



## Fourth Sunday in Easter

April 21, 2013



To be a shepherd of

God's people demands purity of intention and of heart. It requires total dedication to the point of being ready to lay down one's life for the good of the sheep, following in the footsteps of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

As members of God's flock, we have the right to demand all this of our shepherds, but we have also the duty to pray for them, and to support them in all their worthy enterprises.

We have also the duty to promote and sustain new vocations to priestly and religious life. We must pray that God's flock may never lack holy representatives of the Eternal Shepherd. Let this be the main intention for which we offer today's Eucharist.



### DEDICATED ASSISTANTS OF THE DIVINE SHEPHERD



Being mostly a shepherding people, Israel enjoyed thinking of the Lord as its divine "Shepherd." The pious Jews expressed their trust in God's provident care and protection by singing: "*The Lord is my shepherd There is nothing I shall want . . . I fear no evil!*" (Ps 23:1.4) And the Lord did take care of His "flock" in all circumstances. In most cases, however, He entrusted the ordinary care of Israel to "human shepherds":

the political and religious leaders of His people. These were expected to be the *symbols and instruments* of the fatherly concern which the Divine Shepherd showed for His people at all times. Often, however, the leaders had turned into "bad shepherds" who pastured themselves, while treating the sheep harshly. (See Ez 34:3-6.) The Lord threatened to dismiss the bad shepherds, and promised to take care of His own flock personally. (See Ez 34:11- 16.)

Such a promise was fulfilled eminently in **Jesus Christ**, the Son-of-God-made-man. In his short earthly existence, through his teaching, his miracles, and his loving kindness, Jesus showed himself in innumerable instances that he was, indeed, the good shepherd who really cared for his "flock." Eventually, he went to the extent of laying down his life for his sheep, thus living up to the definition of "good shepherd" which he himself had given. (See Jn 10:11.)

After his resurrection Jesus did not forget his "little flock" of frightened disciples. Knowing that he would not be visibly present among them any longer, he entrusted them all to the care of Peter, the chief "vice shepherd" (see Jn 21:15-17), and of all the other apostles (see Mt 28:19-20), and their successors.

They were to watch over the whole flock which the Holy Spirit had entrusted to their care. That meant they were to shepherd "the Church of God which Christ has acquired at the price of his own blood" (Acts 20:28).

These human shepherds are the ones who, all through the centuries, and in all communities, have been given the task of making visible the caring presence of the eternal Shepherd, through their dedication, their patience, their concern, their selflessness. These are the people called to be "sacraments of Christ's shepherding love." We need many of these lamb-shepherds, for our needs are plenty.

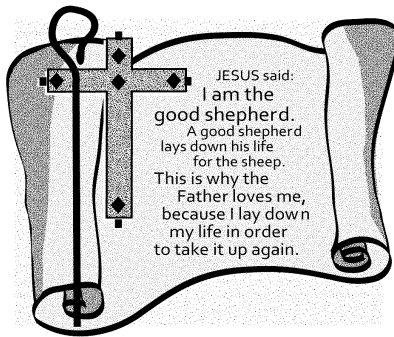
But especially we need that they be holy – that they may resemble him, the Holy Lamb and Shepherd, as far as their human frailty allows. For this intention we are invited to pray today in a special manner.

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Today's gospel is Jesus' explanation of His most intimate relationships that never end —**believers, Jesus and God the Father, together forever.**

All of us at the FCMM are believers that Jesus and God His Father are one, and there are millions more believers outside of our parish.

the spirit of hospitality let us strive to perfect all relationships. Let us be mindful the fact that we will be together for a really long time. Greet others as if you're

their friend forever, because they most likely will be!  
Have peace in your mind, love in your eyes, and joy in your heart.



• **WORLD DAY of PRAYER for VOCATIONS -**

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is a special celebration of WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. The world - wide church honors all Christian vocations. We pray that our church may be enriched by our commitment to remain faithful to God's call. Jesus, the good Shepherd, guides and protects us on our journey.

**LET US PRAY ...**

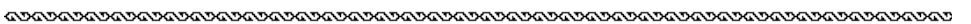
**Generous God, You show us the way that leads to everlasting life.  
Through baptism you have called us to proclaim the Good News.  
Bless and strengthen those who have made a commitment to service in the Church. Guide and give wisdom to those discerning their vocation.  
Enrich our Church with dedicated married and single people,  
with deacons, priests and religious. Filled with joy and your Holy Spirit,  
may we follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd, now and always. Amen.**



**25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COLLECTION of the Church of Montreal-**

**April 07 - April 21, 2013**

**Special Second Collection will be taken up.  
Please be generous. Thank You.**

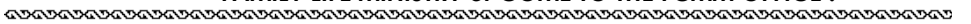


❖ **PISTA'Y DAYAT 2013 - (Our Lady of Manaoag Fiesta)**

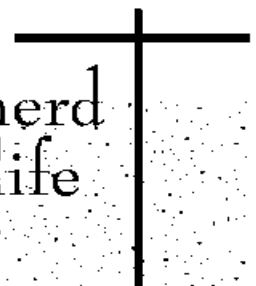
The FCMM will once again be the venue for this year's celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of The Rosary of Manaoag on **SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2013**. Sponsored by the Pangasinan Association of Quebec Inc., the celebration will start at **11:00 a.m.** with the Recitation of the Novena to Our Lady of Manaoag followed by the Holy Mass. The Mass will be highlighted by a Floral Offering to the Virgin. Come and join us !



**RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS** -The Family Life Ministry of the Filipino Mission will host on **Saturday, June 22, 2013** a special celebration for couples marking their 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup> and above years of being consecrated Ministers of Matrimony. **FOR MORE INFORMATION : CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY or COME TO THE FCMM OFFICE !**



The Good Shepherd  
lays down his life  
for his sheep





The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **AS THANKSGIVING** offered by **TONY and NORMA FOZ.**



**"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."** - Acts 13:52

Because the disciples had heard Our Lord's call, they were able to spread the message of the Gospel with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we take time to listen to God, to ask for His direction and to allow the Holy Spirit to guide our lives and our decisions.



Your Offerings for the week ending April 14, 2013 totaled **\$ 1, 568. 50**

Thank you for your continuing generosity !  
God bless you always!!!



- To the **new arrivals** from the Philippines;
- To the **visitors** from other places;
- To those who have **been away and are back**;



- We join in the **Thanksgiving Intentions** of:  
**MR. & MRS. FELIMON TADEO and FAMILY, RODRIGO DAIT, JEANNA NICOLE VAELNCIA and FAMILY, JACOB REY TOLENTINO, JOSEFINA CASTILLO BAUTISTA, KRIST ANGELA IBARRA.**



- Please join in lifting up the **Special Intentions** of:  
**THE CATECHETICAL MINISTRY.** *May God grant them their hearts' desires.*

• Your prayers are humbly requested for **all the sick and suffering** members of our Mission community and their loved ones especially:  
**FR. FRANCISCO ALVAREZ pme, FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, SR. LUZ PADERANGA op, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, ANNIE MOJADO, ELECITA ARACENA, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, IKE OSDON, TERESITA JALEA, WILFREDO DARIO, JOHN NICHOLAS MEJIA, TERESITA PLAMENCO, OLIVER MARTINEZ, PATRIA FEDERIZO, ANTONIO FOZ, NORMA FOZ, ALICIA GINES, CECILIA CEÑAL, LEONIDAS ORBITA SIMBULAN, DERRICK SOTELO, JEFFORD SAMPANG, LUIS SILVERA, OFELIA SUBONG.**  
May God bring them healing and peace.

• Remember also all of our **deceased relatives and friends**, especially **CECILE GEDEON, JOSE SEGUERRA, LEDA VILLANUEVA, SANTIAGA SAMPANA, JUANA TADEO, ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY** and those dying everyday in battles and calamities around the world. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Do you have a deceased relative for whom you wish all the Grace of God; or perhaps a dear friend who could use a bit of divine assistance in their lives, or simply if you have reason to offer thanksgiving for a new-born son, daughter, God-child, niece, nephew or the like? Well the Sacrifice of the Mass contains within it all of the graces of God and all that man can do to worship Him. Stop by or call the FCMM office (514 - 387 5292) during normal business hours and ask how you can have a Mass offered for your intention.



**EASTER PEOPLE**  
Do not abandon yourself to despair.

We are the Easter people  
and **ALLELUIA** is our song !