Canada to make pro-life visible! The March commences from Centennial Square, Victoria City Hall, down Government St., to the BC Legislature Buildings. On the lawn of the Legislature there will be prayer and Speakers who will advance Life issues.

For more information, please go to: <https://m4lvictoria.ca/>

See you there!

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2023 / 2024**

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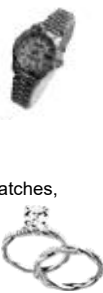
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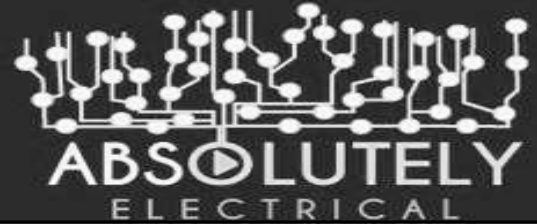
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