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Companions and Shepherds

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her Second Grade class memorize Psalm 23, "The Lord is My Shepherd." Bobby was excited, but he wasn't very good at memorizing. After much practice, his turn came to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation. The teacher was nervous. He stepped up to the microphone and proudly announced, "The Lord is my Shepherd—and... and... —and that's all I need to know!"

In one phrase, Bobby captured the whole meaning: "The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I lack." These words touch so many of us deeply. If we have trouble or fear, darkness and death and sickness, Jesus has our back—Jesus restores my strength, anoints my head with oil. To sum it up, the genuine meaning of Psalm 23 means, "God's companionship transforms every situation."

What does "God's companionship" mean? Rappers have their peeps, sports stars have their crowds... but the companionship of God must be something different. The apostles were busy with "people coming and going" so Jesus calls them to rest in God's companionship when he says, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."

We all need a time of quiet listening, away from the noise and the crowds, in order to feel God comforting us as a companion and a shepherd. Have you felt God's care lately? Or do you take your work with you, work too late at night, and fall exhausted into bed? If so—you do indeed need the Shepherd to help you set priorities. Taking time to really LIVE your life will make you and everyone you love healthier and happier.

Parish Schedule		
Jul 23 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Needy souls †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 1:00 PM SENIORS SOCIAL
Jul 24 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Rosario Padilla †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession NO PRAYER GROUP MEETING UNTIL SEPT.
Jul 25 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Dan Gibbons</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:45 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 10:00 AM LEGION OF MARY Meeting
Jul 26 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Francisca Martin †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10:30 AM Mass @ Residence @ Clayton <i>(Intention: Marc & Amberlee Duteau)</i>
Jul 27 Fri	9:00 AM <i>Int: Alvaro Magana, Sr. Bday</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30-10:30 AM Holy Hour
Jul 28 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Betty Lo</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Thelma Hollyman †</i>	8-9 AM Men's Faith Study Gathering 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confession 10:00AM Sophie Vanderende Baptism
July 29 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Anthony Nootebos</i>	8:30-8:55 AM Confession 10:30-10:55 AM Confession 3:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group 6:30-9 PM AA Mtg @ Parish Centre

Stewardship Reflection

"...come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile." Mark 6:31

Do you spend time, everyday, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God everyday.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR: sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, Gene Leclair, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Mike Makarenko, Delorus Lee, Aurora Pereira, Dawn Epaarachchi, George Davies, Gracie Formby, , Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Pat Horbay, Bernadette Leclair, Mabel O'Donnell, Carolyn Goertzen, Dario Dira, Leonie Faucher, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Corry Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Roy MacLeod, Christopher Lasell, Norah Aucoin, Norma MacInnes, Margaret Mccreadie, Cheryl McDonald, Andrea Haley, Louise Jones, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Mary Hollman, Daniel Gibbons, Catharina Noble, Dave Thomas, Gordon Aucoin, Wilf Zinger, Vera McAleese & all sick & shut in of our parish. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

PARISH ACTIVITIES and AROUND THE AREA



SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - Please remember that we accept non-perishable foods in our box located in the church foyer. SSVp's most needed food items are: canned meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, stew, pork 'n beans, pasta sauce, and soups. Other items are: rice, pasta, mac 'n cheese and noodles. For cash donations, envelopes are still available at the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity. Also pls note: bread distribution has been discontinued for the summer months due to closure of the donor's store. God bless.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2018 We are still in need of your support & participation. We have currently raised \$43,830 in pledges with 15% participation. **Please participate! Even your \$5, \$10 or \$20 donation will help** You can donate online or through the Sunday collection using the brochures available at the vestibule. **LIVE GRATEFULLY; GIVE GENEROUSLY!**

PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH CHURCH GARDENS—Volunteers are very welcome to come and help weed and water the gardens in our school and parish property especially during the summer months. The flowers and greens have been planted to supply the church altar. Please remember not to prune back the roses at this time of the year. Please call or text Theresa at 778-988-2406 for questions or information.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MEN'S HOSTEL IN NEED OF MUGS If you have old mugs cluttering up your cupboard, pls give them to our guests in our emergency homeless shelter. All you need to do is drop them off at the Parish office or directly at our shelter at 828 Cambie St., Vancouver or the John Paul II Pastoral Centre.

MASS WEDDING FOR CIVILLY MARRIED COUPLES Are you married civilly and would like to have your marriage recognized by the Church, register by July 31 to convalidate your union on Sat, Aug. 25 @ 1:30pm at OLGC, Surrey. Abp. Miller will celebrate Mass. To register or for more info, contact OLGC 604-589-2448 or email Deacon Greg at filipinoministry@rcav.org or call 604-771-2975.

WHO AM I? WORKSHOP Are you longing to discover the richness within yourself? Improve your relationships? Increase your happiness and productivity? Join our upcoming workshop on Aug 10-13, 9 am-5 pm at the Spirit of Formation, Langley. For more info contact Jane Waldock @ 778-997-4672.

SAVE THE DATE—7TH ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER Tuesday, Oct 30 Reception @ 6 pm Dinner @ 7 pm at the Hyatt Regency 655 Burrard Street, Van. Proceeds will go towards the formation of future permanent deacons.

Read the Bible in One Year	
Follow the suggested readings daily for 365 days to read the complete Catholic Bible.	
WEEK 24/25	
SUN	1Kings 19-20; Proverbs 3:1-18; 1 Corinthians 10 2Kings 12-13; Proverbs 7; 1 Corinthians 16
MON	1Kings 21-22; Proverbs 3:19-34; 1 Corinthians 11 2Kings 14-15; Proverbs 8:1-21; 2 Corinthians 1
TUE	2Kings 1-3; Proverbs 4:1-19; 1 Corinthians 12 2Kings 16-17; Proverbs 8:22-36; 2 Corinthians 2
WED	2Kings 4-5; Proverbs 4:20-5:6; 1 Corinthians 13 2Kings 18-19; Proverbs 9; 2 Corinthians 3
THU	2Kings 6-7; Proverbs 5:7-23; 1 Corinthians 14 2Kings 20-22; Proverbs 10:1-16; 2Corinthians 4
FRI	2Kings 8-9; Proverbs 6:1-19; 1Corinthians 15:1-34 2Kings 23; Proverbs 10:17-32; 2Corinthians 5
SAT	2Kings 10-11; Prv. 6:20-35; 1Corinthians 15:35-58 2Kings 24-25; Proverbs 11:1-15; 2Corinthians 6

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Fri., Jul 27, 9:30-10:30 am and (for 1st Friday Adoration) Aug. 3, 4:30-6:30pm.

Please try to spend some time with Jesus in adoration. He waits for us in the Holy Eucharist.

"Where your treasure is, there is your heart... Could you not watch one hour with me?" Mt. 6:21, 26:40



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Max And Matilda Explain It All To You

The subject today is food—we all love it, ... other creatures do, too. Max the dog and Matilda the cat share ... Max: "We advise dogs and cats, never eat food from your own bowl, if you can steal some from the table. Especially if it's steak..." Matilda: "If our dish is empty, we like to let you know when you can't ignore us—such as when you're in bed or the bathroom... Finally, we are so grateful for your abundant provision. So if we catch something on our own, we like to bring it inside and leave it as a "love gift" for you. Because sharing our food with you is the highest form of charity—the gospel is written on our hearts, too, you know!"

Today's Psalm 145 says: "The LORD is good to all, compassionate to every creature.... You satisfy the desire of every living thing." Feeding hungry animals and humans is a major Work of Mercy. But a deeper meaning is that God is in such a profound relationship with every creature that God actually "satisfies the desire of every living thing." But—do we know what we desire? Humans are told to desire wealth, success, lots of new things every year. But cravings aren't the deepest desires of our heart—they only make us captive to the demands of the world. Our deepest desire is to be one with Christ, to bring God's love to the whole world. So, see your cravings for what they are. Be thirsty, instead, to build God's kingdom of peace, health and wellness for all creatures.

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Jul 30 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Mary & Ben Sulten</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 1:00 PM SENIORS SOCIAL
Jul 31 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Claude & Helene Fournier</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession NO PRAYER GROUP MEETING UNTIL SEPT.
Aug 01 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Agustin Castellanos</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:45 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 10:00 AM LEGION OF MARY Meeting
Aug 02 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Jose Perez †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10:30 AM Mass @ Zion Park Manor
Aug 03 Fri	9:00 AM <i>Int: Noreen Hurley †</i> 6:30 PM <i>Int: Jose Perez †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 4:30-6:30 PM First Friday Adoration Refinishing of Gym Floors in Parish Centre PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Aug 04 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Jose Perez †</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Peter Foster †</i>	8-9 AM Men's Faith Study Gathering 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confession 10:00 AM Baptism Preparation Class
Aug 05 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Jose Crespo & Louis Carvalho †</i>	8:30-8:55 AM Confession 10:30-10:55 AM Confession 3:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group 6:30-9 PM AA Mtg @ Parish Centre

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Couples for Christ/Migrant Workers Ministry: Cesar/Beth Alejandria-778-389-163 msg 778-574-4390	Vocations Office: 604-443-3254/ vocations@rcav.org Domestic Abuse Help Line: 604-640-7549
Catholic Cemeteries: 604-531-2141	Pro-Life/Crisis Pregnancy: 1-877-889-6626
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline: 1-855-675-8749 / www.epcc.ca Retrouaille (for troubled marriages): retrouailllevancouver.com	NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES Billings Method: David /Keely Wray- 604-574-2256 Creighton Method: fertilitycarevancouver.ca
Courage (apostolate for individuals with same sex attraction): courage@rcav.org	Encourage (apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction): encourage@rcav.org