

MASS INTENTIONS

I AM OFFERING MY MASSES FOR ALL YOUR INTENTIONS, FOR YOUR LOVED ONES,

FOR ALL MEDICAL WORKERS, VOLUNTEERS AND FRONTLINERS FOR ALL THE SICK, THE GRIEVING FAMILIES

AND FOR ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY
May 6, 7, 2020 – +Joan Stupka – (Lina Beaunaoyer)
May 8,9, 2020 – +Joan Stupka (CWL)

Daily Mass Readings

Monday

Acts 11:1-18, Psalms. 41: 2-3; 42: 31-4, John 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26, Psalm 86: 1-7
John 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24-13:5, Psalm 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8
John 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25, Psalm 88: 2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
John 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33, Psalm 2: 6-11
John 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52, Psalm 94: 1-4
John 14:7-14

Sunday- 5th SUN OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7, Psalm 32: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19, 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

PARISH PRAYER LIST

(please call the office - 250-494-3110)

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER FOR OUR SICK SISTERS & BROTHERS... and all who are suffering in any way in our community and in our families, especially: George Szucs, John Morrissey, Debra Webb, Christine Delaurier, Vivian Dolezsar, Philomena Keogan, Eugene Chorneyko, Rosa Santos, Kathryn Simpson, Elmo Sheppard, Toran Younge, Anne Arthur, Jim Graf, Nick Deuling, Olivia Whitfield-Carson, Sandy Jaser, Malinowski Family, Carrie Malinowski, Jennifer Knoll, Reid & Anne Watson, Paul Pasqualetto, Kian Hooshmand-Hall, Ann Grison, Dawna Werbeski, Marie Horn, Pat Thomas, Sheila Daflyen, Betty Jolie, Chrissy Kozier, Richard Roess, Cecilia Roess, Jack Rowland, Jo-Ann Rowland, Margo Preston, Jody Richter, Geraldine Koropchuk, Bill Appel, Cindy Garner, Jack Appel, Dina Tremblay, Carey Roess, Henry Bernard, Nicole LaVallee, Gerry Pagliocchini, Rachel Donegan.

Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.

*In Jesus, we pray.
Amen.*

MAY 3, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Fridays after Mass (9:30am)

Saturdays-5:30-6pm.

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SUNDAY COLLECTION

THANK YOU! GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROUS HEARTS! God loves a cheerful giver!

(2 Cor. 9)

MASS SCHEDULE

(No Mon. Mass unless specified)

TUESDAY	7PM
WEDNESDAY*- FRIDAY	9AM
SATURDAY	6PM
SUNDAY	10AM
Sacred Heart Mission Mass	1PM (at Penticton Reserve)
*2 nd Wed. of the month- Mass is at Sr's Village-	9:25AM.

HOLY CHILD PARISH LIVE

STREAMING SUNDAY HOLY MASS

AT 10 AM (WEEKDAYS TOO!)

<https://vimeo.com/event/44961>

THANK YOU, NOLAN ADAM OF PROVIDENCE FUNERAL HOMES, FOR YOUR GENEROSITY, TIME AND EFFORT. HOLY CHILD PARISHIONERS ARE NOW CONNECTED THROUGH MASS LIVESTREAMING!

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**
**GOOD SHEPHERD
SUNDAY**
VOCATION SUNDAY



READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

2:43 Awe came upon everyone, because many

wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

2:44 All who believed were together and had all things in common;

2:45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

2:46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,

2:47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm 23

23:1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

23:3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff--they comfort me.

23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter
2:19-25**

2:19 For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.

2:20 If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.

2:21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

2:22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

2:23 When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten;

but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

2:25 For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL:” John 10:1-10

10:1 Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

10:2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

10:3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep

hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

10:4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

10:5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers."

10:6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

10:7 So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

10:8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to

them.

10:9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

REFLECTION:

Last week Fr. Rex invited me to be his preacher as he celebrates his 21 years in the priesthood come May 4. I was hesitant not because I did not want to do it (well, I am really afraid to go to West Kelowna...), but I just thought other priests can do more justice in doing the role like Fr. Neil or Fr. Louie. These two priests are fellow Filipinos who know much about Fr. Rex.

Fr. Rex was insistent so I accepted the privilege! Hence, for the past days I was in quandary and in deep thoughts on what I can say on his anniversary.

The same predicament I found myself as we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and at the same time vocation Sunday. Well, it is not hard to say something about Jesus as the Good Shepherd. From the deepest of my heart, as a Christian and as a priest, I know that Jesus is the One and only True Shepherd.

But how would I relate to you from my years of experience that Jesus is indeed the Good Shepherd? For sure, each has experienced Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Indeed, diverse experiences of one Lord!

One thing I am sure of, Jesus has led me into the right path, to the priesthood. Life led me into different directions but Jesus showed me the right way.

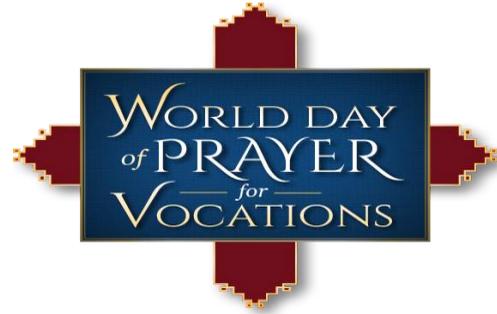
I am happy that Jesus chose me to share in his mission. The priesthood is very challenging but Jesus gave me the strength so I could bear all the trials that come my way. It is not at all easy. It is not all appreciation, support, encouragement, inspiration, and optimism that I get daily. There are disheartening moments that make me feel downhearted. Yet, Jesus, as the Good shepherd would always hold me into His bosom to

comfort me and assure me of His strength and presence.

Thank you, Jesus, for this gift and grace. Thank you for leading me into the pasture that You willed me to be where I am.

Thank you, dear parishioners, for your love, support, and prayer! Aside from Jesus, it is from you that I draw inspiration to go on and face the daily grinds of life as a priest especially in these trying times.

fr. Ben



O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,

send Your Graces upon those
You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;
preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your Holy Will;
inspire in them a love and

desire to surrender themselves
to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life
guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.

Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
all the Angels, and Saints,
humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE 2020 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS**

(3 May 2020)

Words of Vocation

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On 4 August last year, the 160th anniversary of the death of the Curé of Ars, I chose to write a letter to all those priests who daily devote their lives to the service of God's people in response to the Lord's call.

On that occasion, I chose four key words – *pain, gratitude, encouragement* and *praise* – as a way of thanking priests and supporting their ministry. I believe that today, on this 57th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, those words can be addressed to the whole people of God, against the backdrop of the Gospel passage that recounts for us the remarkable experience of Jesus and Peter during a stormy night on the Sea of Galilee (cf. *Mt 14:22-33*).

After the multiplication of the loaves, which had astonished the crowds, Jesus

told his disciples to get into the boat and precede him to the other shore, while he took leave of the people. The image of the disciples crossing the lake can evoke our own life's journey. Indeed, the boat of our lives slowly advances, restlessly looking for a safe haven and prepared to face the perils and promises of the sea, yet at the same time trusting that the helmsman will ultimately keep us on the right course. At times, though, the boat can drift off course, misled by mirages, not the lighthouse that leads it home, and be tossed by the tempests of difficulty, doubt and fear.

Something similar takes place in the hearts of those who, called to follow the Teacher of Nazareth, have to undertake a crossing and abandon their own security to become the Lord's disciples. The risk involved is real: the night falls, the headwinds howl, the boat is tossed by the waves, and fear of failure, of not being up to the call, can threaten to overwhelm them.

The Gospel, however, tells us that in the midst of this challenging journey we are not alone. Like the first ray of dawn in the heart of the night, the Lord comes walking on the troubled waters to join the disciples; he invites Peter to come to him on the waves, saves him when he sees him sinking and, once in the boat, makes the winds die down.

The first word of vocation, then, is *gratitude*. Taking the right course is not something we do on our own, nor does it

depend solely on the road we choose to travel. How we find fulfilment in life is more than a decision we make as isolated individuals; above all else, it is a response to a call from on high. The Lord points out our destination on the opposite shore and he grants us the courage to board the boat. In calling us, he becomes our helmsman; he accompanies and guides us; he prevents us from running aground on the shoals of indecision and even enables us to walk on surging waters.

Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. "Vocation, more than our own choice, is a response to the Lord's unmerited call" (*Letter to Priests*, 4 August 2019). We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives.

When the disciples see Jesus walking towards them on the sea, they first think that he is a ghost and are filled with fear. Jesus immediately reassures them with words that should constantly accompany our lives and our vocational journey: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear" (*Mt 14:27*). This, then, is the second word I wish to offer you: *encouragement*.

What frequently hinders our journey, our growth, our choosing the road the Lord is marking out for us, are certain "ghosts" that trouble our hearts. When we are called to leave safe shores and embrace a

state of life – like marriage, ministerial priesthood, consecrated life – our first reaction is often from the "ghost of disbelief". Surely, this vocation is not for me! Can this really be the right path? Is the Lord really asking me to do this?

Those thoughts can keep growing – justifications and calculations that sap our determination and leave us hesitant and powerless on the shore where we started. We think we might be wrong, not up to the challenge, or simply glimpsing a ghost to be exorcized.

The Lord knows that a fundamental life choice – like marriage or special consecration to his service – calls for *courage*. He knows the questions, doubts and difficulties that toss the boat of our heart, and so he reassures us: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear!" We know in faith that he is present and comes to meet us, that he is ever at our side even amid stormy seas. This knowledge sets us free from that lethargy which I have called "sweet sorrow" (*Letter to Priests*, 4 August 2019), the interior discouragement that hold us back from experiencing the beauty of our vocation.

In the *Letter to Priests*, I also spoke about pain, but here I would like to translate the word differently, as *fatigue*. Every vocation brings with it a responsibility. The Lord calls us because he wants to enable us, like Peter, to "walk on water", in other words, to take charge of our lives and place them at the service of the Gospel, in the concrete and everyday

ways that he shows us, and specifically in the different forms of lay, priestly and consecrated vocation. Yet, like Saint Peter, our desire and enthusiasm coexist with our failings and fears.

If we let ourselves be daunted by the responsibilities that await us – whether in married life or priestly ministry – or by the hardships in store for us, then we will soon turn away from the gaze of Jesus and, like Peter, we will begin to sink. On the other hand, despite our frailty and poverty, faith enables us to walk towards the Risen Lord and to weather every storm. Whenever fatigue or fear make us start to sink, Jesus holds out his hand to us. He gives us the enthusiasm we need to live our vocation with joy and fervour.

When Jesus at last boards the boat, the winds die down and the waves are calmed. Here we have a beautiful image of what the Lord can do at times of turbulence and tempest in our lives. He stills those winds, so that the forces of evil, fear and resignation no longer have power over us.

As we live out our specific vocation, those headwinds can wear us down. Here I think of all those who have important responsibilities in civil society, spouses whom I like to refer to – not without reason – as "courageous", and in a particular way those who have embraced the consecrated life or the priesthood. I am conscious of your hard work, the sense of isolation that can at times weigh upon your hearts, the risk of falling into a

rut that can gradually make the ardent flame of our vocation die down, the burden of the uncertainty and insecurity of the times, and worry about the future. Take heart, do not be afraid! Jesus is at our side, and if we acknowledge him as the one Lord of our lives, he will stretch out his hand, take hold of us and save us.

Even amid the storm-tossed waters, then, our lives become open to *praise*. This is the last of our vocation words, and it is an invitation to cultivate the interior disposition of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grateful that Lord gazed upon her, faithful amid fear and turmoil, she courageously embraced her vocation and made of her life an eternal song of praise to the Lord.

Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say "yes" to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 8 March 2020,
the Second Sunday of Lent*

Franciscus



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHIES:

Holy Child Parish wishes to extend our condolences and prayers to the bereaved families of George Giannotti and Joan Stupka. We keep in our prayers their immediate and extended family members.

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord, let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.

Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them,

+ GEORGE GIANNOTTI

+ JOAN STUPKA

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE,
AMEN.**

There is so much to pray for to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd. A series of tragedy hit us in the past months; the Covid-19 pandemic, the Nova Scotia killing, the flooding in Alberta, Front liners all over the world who are sick, dying with the Covid-19 virus, the seniors in care facilities who died, the Canadian military helicopter crash in Greece:



Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent tragedies. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayers for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the days ahead.

Help us to respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, and in comfort to the best of our abilities. Keep our hearts focused on the needs of all the community. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

ADVICE FROM THE SAINTS ON SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



St. Teresa of Avila wrote in *The Way of Perfection*: "When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you."

St. Jean Marie Vianney said: "If we are deprived of Sacramental Communion, let us replace it, as far as we can, by spiritual communion, which we can make every moment; for we ought to have always a burning desire to receive the good God. Communion is to the soul like blowing a fire that is beginning to go out, but that has still plenty of hot

embers; we blow, and the fire burns again.”

St. Thomas Aquinas distinguished the physical and spiritual reception of the Eucharist, and described Spiritual Communion as, “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace him”.

St. Leonard of Port Maurice said: “If you practice the holy exercise of spiritual Communion several times each day, within a month you will see your heart completely changed.”

Benedict XVI recommended making Spiritual Communions in *Sacramentum Caritatis*: “Even in cases where it is not possible to receive sacramental communion, participation at Mass remains necessary, important, meaningful and fruitful. In such circumstances it is beneficial to cultivate a desire for full union with Christ through the practice of spiritual communion, praised by Pope John Paul II and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life”.

[Act of Contrition](#)

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

[An Act of Spiritual Communion \(by St. Alphonsus Liguori\)](#)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

[Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer \(Anima Christi\)](#)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, embolden me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.

Never permit me to be parted from you.
From the evil Enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me.

and bid me come to thee, that with your saints I may praise thee for age upon age.
Amen.

Update on covid-19

Dear Priests, Parishes, Schools and CPC Staff,

Peace and isolated greetings from Bishop's office! I hope this finds you well.

Bishop Bittman remains well informed on the COVID-19 situation in our province and follows the recommendations of Provincial Health Minister Adrian Dix and Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry. Under their direction, Bishop Bittman issues the following updates:

1. Parishes, parish offices and the Catholic Pastoral Centre are to remain closed to the public until May 15. We will update again as that date draws nearer.
2. The Family Fun Day scheduled for May 30, 2020, in Kelowna has been postponed until it is safe to have large gatherings once again.

We are very grateful for your efforts to work through these challenging times and make the adaptations necessary to fulfill your role as pastor, secretary, teacher, administrator, diocesan staff, parishioner, etc. Please know you are in our prayers. This won't last forever and we look forward to reconnecting in person as a faith community when it is safe to do so.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy and Stay Home!

parish & parish offices closed to public until further notice.

There are essential personnel that need to have access to the church/office such as your secretary, maintenance person, janitorial staff, etc. They should be able to enter the church/office with a good and valid reason authorized by the pastor.

This directive is about the general public and public gatherings for Mass, the sacraments, prayer or adoration, etc. and not being able to provide access to the church/office until such time it is safe to do. This is the only way we can 100% guarantee the safety of our clergy and parishioners from the corona virus.

Websites:

www.nelsondiocese.org for Mass with Bishop Bittman 9 AM Sunday from Immaculate Conception Church, Kelowna

www.youtube.com for "Bishop Robert Barron daily Mass"

www.cccb.ca for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

www.usccb.org for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

www.universalis.com for daily Mass readings and the Breviary prayers for the hours throughout the day

www.bccdc.ca for information from the Chief Medical Officer and the Minister of Health

WE ARE ONE IN PRAYERS WITH THE NOVA SCOTIA PEOPLE:



**Most Merciful God,
whose wisdom is beyond
our understanding,
surround the families of
all who have died with
your love, that they may
not be overwhelmed by
their loss, but have
confidence in your
goodness, and strength to
meet the days to come.
We ask this through
Christ our Lord.
And may the souls of all
the faithful departed,
through the Mercy of God
rest in peace,
Amen.**

Holy Child Parish hot-line for all parishioners. We want to help our parish family in this challenging time.

Do you need someone to talk to? Are you feeling anxious? Are you afraid? Are you lonely? The persons on this hotline are there to listen and help. There is a list of spares to help also.

We want you to know that you are not alone. We are available for errands: help ordering groceries and medications to be delivered, etc.

Also, if you know of someone who needs help, please let us know. (*Seek their permission first!) Be assured prayers are being said. Do you have any special prayer requests?

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