

A Reflection from Fr. Joseph

An American was traveling in the Middle East. As he was driving through the countryside, he ran across two shepherds whose sheep had become intermingled, as they drank from a brook. He watched as the two shepherds talked with one another, concluded their conversation, then bid one another farewell and began to walk off in two different directions. As they did so, the one shepherd called out, “*Mannah, mannah,*” which in Arabic means, “follow me.” At the same time, the other shepherd called out the same words. The sheep lifted their heads and then divided precisely into two groups, each recognizing the voice of their shepherd.

Jesus uses this shepherding image, in today’s Gospel, to describe His relationship with us. If He is the shepherd, then we must be the ones who recognize His voice and follow Him. But what does it mean to recognize the voice of Jesus? Christians believe that at times, in our life, Christ asks us to do something quite specific. What Christ asks us to do can be both dramatic and life changing.



The Salwen family, a suburban family from Atlanta, had a story to tell. A number of years ago Kevin, the father, was driving with his fourteen-year-old daughter, Hannah, through the downtown section of the city. They stopped at a traffic light. Hannah, looking out of the window, saw a man on the sidewalk holding a sign: “Homeless, please help!” At the same time, she saw a man in a luxurious Mercedes waiting with them at the traffic light. She said to her father, “You know dad, if that man in the Mercedes had a little less nice a car, the man on the sidewalk could have a meal.” Kevin thought for a moment about his daughter’s comment and then said, “You know Hannah, if we had a little less nice a car, that man could have a meal.”

That interchange between father and daughter set the Salwen family on a spiritual journey, a journey that they have recounted in their book, “The Power of Half.” It is called “The Power of Half” because after a considerable number of months of family discussion, the Salwens decided that they did not need as big a house. They agreed to sell their house and give half of the proceeds away. Now they had a big house, six thousand square feet, and the market was better for housing in those days. They down sized and were able to give \$800,000 to a hunger effort in the African country of Ghana.

Why half? Half is measurable. So many times, we run into a situation of real need and we say to ourselves, “I should do something.” But “something” is vague, and vagueness means that often we end up doing nothing at all. But half is a precise metric that can push us into action. The other advantage of half is that it is not connected to size. It does not have to be half of your house like it was for the Salwens. It could be half of a pay check or half of an evening out or half of an unexpected gift. What was important for the Salwens was their conclusion that Christ was asking them to do something. By doing it, they were indicating that they belonged to the good shepherd.

I am not recommending that you give half of something away. I only want to offer a concrete example of someone who heard the voice of Christ speaking in the circumstances of their own life and chose to follow it. So, the important question for each of us here today is: what is Christ calling me to do? What is Christ asking me to do? It is a question that is essential to our relationship, because we cannot follow Him if we do not recognize His voice.

A 2nd collection will be taken-up this weekend, at all the Masses, for the Work of Vocations.

Mother’s Day Flower Sale:

Our Knights will be selling flowers this Sunday, after all the Masses, in the vestibule.

**KNIGHTLY NEWS**

- Bottle Drive: Next weekend, May 18th/19th, our Knights will be giving out plastic bags and info, after all the Masses, for their bottle drive fundraiser.

- Membership Drive: will be held on the weekend of May 25th/26th at all the Masses.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. May 13th - Acts 11:1-8; John 10:1-10

Tue. May 14th - ST. MATTHIAS, feast

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17

Wed. May 15th - Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50

Thurs. May 16th - Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20

Fri. May 17th - Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

Sat. May 18th - Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

Sun. May 19th - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 14:21b-27; Rev. 21:1-5a; John 13:1, 31-33a, 34-35



Congratulations to our young people from St. Jude school, PREP and El Shaddai who were Confirmed last Tuesday by Bishop Monroe.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2019

“Live gratefully, give generously”

Last weekend we launched our Project Advance campaign. Our parish share of the overall diocesan goal is \$41,000, plus expenses.

However, our own parish goal is to raise \$100,000.00 because everything we raise over the archdiocesan goal comes back to us.

Can we do it??? Yes, we can! If we respond to the Lord with the same generosity we have received from Him.

Project Advance helps us meet the material and spiritual need of our Church and parishes. For us, at St. Jude’s, it is our means to raise funds for capital projects such as the roof in the church, which is in need of repair. It also helps support the construction and renovations of our schools, provide grants for special ministries in the Archdiocese and acquire land for new parishes. Every gift is important and appreciated, regardless of the amount and gratefully appreciated. Volunteers will be available in the church vestibule to assist you. If you prefer, you can also give online at www.projectadvance.ca

Thank you for your consideration and support.

ALTAR SERVERS

Wed. May 15th - 7:30 PM - Volunteers

Sat. May 18th - 5:00 PM - A.Chavez, D.Giuliano, F.Hua, Carter & Chloe Tsang.

Sun. May 19th - 9:00 AM - C.Barraca, J.Casino, J & R Huang, V.Velasquez. **11:00 AM** - M.Balocan, N & N Nunez, C.Paule, S.Yip. **5:00 PM** - M. De Leon, A.Ferreira, M & M Hong, R & R Suganob, K & K Tan.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat. May 11 th	5 pm Mass for parishioners
Sun. May 12 th	9 am Mass for Mary Tea-Cheng Chu, R.I.P. 11 am Mass for Dec. Memb. of the Yeung fmlly. 2 pm Mass for Vicente Destura, R.I.P. 5 pm Mass for Abilio Campos, R.I.P.
Mon. May 13 th	8 am Mass for Virginia Dorado, R.I.P.
Tue. May 14 th	8 am Mass for Nicola, Maria & Giovanni Monaco, R.I.P.
Wed. May 15 th	9 am Mass for all the souls in purgatory 7:30 pm Novena Mass
Thur. May 16 th	8:00 am Mass Joseph Tong & Anna Lo, R.I.P.
Fri. May 17 th	8:00 am Mass for Raffaele, Michelina & Giovanna Ruggiero, R.I.P.
Sat. May 18 th	9:00 am Mass Mary Tea-Cheng Chu, R.I.P.

A CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM presented by Couples for Christ, will be held **Sat., May 18th at 9 am**, in the church hall. The Christian Life Program (CLP) is an integrated course in the basics of Christianity leading to a renewed understanding of God’s call to us to be Christian individuals. **NO FEES** required. The CLP is for everyone! For info call: Jovie Dinong 604-379-7741 or Russell Zablan 778-997-1506.

PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE (PEC)

We are seeking parishioners to serve on St. Jude’s Parish Education Committee for next year. The PEC consists of 7 members, five of whom are elected by parishioners and 2 appointed by the Pastor. The members of the PEC meet monthly and are responsible along with the Pastor for the operation of the school. In order to be a candidate for the PEC you must be: a practicing Catholic, registered member of the Parish, 21 years of age and approved by the Pastor. Any parishioner interested in running for the PEC is asked to pick-up a nomination form from the school office. All nominations must be returned to the school by Monday, May 16th. Elections, if necessary, will be held on May 26th.

SCHOOL MASS: Wednesday at 9 am. Join us!

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Up-Coming Events

Stewardship Reflection

“The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord’s call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to.

Quo Vadis - Men's Discernment Events

Snacking and Chatting with Priests begins with Mass at 7 p.m. Open to single Catholic men ages 18+ who want to answer the question: What is God calling me to do with my life? Please register at least one week in advance at vocations@rcav.org or call 604-443-3254.

Focus on Life Gala Dinner

Whether it’s coming alongside women facing a crisis pregnancy, helping young people understand their inherent worth, or advocating for the value of all human beings, Focus On Life is dedicated to transforming our culture and our communities. Come celebrate with us on Monday, May 27, at the Italian Cultural Centre. Parking is free. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Register online at focusonlife.ca

Welcome Mass for New Catholics

Sunday, June 16th at 3 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Archbishop J. Michael Miller will celebrate a Mass to welcome our new brothers and sisters who have entered the Catholic Church this year. Join us!

**GOD BLESS ALL
OUR MOTHERS
Happy Mother’s Day**



