

# Sacred Heart Cathedral

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 2012

### Mass Intentions

Sat	7:00 pm	People of the Parish	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
	11:30 am	People of the Parish	
Mon	7:15 am	Mary Czapranski RIP	St. Francis de Sales
	9:30 am	Therese Gobeil Int	
Tues	7:15 am	Raul Borges RIP	Conversion of St. Paul
	9:30 am	Simon Cheung RIP	
Wed	7:15 am	Ron Aboussafy RIP	St. Timothy & St. Titus
	9:30 am	Bill Fowkes RIP	
Thurs	7:15 am	Evelina Cuschizza Int	
	9:30 am	Jacob Mate Int	
Fri	7:15 am	Mike Bruno Int	
	9:30 am	John Raymond Lester RIP	
Sat	7:15 am	Dennis Twerdun RIP	St. Thomas Aquinas
	7:00 pm	People of the Parish	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
	11:30 am	People of the Parish	
	6:00 pm	People of the Parish	

**We ask you to remember in your prayers:** *Maria Borges, Rupert Atzenberger, Ingmar Christianson, Tina Podorieszsch, Mike Hackett, Alex Kleklau, Laureen Storry, Angela Howe, Teresa Bruno, Mr. Campos, Gus Stankoven, Nadia Anselmo, Lucille Volk, Mary Abate, Olivera Lambeta, Lionel Borges, Tyson McLean, Veronica (Elsa) Cruz, Vivian Barrie, Alex Schuetz, Antonio Iadarola, Marcus, Moira Gadon, Lois Gagne, Bryce Kowalsky, Marty Beitel, Jen Condon, Thomas Sloney, Shipa Sultana, Gabrielle Cox, Patricia Szafranski, Cindy Heslop, Paulette Guillou, Roman, Hailey, Maddison, Luke Kernan, Sergio Bezze, Sheila Bedard, Bernard Dupre, and Leroy Wells. May the Lord comfort them in their time of need and bless those who care for them.*

Mass will be celebrated at the Delta Hotel in Sun Peaks every Saturday at 4 pm during the ski season.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE ONCE AGAIN CARRYING OUT THE BABY SHOWER FOR THE KAMLOOPS PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE. The items being sought this year are as follows: infant diapers/ pampers; infant formula, and wipes. For mothers, we are asking for picture frames, hand soap, hand cream and candles. If you could let us know what the estimated value is, we would appreciate it. The program is also being carried out in Merritt, Chase and the other Catholic Churches in Kamloops.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KAMLOOPS COUNCIL 1614 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>. Mass will start at 6:00 pm and Supper at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Tickets are \$25 each. Only 75 tickets are available, so get them soon! Contact Mark at 250-372-0906 or email at [mmweiller78@gmail.com](mailto:mmweiller78@gmail.com)

CPPS MISSION PROJECTS "WINDMILLS, WELLS AND WATER" 2012 On Saturday, February 25, 2012, CPPS Mission Projects will host its 10th annual "Windmills, Wells and Water" fundraising dinner at Thompson Rivers University Grand Hall. Tickets are \$80 per person with all proceeds going to the mission projects operated by the Precious Blood Missionaries in Tanzania, East Africa. Tickets can be purchased with monthly payments or in one full payment. For tickets please contact Anna or Lloyd 250-579-8888 or Frank, 250-314-1429. This event will also serve as a send off celebration for the fifth group of students and chaperones who will be traveling to Tanzania summer 2012. **Please note: DO NOT make out cheques for the Tanzania project to Sacred Heart Cathedral.**

### Adoration

Holy Hour Monday to Friday  
 7:45 to 9:15 am  
 Adoration all day Wed  
 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

### Adult Education

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

### Bible Study

Thursdays at 8:00 pm

### Bible Timeline Study

Friday mornings 10:15 am

### Children's Liturgy

Sundays at 8:30 and 11:30  
 When Leaders are available

### Confession Times

Saturday 4:00 – 5:00 pm  
 Sunday 5:30 – 6:00 pm  
 Wednesday 5:15-5:35 pm

### Divine Mercy

Fridays at 3:00 pm (10-Minute Devotion)

### Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

### First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart

during the morning Holy Hour at 8:15 am

### First Saturday Devotions

We will pray the Rosary in honour of Mary at  
 9:00 am with a Mass at 9:30 am

On the second Friday of each month we have  
 a **Rosary for the victims of human  
 trafficking** at 7:00 pm.

### Catholic Women's League

General Mtg 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month  
 Exec Mtg, last Monday of Month  
 7:00 pm Sept – May

### Knights of Columbus Gen. Mtg

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Month  
 Exec Mtg 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month  
 7:00 pm Sept – June

### Legion of Mary Meeting

Wednesdays 1:00 pm

### Little Flower Society

Second Wednesday of month 7:00

### Rosary Making

Thursdays 1 – 3 pm

### Young Adult Program

Sundays 7:15 – 8:30 pm  
 For more information please call  
 Adele, 250-376-3351 or email  
[kamloopseva@gmail.com](mailto:kamloopseva@gmail.com)

**CWL WORKSHOP "TAKE THAT SEAT"** January 21, 2012 at the OLPH Parish Centre following the 9:00 a.m. mass. The workshop will be facilitated by Lucille Wallace, Diocesan CWL President, and Doreen Gowans, BC and Yukon CWL Organization Chair. Bring a bag lunch. This is open to all members in the Diocese. Workshop is to end at 2:00 p.m. For further information call: Lucille at 250-372-0117 or Doreen at 250-376-3919.

**CWL MEMBERSHIP:** Fees for 2012 had been increased to \$30.00. Unfortunately the envelopes did not show the increase. If you have paid the \$23.00, there are specially designated envelopes provided at the entrances to the church - for the additional \$7.00 (or the full membership) for your convenience. They can be dropped off in the Sunday collection or at the rectory office. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**LAY ENRICHMENT "BUILDING A CULTURE OF LOVE AND PEACE"** February 3 – 5 with Sr. Tarcie, Sr. Maria and Sr. Analisa, SFIC. Registration form on the website [www.rcdk.org](http://www.rcdk.org)

**MARK MALLET FRIDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL 7:00 - 9:00 pm** *Encounter with Jesus* Adoration, music and an inspirational message led by Canadian Catholic singer/songwriter Mark Mallett 7:15pm — **Music CD's, books, etc. available for purchase afterwards— A free will offering will be taken up in support of Mark's ministry.**

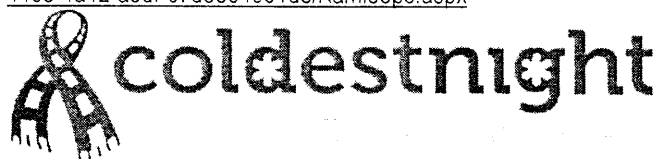
**The Bible is Not Just any Story—It is Your Story. Discover How To Read It.** Discover God's plan for your life as you discover his amazing story in The Bible Timeline. In this study, you will discover the "big picture" of the biblical story as it is presented in specific books of the Bible. Join us and learn the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible. Perhaps for the first time in your life, you will understand the overview of the Bible story. This then makes your Bible reading and even the Sunday mass readings come alive like never before. The Bible Timeline study on DVD with speaker Jeff Cavins will be offered at Sacred Heart Cathedral beginning Friday Jan 6. The sessions will be held in the parish boardroom from 10:15am until noon. To learn more, call Adele, 250-376-3351.

**CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT FAITH COMMUNITY EVENTS –** Sunday at 7:15pm The DVD series being presented is Freedom to Love and is facilitated by Adele Huculak. For more information email [kamloopscya@gmail.com](mailto:kamloopscya@gmail.com)

**CONFIRMATION RALLY FEBRUARY 25, 2012:** This event is meant to foster and deepen your child's relationship with Christ. It is in the sacrament of Confirmation, along with all other sacraments in our Catholic faith that we encounter Christ on a very personal level. Bishop David Monroe will celebrate morning Mass at 9 am at OLPH parish and will speak to the young people about Confirmation. Young adults will share testimonies, lead games and present skits to your children. There will be a time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to complete our day, which will end at approximately 3:30 pm. It is expected to be a tremendous day full of fun, faith and sharing. We are pleased to share in this exciting time for your child and look forward to seeing his or her participation in the life of the church in the future. Confirmation is not graduation from the faith; it is only the beginning of living a deeper faith. See your child's confirmation teacher for registration details.

**ONE TO ONE CHILDREN'S LITERACY PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Do you love to Read? Do you like working with Children? Volunteer Today! 2012 Tutor Training Dates (choose ONE only): Monday, January 23, 2012: 9:00am- Noon, Henry Grube Education Centre OR Wednesday, February 15, 2012: 6:00pm - 9:00pm., Henry Grube Education Centre – 245 Kitchener Crescent. FMI, or to register, please contact: Mrs. Jeanette MacKenzie 250-372-1982 [jmackenzie58@shaw.ca](mailto:jmackenzie58@shaw.ca) or Mrs. Cheryl Gagliano 250-376-0612 [rcmg@telus.net](mailto:rcmg@telus.net)

**"WALK FOR MEMORIES" FUNDRAISER FOR ALZHEIMER DISEASE AND DEMENTIA.** You can make a difference in the lives of British Columbians living with dementia! Together, we hold the key to helping people reduce their risk of developing the disease and supporting those who have been impacted by a diagnosis until there is a cure. The Walk for Memories will take place at T.C.C. Indoor Track 910 McGill Road 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Registration: 9:30 a.m.) on January 29, 2012. For more information, call: 250-377-8200 or 1-800-667-3742 or go to <http://www.alzheimerbc.org/getdoc/603e56c7-446e-4a42-a5df-67d3e64991de/Kamloops.aspx>



**ON FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2012, NEW LIFE MISSION (NLM) IS HOSTING THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR,** a 5 & 10km walk in support of NLM's work with the hungry, addicted, homeless and hurting in Kamloops. February is a challenging month for the people we serve, and it's also one of the quietest months for financial support. So, we are looking for some toque-wearing, cold-loving friends to join us on February 25th! Our goal? \$25,000! How will we do it? We are looking for 25 Team Captains who can recruit 6-9 friends to join their team, walk with them on February 25th and raise a minimum of \$2000 as a team. (Note: the average walker raises \$250) The bonus for you? Besides getting this warm, tingly feeling in your heart for being so nice, you'll also get one of our famous "Coldest Night of the Year" toques! Please consider joining the walk yourself or putting a team together for the event. To join the walk as an individual, please add your name and support to the New Life Mission team that is open to all. Visit the following link to join or sponsor the team <http://my.e2rm.com/TeamPage.aspx?EventID=85105&LangPref=en-CA&TeamID=266844> For more information contact Kelly Row Executive Director New Life Mission Box 712 Kamloops, B.C. V2C 4C3 Phone: 250.372.9898 ext. 24 Email: [kelly.row@newlifemission.ca](mailto:kelly.row@newlifemission.ca) Website: [www.newlifemission.ca](http://www.newlifemission.ca) Fax: 250.372.1373. The Coldest Night of the Year website is up and running. <http://coldestnightoftheyear.org/home>

**FATIMA PILGRIMAGE IN APRIL 2013** Join Fr. Peter Nguyen as he hosts a pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona on April 14 – 23, 2013. Mark your calendars for March 7, 2012 to meet with Tom MacLean from Collette Vacations for a presentation of this pilgrimage. For further information, please contact Perdita at Thomas Cook Travelwise, Kamloops at 250-851-0211 or the OLPH office at 250-376-5541.

**Catholic Schools Week** begins on February 5<sup>th</sup>. At the 8:30 Mass the Grade 2 and 7 students from St. Ann's Academy will do all the readings and be actively involved in the Mass. Mark your calendars!

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN FATHER NELSON SANTOS, CSSR, PASTOR OF ST. MARY'S PARISH IN CHILLIWACK ON A WONDERFUL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND FROM OCTOBER 11TH TO THE 23RD, 2012.** There will be a meeting for all those interested at St. Mary's on February 26 at 12:30 p.m. Please contact Susan Kotnik at [susankotnik@gmail.com](mailto:susankotnik@gmail.com) or phone 604-465-6911 to receive a brochure and for more information.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY Rio 2013 - <http://en.rio2013.com/>** The Canadian Bishops have established an age requirement for the next World Youth Day and we will adhere to that age requirement without exception. **The age requirement will be 17 years old.** This means that the young person must be 17 at the time of World Youth Day in Rio, July 23 -28, 2013. Due to the complexities of Brazil no one under the age of 17 should apply for World Youth Day 2013 in Rio. I rely on your assistance and vigilance in respecting this requirement. Further to this age requirement anyone who is not 18 by June 1, 2013 must have a parent as a guardian to travel with the diocesan group to Rio.

**CERTIFIED EDUCATION ASSISTANT (PART-TIME): ST. ANN'S ACADEMY** requires a qualified CEA to support the work of the High School Learning Center: A diploma or certificate in special education are the minimal educational credentials required to apply for this position. Experience assisting students with a broad spectrum of special needs would be greatly valued. As a Catholic Independent School the teachings of the Catholic faith are integrated into every aspect of the school and therefore candidates who actively practice their faith are highly valued. For further information about this posting please contact Shawn Chisholm: [principal@stannsacademy.bc.ca](mailto:principal@stannsacademy.bc.ca) To express your interest in this position please contact Kelly Tries at the Superintendent's Office: [ciskdschools@telus.net](mailto:ciskdschools@telus.net) The deadline for expressing interest in this posting is January 30, 2012. Only those candidates chosen for interviews will be contacted.

**QUALIFIED APPLICANTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR THE POSITION OF PRINCIPAL AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SCHOOL, KAMLOOPS.** This is a full time (1.0 FTE) position composed of school administration duties and some classroom teaching time. The school enrolls approximately 160 students from Kindergarten to Grade Seven. Applicants must hold a valid teaching certificate or be eligible for B.C. certification. Preference will be given to candidates who possess: Commitment to Catholic Education (include your personal philosophy of Catholic Education, Active membership in a Catholic parish community, Successful administrative experience, preferably in a Catholic Independent School in British Columbia, Master's degree in school administration or applicable area of study. Applicants interested in this position must complete a C.I.S.K.D. Principal Application Package. This package may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent of Schools, Kelly Tries, at [schools@ciskd.com](mailto:schools@ciskd.com) Please note that only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. This internal posting will close on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

**VOCATION LIVE-IN ON THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 3 - 5** for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604.826.8715.

**ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 04, 2012, THERE WILL BE A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE CANCER BUS.** The Cancer Bus is a free service for cancer patients who require radiation treatment at the B.C. Cancer Centre in Kelowna. The concert will start at 7 p.m. at the

Calvary Community Church, 1205 Rogers Way, Kamloops; B.C. Performances will include hand bells, piano, flute, trumpet, violin, and brass. Admission is by donation.



**THE CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF BC WILL BE AWARDING TWO BURSARIES VALUED AT \$250 EACH TO TWO 2012 GRADUATING STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, OR WHO ARE A MEMBER OF A BC OR YUKON PARISH AND ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, OR WHO ARE HOME-SCHOOLED.** Students are asked to submit a 500 word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Submissions must be received on or before March 9th, 2012. For further details, please check the CHABC website at [www.chabc.bc.ca](http://www.chabc.bc.ca) under upcoming events.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE DIOCESAN BURSARIES:** \$500 awarded to a CWL member who wishes to on go further training. Application deadline is March 15th Details at [www.cwl.bc.ca](http://www.cwl.bc.ca)  
**MOLLY BOUCHER PROVINCIAL BURSARY:** \$500. Applicant must have been an active member for two years. Deadline: March 31. Details at [www.cwl.bc.ca](http://www.cwl.bc.ca)  
**LIFE MEMBERS ART AND CULTURE AWARD:** \$500. Must be either a member of the CWL or related to a CWL member. Deadline: Mar. 31. Details at [www.cwl.bc.ca](http://www.cwl.bc.ca)



**THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY IS CELEBRATED AROUND THE WORLD ON JANUARY 18-25, 2012, WHICH ARE ALSO THE DATES RECOMMENDED BY THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS.** The traditional period in the northern hemisphere for the Week of Prayer for Christian

Unity is 18-25 January. Those dates were proposed in 1908 by Paul Wattson to cover the days between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul, and therefore have a symbolic significance. In the southern hemisphere where January is a vacation time churches often find other days to celebrate the week of prayer, for example around Pentecost (suggested by the Faith and Order movement in 1926), which is also a symbolic date for the unity of the church. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. The material for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2012 was prepared by a working group composed of representatives of the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church and Old Catholic and Protestant Churches active in Poland. Following extensive discussions in which the representatives of various ecumenical circles in Poland took part, it was decided to focus on a theme that is concerned with the transformative power of faith in Christ, particularly in relation to our praying for the visible unity of the Church, the Body of Christ. This was based on St. Paul's words to the Corinthian Church which speaks of the temporary nature of our present lives (with all its apparent "victory" and "defeat") in comparison to what we receive through the victory of Christ through the Paschal mystery. **Why such a theme?** The history of Poland has been marked by a series of defeats and victories. We can mention the many times that Poland was invaded, the partitions,

oppression by foreign powers and hostile systems. The constant striving to overcome all enslavement and the desire for freedom are a feature of Polish history which have led to significant changes in the life of the nation. And yet where there is victory there are also losers who do not share the joy and triumph of the winners. This particular history of the Polish nation has led the ecumenical group who have written this year's material to reflect more deeply on what it means to "win" and to "lose", especially given the way in which the language of "victory" is so often understood in triumphalist terms. Yet Christ shows us a very different way!

In 2012 the European Football Championship will be held in Poland and Ukraine. This would never have been possible in years gone by. For many this is a sign of another "national victory" as hundreds of millions of fans eagerly await news of winning teams playing in this part of Europe. Thinking of this example might lead us to consider the plight of those who do not win - not only in sport but in their lives and communities: who will spare a thought for the losers, those who constantly suffer defeats because they are denied victory due to various conditions and circumstances? Rivalry is a permanent feature not only in sport but also in political, business, cultural and, even, church life.

When Jesus' disciples disputed over "who was the greatest" (Mk 9,34) it was clear that this impulse was strong. But Jesus' reaction was very simple: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all" (Mk 9,35). These words speak of victory through mutual service, helping, boosting the self-esteem of those who are "last", forgotten, excluded. For all Christians, the best expression of such humble service is Jesus Christ, His victory through death and His resurrection. It is in His life, action, teaching, suffering, death and resurrection that we desire to seek inspiration for a modern victorious life of faith which expresses itself in social commitment in a spirit of humility, service and faithfulness to the Gospel. And as he awaited the suffering and death that was to come, he prayed that his disciples might be one so that world might believe. This "victory" is only possible through spiritual transformation, conversion. That is why we consider that the theme for our meditations should be those words of the Apostle to the Nations. The point is to achieve a victory which integrates all Christians around the service of God and one's neighbour. As we pray for and strive towards the full visible unity of the church we - and the traditions to which we belong - will be changed, transformed and conformed to the likeness of Christ. The unity for which we pray may require the renewal of forms of Church life with which we are familiar. This is an exciting vision but it may fill us with some fear! The unity for which we pray is not merely a "comfortable" notion of friendliness and co-operation. It requires a willingness to dispense with competition between us. We need to open ourselves to each other, to offer gifts to and receive gifts from one another, so that we might truly enter into the new life in Christ, which is the only true victory. There is room for everyone in God's plan of salvation. Through His death and resurrection, Christ embraces all irrespective of winning or losing, "that whoever believes in him may have eternal life" (Jn 3,15). We too can participate in His victory! It is sufficient to believe in Him, and we will find it easier to overcome evil with good.

**Eight Days reflecting on our change in Christ** Over the coming week we are invited to enter more deeply into our faith that we will all be changed through the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ. The biblical readings, commentaries, prayers and questions for reflection, all explore different aspects of what this means for the lives of Christians and their unity with one another, in and for today's world. We begin by contemplating the Christ who serves, and our journey takes us to the final celebration of Christ's reign, by way of His cross and resurrection:

**Day One:** Changed by the Servant Christ

*The Son of Man came to serve* (cf. Mk 10:45) On this day we encounter Jesus, on the road to victory through service. We see him as the "one who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life, a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). Consequently, the Church of Jesus Christ is a serving community. The use of our diverse gifts in common service to humanity makes visible our unity in Christ.

**Day Two:** Changed through patient waiting for the Lord

*Let it be so now, for it is proper to fulfil all righteousness* (Mt 3:15)

On this day we concentrate on patient waiting for the Lord. To achieve any change, perseverance and patience are needed. Prayer to God for any kind of transformation is also an act of faith and trust in his promises. Such waiting for the Lord is essential for all who pray for the visible unity of the church this week. All ecumenical activities require time, mutual attention and joint action. We are all called to co-operate with the work of the Spirit in uniting Christians.

**Day Three:** Changed by the Suffering Servant

*Christ suffered for us* (cf. 1 Pt 2:21) This day calls us to reflect on the suffering of Christ. Following Christ the Suffering Servant, Christians are called to solidarity with all who suffer. The closer we come to the cross of Christ the closer we come to one another.

**Day Four:** Changed by the Lord's Victory over Evil

*Overcome evil with good* (Rom 12:21) This day takes us deeper into the struggles against evil. Victory in Christ is an overcoming of all that damages God's creation, and keeps us apart from one another.

In Jesus we are called to share in this new life, struggling with him against what is wrong in our world, with renewed confidence and with a delight in what is good. In our divisions we cannot be strong enough to overcome evil in our times.

**Day Five:** Changed by the peace of the Risen Lord

*Jesus stood among them and said: Peace be with you!* (Jn 20:19)

Today we celebrate the peace of the Risen Lord. The Risen One is the great Victor over death and the world of darkness. He unites His disciples, who were paralysed with fear. He opens up before us new prospects of life and of acting for His coming kingdom. The Risen Lord unites and strengthens all believers. Peace and unity are the hallmarks of our transformation in the resurrection.

**Day Six:** Changed by God's Steadfast Love

*This is the victory, our faith* (cf. 1 Jn 5:4) On this day we concentrate our attention on God's steadfast love. The Paschal Mystery reveals this steadfast love, and calls us to a new way of faith. This faith overcomes fear and opens our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Such faith calls us to friendship with Christ, and so to one another.

**Day Seven:** Changed by the Good Shepherd

*Feed my sheep* (Jn 21:19) On this day the Bible texts show us the Lord strengthening His flock. Following the Good Shepherd, we are called to strengthen each other in the Lord, and to support and fortify the weak and the lost. There is one Shepherd, and we are his people.

**Day Eight:** United in the Reign of Christ

*To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne*

(Rv 3:21) On this last day of our week of prayer for Christian Unity we celebrate the Reign of Christ. Christ's victory enables us to look into the future with hope. This victory overcomes all that keeps us from sharing fullness of life with him and with each other. Christians know that unity among us is above all a gift of God. It is a share in Christ's glorious victory over all that divides.

**We encourage you this week, and throughout the year to include in your prayers a prayer for Christian Unity. Resources may be found on the Vatican Website at**

[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/pontifical\\_councils/chrstuni/weeks-prayer-doc/rc\\_pc\\_chrstuni\\_doc\\_20110414\\_week-prayer-2012\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/chrstuni/weeks-prayer-doc/rc_pc_chrstuni_doc_20110414_week-prayer-2012_en.html)