



**Church of the Holy Cross**  
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**25th Apr 2010**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Vocation Sunday**  
 Acts 13, 14. 43-52.  
 Rev 7, 9. 14b-17  
 Jn 10, 27-30.



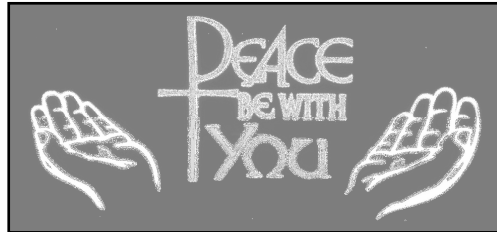
***I Call Them  
 by Their Name.***

It is very reassuring to know that our guide or community leader knows us personally and calls us by our name. It makes us say or think: He knows me and I know him. This calls for deeper trust and loyalty and love. On the Sunday of the Good Shepherd, Jesus himself reminds us how he knows us personally. At the same time the fact we know him too, at least a bit, changes our whole life. For knowing him, we know God. We experience in him God's goodness and care and close presence in everyday life.

**Diocesan Vocation Retreat**

Theme : "I Scared To Lose" (Mk 8:35)  
 Date & Time : 7th May (7:30pm) to 9th May (5pm)  
 Age Group : 18-35 yrs of age  
 Eligibility : Single male Catholic with at least "A" level qualification of equivalent.  
 Registration: Secretariat/ or email seminariansonline@gmail.com  
 Come, discover and discern your life vocation!

**P.A.R.I.S.H Prayer & Formation**  
**Eucharistic Celebration** every Fri night at 8pm .  
 Talks by Fr. Richards entitled  
 "The Beginning of the End"



**Thomas Didymus**  
*Do we doubt to disprove the truth,  
 or we doubt to search for the truth?  
 Why is it difficult for us to believe?  
 Is Jesus truly our Lord and our God?  
 How do we profess this?*

**Parish Home Visitation Programme:**  
 Representatives from the various ministries will be visiting Blocks 401 to 413, Pandan Gardens, Blocks 2 to 30, Teban Gardens this **Tuesday 27 Apr** between 7:45pm and 9:45pm.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC)**  
*For couples intending to get married, the commencement date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2010 MPC Course is on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010.*  
*Allocation of places is on a first-come-first-served basis. Application form is obtainable in the church office and on our website [www.catholic.org.sg/mpc](http://www.catholic.org.sg/mpc) for commencement dates on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters of 2010.*  
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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Weekdays :**  
 Lauds—6:15am Mass—6:30am  
 Vespers—6pm Mass—6:15pm  
*Every Friday, except the 1st, the evening Mass will be celebrated at 8pm at the P.A.R.I.S.H Prayer & Formation Night.*

**Saturday :**  
 Lauds—6:15am Mass—6:30am  
 Novena—4:15pm  
 Sunset Mass—5pm  
 Mandarin—6:30pm

**Sunday :**  
 English—7:30am, 9:30am,  
 11:15am & 5pm

**Public Holiday :**  
 Lauds—7:45am Mass—8am  
 followed by potluck breakfast.

**P.A.R.I.S.H Holy Hour:**  
 Every 1st Friday at 8pm

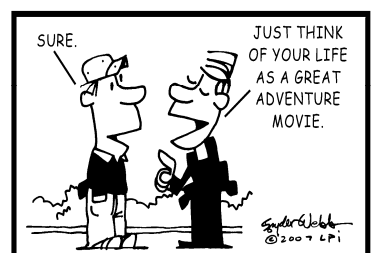
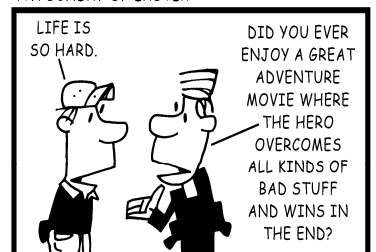
**P.A.R.I.S.H Prayer & Formation :**  
 Every Friday night at 8pm except 1st Friday for Holy Hour

**Infant Baptism:** 1st Sunday of Jan, Easter Sunday, July, Sep & Nov

**Funeral Arrangements:**  
 Please check with the Secretariat and Priests for the availability of Church before making arrangements for Funeral Mass, cremation or burial.

**Wedding :** Please check with the Secretariat for availability of dates.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## **Vocation Sunday-24th April 2010**

### **WHAT IS A CATHOLIC PRIEST?**

What is a Catholic priest? He is a man ordained by Christ to continue the Savior's work of redemption until the end of time. He is therefore a person specially chosen to proclaim the Gospel of salvation and lead the faithful to their final destiny. But he is mainly a person who receives unique powers at ordination to consecrate and sacrifice, and to reconcile a sinful people with their God.

As one who proclaims the Good News, a priest is given the grace not only to teach the truths of revelation but to inspire his hearers to follow what he teaches. As a leader of believers, he is to be the primary former and sustainer of a Christian community.

What makes a Catholic priest most distinctive, however, and by divine will sets him apart from other men is the power that Christ gives him over the Holy Eucharist and over the sins of mankind.

No one but a priest can change bread and wine into the living Christ. At his words of consecration, what had been bread and wine cease to be bread and wine, so that only the appearances remain. What becomes present is Jesus, the Son of God who became the Son of Mary, now on earth in all the fullness of His divinity and humanity, and with all the qualities that make Jesus Christ who He is.

No one but a priest can offer the Sacrifice of the Mass, in which the same Jesus who surrendered Himself on Calvary now offers Himself in the Mass, through the hands of His priest.

No one but a priest can absolve sinners and restore them to friendship with the Creator whom they have offended.

No wonder the Church is so concerned that priests remain faithful to their high calling. In God's ordinary providence, their perseverance is a condition for the perseverance of the faithful. "

But perseverance in the priesthood is impossible without the grace of God, made available through prayer. Only priests who pray can persevere. The people must also pray, in our day as never before, for the priests of the world. On their fidelity to Christ depends the salvation of more souls than we shall ever know, until eternity.