

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2017

When we have gone astray, our Good Shepherd brings us home. Let us rejoice and be glad in him.

"Mother's Day is traditionally Rose Sunday and the Knights of Columbus will be at the back of the church distributing roses after Masses on the 13th and 14th May. Donations will be used for Pro-Life causes"

Parish Pastoral Council - Nominations Open Until May 19th

Nominations are now open for representatives to sit on our Parish Pastoral Council. Pastoral Council is an advisory body that provides advice and support to our pastor while outlining concerns of parishioners. Members humbly and prayerfully seek God's will for our parish, and work hard supporting parishioners and parish ministries to carry out His mission.

Do you feel called to serve your parish in this manner? Do you know of someone who you feel would make a humble, responsible representative as we seek God's will for our parish? Nominations will be open until May 19th, and elections will take place on June 10th and 11th.

More information can be found on the Nomination Forms in the Gathering Space.

CWL The CWL is interested in sponsoring one or two youth in the parish to participate in the youth conference to be held in Ottawa at the March for Life event. The conference will be held May 12th 8 am-3 PM and features dynamic speakers and intensive workshops designed to arm young people with expert knowledge, and the necessary communications strategies to go back into their communities, advocating pro-life philosophies. Youth interested to attend must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact Rose Dugandzic for more information or to express interest in participating. 613-834-7248 (Check website: www.marchforlife.ca)

CWL - "Please join us for a prayer service for our sick, and caregivers to be held on Thursday May, 11 6:30- 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls all people of faith to join nationwide in 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on May 11, during the National Hospice Palliative Care Week (May 7-13) as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life."

Legion of Mary Spring Retreat

The Legion of Mary is hosting a silent retreat for men and women at La Maison de la Providence in Orleans from Friday May 26th to Sunday May 28th 2017. Father Mark Slatter will be the retreat master and the theme is *The Holy Spirit*. REGISTRATION FEE: \$235.00 for two nights lodging, five meals, Daily Mass and three conferences. Please call Angela Beimers at 613-829-0320 for more information and to register.

Offering for April 23, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3864.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	<u>\$ 1125.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 7619.00

Our financial requirements are approx. **\$8,000** per week to support our approx. **\$2,000** a week mortgage payment.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S CORNER

This fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as "Good Shepherd" Sunday, in acknowledgment of our belief that the risen Christ is our shepherd, who leads us in 'right paths', who guides and defends us on the way, and who restores our soul. It is also our parish feast day, we who are The Good Shepherd parish.

The Good Shepherd continues to lead us today through the auspices of the Church - of which we are the local expression - His Body in the world, of which we all, throughout the world, are members.

On this feast day vocations are stressed, as an expression of the way in which the Good Shepherd continues to speak and act, and make his message, his Good News, known to all. I have often told my vocation story on this day. It's good to hear other people's stories, because they often mirror our own in some ways, and help clarify our own path. But it's even better when we express our own story, because by speaking it we can begin to see the links in the chain of events that have led us to where we are today, which would otherwise remain unclear to us. As well, by expressing ourselves our story becomes part of a larger story, a communal story, where God's will is manifested, and which we share with each other, all of us called to our own particular vocation. A vocation is given by the Lord not only for the individual but for the good and the upbuilding of the whole community.

So, I would ask you to share your vocation story with someone this weekend. Don't say, "I don't have a vocation", because then you would be lying and you'd have to come to confession. Every Christian receives a vocation at Baptism. All receive the primary vocation of the Christian to love God and neighbour as self, and to proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection where one is, but God also calls each of us to a particular way of life in which we are built up in our faith and in which we receive the grace to grow in our love for God and His children. The sharing of your story may be just the thing someone who is unsure of their own vocation may need to hear. This may be especially true for a young person faced with a plethora of choices and little time to make one.

It is the Good Shepherd who leads us through this life to house of the Father. The way may be filled with dangers and unexpected events, but he guards and defends us if we hear his voice and respond to it by following him. The voice of strangers is our self-will, our desire to live the life we choose, to seek worldly security and satisfaction, avoiding the challenges the Lord puts before us for our spiritual growth and well-being. The 'thieves' are the attractions of the world, the desires of our fallen nature, or conformity to social norms and values that purport to tell us what it is that makes for a good life.

Let us ignore these voices and heed only the voice of the Good Shepherd who calls us, each to his own place and time, each to her own vocation, to the fullness of life in Him, to participate with Him in the redemption of the world.

As John Henry Newman once wrote: "God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have a mission. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good - I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place. Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever I am, I can never be thrown away; if I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He has not made me in vain." God bless you all in your vocation. Amen

INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 6 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Mass of Special Intention

5:00 For Our Parishioners

Sunday, May 7 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am †Vincenza Rolland req by the family

†Michael Moreau req by the family

Intention of Mr. & Mrs Shroff req by the Pittson family

Intention of Nicholas & Theresa Pittson req by the family

Thanksgiving to St. Vincent req by the Pittson family

Thanksgiving mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe req by the Pittson family

11:15 am †Siegfried Franz Joseph Randolph req by Caroline Brisson

†Pauline & Nicholas Troy req by the Snell family

McKenna family req by the family

Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

Monday, May 8 – Fourth Monday of Easter

9:00 am †Jackie Roach req by Willy Algan

Tuesday, May 9 – Fourth Tuesday of Easter

9:00 am †Patrick Dowsley and a mass of Special Intentions

Thursday, May 11 – Fourth Thursday of Easter

9:00 am †Intentions of Peter John Baptiste Francois req by Willy Algan

Friday, May 12 – Fourth Friday of Easter

9:00 am †Teresa D'Souza req by Carmen D'Souza

Saturday, May 13– Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm †Leonidas & Carmelina Ropero req by the family

†Jim Weber req by Bob & Joan Dunn

†Ron Cotton req by Mary & Karl

†Jackie Roach req by David Roach

Mass of Thanksgiving and Souls in Purgatory req by Mike & Magda Baillot

Mass of Special Intentions req by a Parishioner

Deceased members of the Pereira family

Sunday, May 14 –Fifth Sunday of Easter

†Ophalie Pascal req by Agatha Constance

†Angelina Di Iorio req by Mario & Lucy Lalli and family

†Clara Constance req by Knowlton Constance

Intention of Antomina Pittson, Arputhanary & Pachiam Jacob req by the Pittson family

Thanksgiving Mass to St. Vincent req by the Pittson family

11:15 am For Our Parishioners

Please pray for our sick; Larry Clow, Bob & Francine Davidson, Bonnie Lehman, Elsie & Steve Stadler, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Dorothy Dillon and John MacDonald.

Please pray for our deceased, that they may be received into God's love.

PRO LIFE CORNER

Baby bottles in support of the Miriam Centre should be returned to the church as soon as possible so that much needed financial support can be delivered to the centre. Thanks to all who have already given generously to the centre. Miriam centre staff work tirelessly to help struggling families who are often in dire need of emotional and tangible support.

National March for Life takes place on Thursday 11 May. Please support this public display that supports the dignity of every human life. Visit

<http://marchforlife.ca/> for details of the many events taking place from

Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th May. Brochures are available in the Vestibule of the Church.