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Fourth Sunday Of Easter

Never Lost

A young man I know (not from Vancouver Island) wrote a letter to the Archbishop of Vancouver asking him to address the perceived injustice of having worship services cancelled for the foreseeable future due to the pandemic. In his letter, which he posted on Facebook, he stated, "We, your sheep, are lost."



A young woman, who rejected her Christian faith years ago, read the post in her newsfeed and emailed the following to me:

*I just couldn't stop thinking and feeling, "You are never lost...I mean, you think you're going to devote your entire life to this faith and your shepherd is just going to lose you in a pandemic? How dare you! If I were Jesus, I'd be choked – like, don't you get it man? **YOU ARE NEVER LOST!**"*

It would seem that this agnostic young woman has a better understanding of the Good Shepherd than a lot of us do.

"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me". Shepherds in Jesus' time would gather in a sheltered and safe spot with other shepherd's along with all their flocks at the end of the day. The shepherds didn't bother trying to keep their flocks separated because in the morning a shepherd would simply call his sheep by name. They knew his voice and would eagerly follow him.

But, you know, sheep can be slightly dim creatures at times. Could we sheep quite conceivably not hear our Shepherd calling our names because we are paying more attention to the loud voices and bleatings all around us? We often succumb to listening to other strident voices, voices that suggest we are on the verge of being completely lost. It feels like God is suddenly not in control at all and we are all at the total mercy of pandemics and wolves. If this is how you are feeling...

...see paragraph 3, line 3.

Jean Allen

Ministry liturgical Schedule to be continued at a later date

What's Happening Around The Diocese

Mass With the Bishop Live Streamed from the Diocese of Victoria website go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne>

- Sunday - 10:00 am
- Monday to Friday - 7:00 pm

The Diocese of Victoria is offering free of charge, a nine-session Pastoral Care Outreach Training series (via Zoom) from April 17 to June 12th, over 9 consecutive Saturdays (9:30 to Noon). Over the past several years, as an initiative of the Diocesan Health Care Committee, training sessions for Pastoral Care Ministry volunteers to visit the lonely, sick injured, elderly, and dying - in hospitals, seniors residence extended health care facilities and homebound, were offered in-person through the Diocese. As we look to the future, the need to provide basic virtual training in order to equip more Lay Pastoral Care visitors to become part of a parish pastoral care team is essential. This training is also offered to parishioners who care for their family members. If you are interested in participating in these sessions, please contact the parish office to register, or to enquire please contact Moira King moiraking@shaw.ca

It's was a happy day on April 14th for the Diocese of Victoria when Bishop Gary received his first Covid-19 vaccine dose! We haven't beat this virus yet, but every time someone gets their shot, we're one step closer to the day when we can get back to the liturgical gatherings, activities, visits and community we've all been missing. Are you curious about the ethical issues around the Covid-19 vaccine? Is it okay for a Catholic to get vaccinated? The short answer is yes!

Here's a great summary from The Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories:

https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020_12_02_Letter-to-the-faithful-on-Vaccines.pdf_English.pdf

More background from the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops:

<https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/CLARIFICATION-CCCB-Statement-on-COVID-19-Vaccine-Choice-9-March-2021-EN.pdf>

And the official word from the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith:

https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html

Please click on link from the Catholic Bishops of Canada about the expansion of euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada: [Euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide---Message-to-faithful---8-April-2021---EN.pdf](#)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By appointment only. Please call parish office 250-479-7413 to arrange.

Sacrament of Holy Communion: Fr. Alfie will be available for Holy Communion, in the church, on Sundays, from 10am to 12pm (noon).

Sacrament of Marriage: Inquiries must be made 6 months in advance. Register at the office. Marriage preparation class is compulsory.

Sacrament of Baptism: At this time Baptisms are being held privately. Please call parish office to arrange 250-479-7413.

Catechism and Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion:

email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Visits While in Hospital: We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. If you or someone you love are admitted to a hospital and would like a visit from your pastor or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office. For **emergency calls only** call 250-889-3761 and ask for **Fr. Sean Flynn**.

Please watch this short video from Bishop Gary as he describes the need for our Christian community to support St. Andrew's Regional High School and the construction of a new Performing Arts Wing: [Bishop Gary Gordon](#)



"The foundation of this building is Jesus Christ....the real heart of Catholic education is our Christian community."

Please consider being a part of the foundation growing St. Andrew's Regional High School by supporting the Building on Success Campaign...

[Building On Success Campaign St. Andrew's High School](#)

Together, we will provide the optimal learning environment to educate the whole person and the development of the spiritual, academic, physical, emotional and artistic gifts of our students. Your gift will positively impact our students and build on their success.

Catherine Minvielle, Director of Development

Indoor Worship Services continue to be suspended until further notice

The provincial government has banned indoor worship services, indoor restaurant dining, and indoor group fitness activities until further notice.

We will update you on any news as soon as we receive further information.



Here is the latest edition of Fr. Alfie's Table, featuring Roasted Peppers! Enjoy the video and the dish!

[Roasted Peppers](#)

Newsorthy and Noteworthy

The parish office is open during regular hours of operation Tuesday through Friday, 8:30am to 3:30pm (with the exception of stat holidays). Masks are required before entering the premises. The church will remain open for private prayer during regular office hours, with existing COVID-19 safeguards in place.

As restrictions continue, please note that Fr. Alfie will be available on Sundays from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon for Holy Communion in the church. You must sign in when you arrive and observe COVID-19 restrictions and safety protocols. The church is limited to a maximum of 10 persons at a time.

Job Posting: UVic/Camosun College Chaplain

Please find attached a job posting for a Roman Catholic Chaplain to serve at the University of Victoria and Camosun College.

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>

A message from Society of Saint Vincent De Paul Vancouver Island

The needs of the less fortunate in our own local communities here in Victoria are very real... every day is a struggle for some. The simple things we take for granted are truly a luxury for others.

Support through:

- Cash & cheques using BLUE ENVELOPES inside your Church Donation Envelope box
- Through the online portal *Canada Helps*
- Through our SVDP website:

<https://www.ssvpvancouverisland.ca>

TAX ASSISTANCE IS HERE!!!

If you are or know someone that is low-income & need assistance with your 2020 tax preparation, the St. Vincent de Paul's Social Concern office has experienced volunteers to help.

<https://www.ssvpvancouverisland.ca/support-programs/view/3-tax-preparation>

Please reach out directly to our Conference President Stephanie Peters at stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com or 250-514-7853 with any questions or if you are curious about becoming a member.

Garden Babies for Birthright Plant Sales

Birthright is taking orders now for tomato plants and other edibles, perennials and shrubs. Please see the website below for more details. Orders to be collected from Peggy's Langford greenhouse approximately mid-May.

<https://birthrightvictoria.org/garden-babies-for-birthright-plant-sales/>

May 2021 "The Word Among Us"
(Daily Meditations and Catholic Mass Readings)
Available for pickup in the Community Room.
Cost is \$5.00

Upcoming Date for Sanctioned Collections
Pope's Pastoral Works May 9, 2021
<https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>

This Week in our Community

Monday April 26

No Mass

Tuesday April 27

No Mass

Wednesday April 28

Mass celebrated privately

Thursday April 29 Memorial St. Catherine Of Siena, Virgin, Doctor

No Mass

Friday April 30 Memorial St. Marie De L'Incarnation, Religious

Mass celebrated privately

Saturday May 1

International Worker's Day

6:00pm Mass live-streamed

Sunday May 2 Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Mass celebrated privately

Mass Intentions

April 28 - + Yvette Lessard

April 30 - + Joan Yeldon

May 1 - + Jan Mason/Special Int. Vivian Melissa

St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Regular Sunday Mass Celebrations

live-streamed every week on Saturdays at 6:00pm
will alternate weekly between both parishes

April 10th, 17th, 24th & May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

May 1 - Feast of St. Joseph the Worker Special Live-Streamed
Mass at 10:00am

[Please click here for the link to live-streamed Masses](#)

How To Donate On-Line

Online and remote options are available for those who can contribute:

Canada Helps online donation platform:

Click on the following link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47256>

(immediate electronic tax receipt issued by Canada Helps)

E transfers:

- 1) Go to your on-line banking site
- 2) Select Transfer/Pay bills
- 3) Select e-transfer (or electronic transfer)
- 4) Follow the steps outlined by your bank
- 5) Send funds to sjtwp@rcdvictoria.org
No password is needed
- 6) Any special instructions may be added to notes/memo

Credit Cards:

Click on attached form and complete:

[PAD for Credit Card Donations](#)

Pre-authorized Debit:

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[PAD Agreement](#)

Contacts in the Parish

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Altar Server Training/Coordinator
Baptism
Contemplative Community
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Children's Religious Education
Eucharistic Ministry Contact
SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry
Development and Peace
Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)
Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12
St. Joseph's School
Catholic Women's League(CWL)
Knights of Columbus
St. Vincent de Paul

Coffee/Hospitality Committee
Finance Committee Chair
Proclaimer Schedule Coordinator
Proclaimer Training Coordinator
Liturgy Committee
Social and Ecological Justice Committee
Parish Pastoral Council

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