

IT IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY!

LET US PRAY FOR MORE VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Dear friends in Christ,

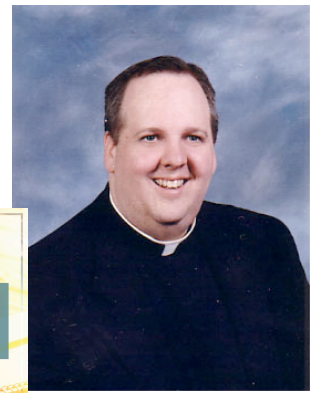
This Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Easter. It is called Good Shepherd Sunday because the gospel each year reminds us of Christ being for us the Good Shepherd, the ultimate shepherd. We pray for good shepherds for the Church, who have the heart of Christ for the flock. We especially need to pray for more priestly vocations, for many more young men to heed the call of the Lord to serve God's people. The harvest is great and the laborers are few. Jesus asked us to pray to the Master of the harvest to send out more laborers. It is a good and holy thing to do! Some years ago, Pope Benedict, gave this beautiful encouragement to vocations to the priesthood which is still relevant today:

“let us pray that all young people may listen to the voice of God who speaks in the depths of their hearts and calls them to leave everything to serve him. This is the purpose of today's World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In fact, the Lord is always calling but all too often we do not listen. We are distracted by many things, by other, more superficial voices; and then we are afraid to listen to the Lord's voice because we think he might take away our freedom.

In fact, each one of us is the fruit of love: of our parents' love of course, but more profoundly, of God's love. The Bible says: even if your own mother does not want you, I want you because I know and love you (see Is 49:15). The moment I realize this my life changes. It becomes a response to this love, greater than any other, and in this way my freedom is completely fulfilled.

The young men whom I ordained priests ... are no different from other young men, except that they were deeply moved by the beauty of God's love and could not but respond with their whole life. How did they find God's love? They found it in Jesus Christ: in his Gospel, in the Eucharist and in the community of the Church. In the Church we discover that every person's life is a love story. Sacred Scripture clearly shows us this and the witness borne by the saints confirms it to us.

St Augustine's words are an example of this. Addressing God, he says in his Confessions: “Too late I loved you, O Beauty of ancient days, yet ever new! Too late I loved you! And behold, you were within and I abroad.... You were with me, but I was not with you... But you called and shouted and burst through my deafness” (X.27.38).



Dear friends, let us pray for the Church, for every local community, that it may be like a watered garden in which all the seeds of vocation that God scatters in abundance sprout and ripen. Let us pray that this garden may be cultivated everywhere, with the joy of feeling that we are all called, in the variety of our gifts. Many families in particular be the first environment in which we “breathe” the love of God that provides us with inner strength in the midst of the difficulties and trials of life. Those who experience God's love in the family receive a priceless gift which, with time, bears fruit. May the Blessed Virgin Mary — a model of free and obedient acceptance of the divine call and Mother of every vocation in the Church — obtain all this for us.” POPE BENEDICT

NEW THIS WEEK! A COMBINED BULLETIN FOR OUR THREE CHURCHES!

You may have noticed that this week's bulletin has a new look and a new format. This week, we launch a combined bulletin for the three churches of our parish family of Holy Innocents, St. Jude, and St. Anthony, which serve Duvall, Redmond, and Carnation. The goal is to keep all of our parishioners abreast of the activities within our parish family and to convey these events and happenings in a more effective and concise way. This has been in the planning stages for some months and I want to thank all the staff who have worked so hard to create the new format and procedures to produce it. Though the bulletin is always a work in progress, I think you will agree that they have done a wonderful job! I pray that it helps us build one another up and more effectively share the good news!

Wishing you all a joyful Good Shepherd Sunday. Please pray, too, for Fr. Raphael and I, that we may be Good Shepherds with the heart of Christ.

Blessings on your week!
Fr. Johnson

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ST JUDE Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9AM-4PM, Friday 9AM-12PM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3
9:00am Daily Mass 10:00am Women of Faith 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Spring Concert)	5:30pm K-6 Faith Formation	8:30am Confessions 9:00am Daily Mass 7:00pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm House of Prayer	9:00am Daily Mass 12:15pm Steps to Freedom 1:00pm Rosary Cenacle 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Knights of Columbus - Officers 7:00 pm OCIA	9:00am Daily Mass 9:30am-9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Guardians & Angels 7:00pm Holy Hour	3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass 6:00pm Wine and Cheese after Mass	9:00am Daily Mass 11:00am Daily Mass Coffee & Donuts after both Masses 12:30pm Baptismal Preparation Class 2:00-5pm Spring Sing Concert 6:30pm Teen Group

HOLY INNOCENTS Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9AM-4PM, Friday 9AM-12PM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3
9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry Set Up	9:00am Daily Mass 3:00-6:30pm Food Pantry	10:00am-12:00pm Food Pantry 6:00pm Daily Mass 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9:00am Daily Mass	9:00am Daily Mass 10:00am Choir Rehearsal 6-6:45pm Confessions 6-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:30pm AA Meeting		8:00am Sunday Mass 10:30am Sunday Mass

ST ANTHONY

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2
6:00pm Adoration & Rosary	7:30-9:30pm AA Meeting	6:00pm Bible Study		5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

- St. Jude SVdP: Helpline assistance: 206-767-6449
- Holy Innocents: King County Crisis line at 211
- To learn more or to join the ministry contact:
 - Connie Dunn at Holy Innocents: connie@conniedunn.com
 - Diane Murphy at St Jude: svdp@stjude-redmond.org
- To donate furniture or household items email: svdpfurniture@stjude-redmond.org

SAFE PARKING AT ST JUDE
Safe Parking Helpline: 425-658-4982
safeparking@stjude-redmond.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Holy Innocents:
Contact George Doty 360-668-2224
Dotyga@aol.com
St Jude:
knightsofcolumbus@stjude-redmond.org



“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.” — Jn 10:2-4

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCCD.