



## Never Lost

A young man I know (not from Vancouver Island) wrote a letter to the Archbishop of Vancouver asking him to address the perceived injustice of having worship services cancelled for the foreseeable future due to the pandemic. In his letter, which he posted on Facebook, he stated, "We, your sheep, are lost."

A young woman, who rejected her Christian faith years ago, read the post in her newsfeed and emailed the following to me:

*I just couldn't stop thinking and feeling,* "You are never lost... I mean, you think you're going to devote your entire life to this faith and your shepherd is just going to lose you in a pandemic? How dare you! If I were Jesus, I'd be choked – like, don't you get it man? **YOU ARE NEVER LOST!**"



It would seem that this agnostic young woman has a better understanding of the Good Shepherd than a lot of us do.

*"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me".* Shepherds in Jesus' time would gather in a sheltered and safe spot with other shepherd's along with all their flocks at the end of the day. The shepherds didn't bother trying to keep their flocks separated because in the morning a shepherd would simply call his sheep by name. They knew his voice and would eagerly follow him.

But, you know, sheep can be slightly dim creatures at times. Could we sheep quite conceivably not hear our Shepherd calling our names because we are paying more attention to the loud voices and bleatings all around us? We often succumb to listening to other strident voices, voices that suggest we are on the verge of being completely lost. It feels like God is suddenly not in control at all and we are all at the total mercy of pandemics and wolves. If this is how you are feeling...

...see paragraph 3, line 5.

**Jean Allen**

## Job Posting R.C. Chaplain

There is a posting for a Roman Catholic Chaplain to serve at the University of Victoria and Camosun College.  
<http://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## April 25, 2021

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Saturday at 6 pm

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tUaIZDIFwLV1imrPkNKg>

### Mass: with the Bishop Live-Streamed

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne>

Sunday 10:00 am  
Monday to Friday 7:00 pm

### Personal Sacraments

**Only on 1st May 2021, 11 am to 1 pm**

**Holy Communion will be distributed.**

There will be NO Confessions on May 1st, 2021.

**\*\*\* Please sign in at the door \*\*\***

Please observe COVID-19 restrictions and safety protocols when you arrive.  
The church is limited to a max of 10 persons at all times.

### Options to donate

Information and links are also available on our website

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**Canada Helps:** [Online through Canada Helps](#)

### Fr. Alfie's Table



Fr. Alfie's shares his easy and versatile side dish for all occasions - Roasted Peppers!

<https://youtu.be/AITz1vUQDrY>

### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

**Monday, April 26 at 10:00 am**

Pray the rosary in the courtyard in honour of Our Lady of Good Counsel.  
Contact Miriam 250-652-6252.

**Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 am**

General Meeting and rosary in the courtyard, weather permitting

### Birthright Victoria

Birthright is taking orders now for tomato plants, other edibles, perennials, and shrubs.

<https://birthrightvictoria.org/garden-babies-for-birthright-plant-sales/>

# Responsible Ministry and Safe Environment (RMSE)

Dear parishioners of Sacred Heart,

We hope that once our church re-opens, you may have the desire to serve our parish as a volunteer in one of the ministries.

On March 19, 2021 on the Feast of St. Joseph, Bishop Gary Gordon wrote a pastoral letter regarding the revised Responsible Ministry and Safe Environment (RMSE) policies and protocols. The RMSE Protocols have been modified for clarity and accessibility, and the Diocesan website has been updated with information for quick and easy reference.

If you have considered volunteering for a parish ministry, we urge you to take this opportunity to familiarize yourself with the RMSE protocols and guidelines set by the Diocese. Together, we strive to nurture a healthy, accountable, responsible, and safe environment for all parishioners to pray, serve, and worship in confidence.

For all RMSE information and forms please go to: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/responsible-ministry>

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Why do we need the RMSE Policy?**

The Responsible Ministry and Safe Environment (RMSE) Policy is intended to keep everyone in the Diocese safe from misconduct.

### **Does the RMSE Policy apply to everyone in the Diocese?**

The RMSE Policy applies to everyone working for or under the auspices of the Diocese of Victoria: clergy, religious, employees, and volunteers.

### **Why is the Rule of Two important?**

Our goal as a Church is to spread the Good News. The best way to proclaim the Gospel is to live it. Jesus sent his disciples out two-by-two. When we minister in pairs, we are living Jesus' message. And interestingly enough, Jesus' message protects all participants. When two qualified volunteers (the Rule of Two) are present, the risk of abuse and the risk of an allegation are both drastically reduced. Having other adults present protects you from false allegations. God's pastoral practice is good safe environment practice – for everyone!

### **How are volunteers screened under the RMSE Policy?**

Volunteers are screened according to the level of responsibility and risk associated with their position.

### **Who requires a Criminal Record Check?**

All clergy, religious and employees must complete a police criminal record check as part of their screening process. Medium/High risk volunteers must be issued a Clearance Letter from the BC Ministry of Justice, Criminal Record Review Program (CRRP) as part of their screening process. Volunteers apply for their Clearance Letter online. Teachers are approved by CRRP through the Teacher Regulation Branch of the BC Ministry of Education.

### **Is a Criminal Record Check all that is needed for Screening?**

A Criminal Record Check is only part of the overall screening process for clergy, religious, employees, and Medium/High Risk volunteers. The Diocese subscribes to an 8 step safety process that includes a structured screening process comprised of interviewing, checking references, orientation, training, and supervision.

### **Who must complete the Training in the Diocese?**

All clergy, religious, employees, and volunteers must complete the RMSE online training program.

### **I have been volunteering with my parish for 20 years and am trusted by my pastor and the people I serve. Why do I now have to get a criminal record check?**

The Church is a trusting environment, and adults traditionally have not been carefully screened or monitored in its ministries. Now we have come to understand that screening is the first opportunity to prevent abusers from having contact with the children and vulnerable persons we serve. Screening for Medium/High Risk Volunteer positions, which includes the criminal record check, lets applicants know that we take the safety of our parishioners seriously. Screening can only be effective if it is applied consistently to everyone who serves in ministry, whether they are experienced or newcomers.

### **General Information for Volunteers**

- A Criminal Record Check is required for medium- and high-risk volunteer positions only;
- A Criminal Record Check under the Criminal Record Review Program (CRRP) is required at least once every five years and must be completed prior to commencement of volunteer employment with the Diocese, parish, or school.

*The Diocese has contracted an **outside independent In-Take Service Agency** to serve as the first point of contact for all cases of sexual abuse. A trained counsellor will respond to the toll-free number (1-800-968-3146) to provide assistance with the process for reporting abuse claims.*



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