

Pastor's corner – May 5, 2019 – “Feed my lambs ... tend my sheep.”

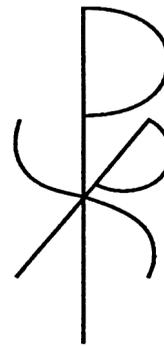
We are in the Easter season and have just celebrated the highlight of our faith: our belief in the Resurrection of Jesus, yes, that Christ is risen and that because of that truth we participate in its effects: that we too will rise with Him. You would think that the Alleluias would ring out during our celebrations and they do, but in contrasting ways. In fact, the Scripture readings of this Third Sunday of Easter are truly a contrast.

There is first of all the passage from the Book of Revelation (5:11-14). That is the Book of the Bible which John, in exile on the island of Patmos, wrote at the end of the first century some 65-70 years after Jesus; at a time when the first Christian communities were being persecuted and when their faith needed to be reinvigorated and strengthened, when they needed to be given a word of hope, of comfort. Well John the Visionary did just that; not just for the people of his time but also for us in our times, when we need to hear a word of comfort, consolation and hope. John does it not with solemn dignified statements but with a vision in which we have a whole crowd of “thousands of thousands of angels, living creatures and the elders singing with full voice!” He proclaims with exuberance that the Lord God whom we worship is not power, wealth, youth, pleasure, a particular nation or leader but rather a lamb that was slaughtered: “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!” This hymn of praise is even universal because it includes “every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them.” These words of hope are addressed to all those who are wounded, burdened with cares and even sins: the defeated and slain Lamb of God, Jesus who died and rose to new life out of love for us, has overcome all kinds of sufferings and deaths; he has even overcome our sins. We can already now raise our voices and together with the whole of creation sing out with joy because one day we too will be members of the praising and glorifying multitude described by John in his vision. “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever. Amen!”

The Gospel (John 21:1-19) is in complete contrast to the exuberance of Revelation. It is so ordinary! Like the other resurrection stories in the gospels, there are no trumpets and multitudes, just another ordinary day for hard-working fishermen and even a fruitless one because “that night they caught nothing.” Yet, Jesus enters into that ordinary and at times frustrating faithless life of theirs and of ours. At first he is invisible because we are looking elsewhere. Like Peter we are even naked and embarrassed, full of shame and preoccupied with our failings, unable to see with the eyes of the heart and the eyes of faith. Like Peter we have not been very good and faithful disciples, we have not lived in our daily lives our baptismal and confirmation promises, even if we receive the sacraments and made sure that our kids were “done” as prescribed. Like Peter we have denied knowing Jesus, not just once but three, yes, innumerable times. Yet, Jesus reaches out and draws Peter and each one of us into that uncomfortable conversation (“do you love me”) where we are called to remember our need for mercy and forgiveness, true healing and rehabilitation. Jesus does not dwell on that but simply forgives by reminding Peter and us of what he tried to tell us at the Last Supper: be servants, wash each other's feet: “feed my lambs ...tend my sheep.” Peter and we love Jesus (“Yes, Lord, you know that I love you”) and the three times remind us that we have been forgiven and must now serve others, especially by giving what the risen Christ has forgiven us, forgiveness.

At the beginning of the Gospel Peter heard Jesus say to him: “Follow me.” Now he understands and accepts what this means: Jesus offered him a relationship of love and his acceptance has bound him to Jesus, made him dependent on Jesus. At our baptism and all along our journey in life Jesus the risen Lord offers such a relationship to us. Peter and we become true disciples when we accept that we have become dependent on Jesus and that we follow him by responding to his invitation: “Feed my lambs ... tend my sheep.”

Shalom,
Fr. Rolf, OP



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SUNDAY EUCHARIST at ST. ELIZABETH'S
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Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 10:30 am.

at OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION
7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton
Sundays at 8:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Daily at St. Elizabeth's: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am
Third Friday: 9:00 am at the Legion Manor, 7601 East Saanich Road, Saanichton
Last Friday: 11:00 am in the Chapel at Saanich Peninsula Hospital
Remaining Fridays: 9:00 am in a private home (for location see “This Week in Our Parish” ...)

RECONCILIATION at ST. ELIZABETH'S: Saturdays 4 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.

MAY 5, 2019 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5:28-32, 40-41
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19
**Psalm 30: I will extol you,
Lord for you have raised
me up.**



MAY 12, 2019 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 13:14, 43-52
Revelation 7:9, 14-17
John 10:27-30
**Psalm 100: We are his
people; the sheep of his
pasture.**



VISITING EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

If you know of someone who is house-bound or in a nursing home/hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor or the Visitation Team, please call the office at 250-656-7433.

MISSION STATEMENT

*Let us be open
accepting individuals
sensitive to change
and willing to take
Courses untraditional,
unknown to us.
Let us live as
examples of God's love.*

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

Please fill out the information below so we can get to know you.
Pick up one of the blue information pamphlets next to the bulletins in the foyer so you can get to know us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Need Pre-Authorized Debit package? Yes ___ No ___

Need donation envelopes? Yes ___ No ___

IN OUR PARISH COLLECTION

April 7	\$ 3,831
April 14	\$ 2,932
Holy Thursday (for the poor).....	\$ 445
Good Friday (for the Holy Land)	\$ 1,545
April 21 Easter total	\$ 6,494
April 28	\$ 3,284
Pre-Authorized Debits (April)	\$ 5,035
Monthly Target	\$ 25,000
D & P Share Lent	\$ 2,752

K OF C PENNIES FOR HEAVEN: MAY 4 & 5

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual collection to support our diocese's seminarians. All funds collected in the "Pennies for Heaven" campaign go directly to the help fund seminarian formation. Thank you for your generosity.

K OF C GARAGE AND PLANT SALE: MAY 11

Saturday May 11th: It's happening **next week!** We are inviting you to help us out once again. Our garage/plant sale is successful because the parishioners support us in a number of ways; many of you volunteer to help us sell, sort, price, etc. the day before and the day of the event. A large number of you donate items and many more of you buy the stuff back. Because of your involvement we are able to support many very worthwhile charities in our parish and community. Can we count on you to help us make this fundraiser a parish event once again this year?? **Call Denis at 250-213-2661 if you have saleable items to donate. Please do not drop off items at the church before May 9.** If you can assist us, or require more information, please contact Denis. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MINISTRY

Looking for a married couple who would invite couples celebrating a wedding anniversary in that month to come forward and introduce them to the congregation. This would be at 10:30 mass once a month or less. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in this ministry.

BISHOP GARY'S EASTER MESSAGE

Check out our **Bishop's video** on the Diocese website at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/videos>

NEXT 2 WEEKS IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MAY 6 & 13	
1:00 pm	Faith Reflection
TUESDAY, MAY 7 & 14	
9:00 am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's (May 7)
9:00 am	No Mass (May 14)
11:30 am	Friendly Hours Luncheon
2:00 pm	S.V.D.P Conference Mtg. (May 7)
2:00 pm	CWL General Mtg. (May 14)
7:30 pm	K of C Executive Mtg. (May 7)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 & 15	
9:00 am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's (May 8)
9:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration (May 8)
9:00 am	No Mass; communion service (May 15)
10:00 am	Taiji Qigong
2:00 pm	CWL Executive Mtg. (May 8)
7:30 pm	Arbutus Singers for Hanti Sidra (May 15)
THURSDAY, MAY 9 & 16	
9:00 am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30 am	Friendly Hours Luncheon
2:00 pm	Prayer Group
6:00 pm	Taiji Qigong
FRIDAY, MAY 10 & 17	
9:00 am	No Mass (May 10)
9:00 am	Mass at the Legion Manor (May 17)
SATURDAY, MAY 11 & 18	
8:00 am	K of C Garage & Plant Sale (May 11)
1:00 pm	Celebration of life for Elsie Littlejohns (18)
4:00 pm	Confessions
5:00 pm	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
SUNDAY, MAY 12 & 19	
8:30 am	Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
10:30 am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
11:30 am	Samahan Fellowship (May 19)

For the latest schedule see tinyurl.com/sppcal

AGM THANK YOU

Many thanks to those who attended the AGM. Parishioner input is vital to enriching the direction of our parish growth.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Angelic voices wishing to sing at the 10:30 mass are looking for a leader and conductor. If you are interested, please, contact the office (656-7433).

VIA CHORALIS CONCERT: MAY 5

2:30 pm at St. Elizabeth's. *Music of the British Isles, featuring choral music and Highland Dance.*

MARCH FOR LIFE: MAY 9

Mass at 12 noon at the Cathedral with Bishop Gary & at St. Patrick's with Archbishop Miller. The March for Life begins at 1:45 pm from Centennial Square to the B.C. Legislature for a Rally For Life at 2:15 pm. This opportunity to walk together in solidarity is of profound importance in our time when euthanasia, assisted suicide and abortion have become standard practices and accepted in the social and moral fabric of Canadian society. Pro-Life Dinner at St. Leopold's Church. For tickets: <http://bit.ly/ypygala2019>.

CWL GUEST SPEAKER: MAY 14

The CWL will host Maria Campos, who will be speaking about her about her life experience as an immigrant and as a woman of faith. Her book, "Immigrants with Faith" will be available for sale (\$10) at the meeting. All are welcome.

INVITATION TO A FREE CONCERT: MAY 7

Island Catholic Schools invites you to a Choral Concert "Known by the Lord" at 6:30 pm on **Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at St. Andrew's Cathedral.** Enjoy choir performances by our talented students from John Paul II, Port Alberni; Queen of Angels, Duncan; and Victoria Catholic Schools: St. Joseph's, St. Patrick's and St. Andrew's Regional High School. Come join us as "He counts the stars and calls them all by name." The concert will also be streamed live at rcdvictoria.org/dicoese-of-victoria-live-stream

SPRIG OF THYME: MAY 11

Sprig of Thyme' concert, Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction to help a Syrian family pay transportation costs to Canada. Tickets at St. Andrew office, 9691 Fourth Street, Mon-Fri, 9am - 1pm.

ARBUTUS SINGERS: MAY 15

A fundraising concert will be held at St. Elizabeth's on **Wed. May 15, 7:30 pm.** The Arbutus Singers will return for their 15th annual concert, featuring beautiful and inspiring music. Tickets at the door: \$12 per person/\$25 per family. For tickets call Stephanie Schroeder, 250-655-3635. All proceeds are used by Hanti Sidra One Global Family to expand a very successful program helping village women and their families in South Sudan to grow their own food.

PASTORAL CARE SESSION: MAY 25

Who Am I As A Pastoral Care Worker? May 25, at St. Joseph the Worker, 9 am – 3 pm To register, call (479-7413 or email stjwoffice@shaw.ca Session is open to all. Please bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided. For more info, contact Moira King, Chair, Diocesan Health Care Committee, moiraking@shaw.ca. If you are planning to attend, contact Fatima Warner, Visiting Ministry Coordinator at 250-656-8863 or email at bfwarner@shaw.ca Hoping to arrange car pools.

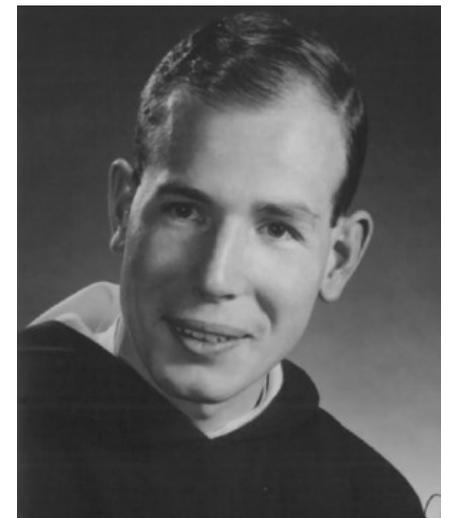
K OF C PANCAKE BREAKFAST: MAY 26

GRAFFITI AT ST. ANDREW'S HIGH SCHOOL JUNE 5TH - SAVE THE DATE!

Come and graffiti the old school building before it's demolished to make way for the new facility! Mark your calendars now for this free event on Saturday afternoon, June 5th. More details to follow. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us 250-479-1414 or gquevara@cisdv.bc.ca

FR. ROLF'S 50th ANNIVERSARY: JULY 12

This year marks the **50th Year of Fr. Rolf's Ordination!** To celebrate this milestone, a party will be held at **St. Elizabeth's on Friday July 12, 2019.** More info to be announced....



Did you know that Fr. Rolf joined the Dominican order in 1962 in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec and was ordained in 1969 in Ottawa!