

**Feast of the Anniversary of the
Dedication of Good Shepherd
Church
July 16, 2017**

*The word of God is like a seed planted in us. We await the
bountiful harvest.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – The 7th annual VBS will take place on **August 14th - 18th from 9:00 am until 12 pm**. It's a summer camp with fantastic and fun activities for children and youth entering into grades between SK and 7 (or conversely, coming out of grades between JK and 6. The cost of the camp \$70 for this first child and \$10 for each additional child not to exceed \$90 per family. Registration forms can be found on the book shelf in the gathering space.

MISSION APPEAL – Fr. Paschal Izengo., from the Archdiocese of Mwanza, Tanzania, East Africa will be in our parish the weekend of **July 29/30** to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will preach at all the Masses and will make an appeal on behalf of the Archdiocese of Tanzania

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH SEEKING PART-TIME YOUTH MINISTER: To start in August 2017. The parish will receive applications until July 7; please forward your resume to charityc564@gmail.com. No phone calls please. We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Good Shepherd Parish Bible Study. The Fall session, beginning the week of September 18, 2017, for 10 weeks, will study the Gospel According to Mark. The course, using materials prepared by Little Rock Scripture Study, is offered twice a week - Monday evening or Wednesday morning. Application forms can be found on the bookshelf at the back of the church. Please apply by August 18, 2017. For further information contact gsbiblestudy@rogers.com

GUIDED TOURS OF NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL - JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2017: This year, there will be free guided tours of the cathedral during the summer months. Further info: (<http://www.notredameottawa.com/guided-tours-2017>).

OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM: Basic Training course: **Mon. Sept. 18 – Mon. Nov. 27**. Advanced Course: **Tues. Oct. 3- Tues, Oct. 24**. Continuing Education: “Beneath the Cry for Help: Pastoral Care and Suicidality” **Tues. Nov. 7**. Info: Verna Nuttall (verna@storm.ca) or (www.ottawapastoralcare.com)

Offering for July 9, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2904.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	<u>\$ 978.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 6542.00

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

Reflection by Fr. Shroff

“My house shall be called a House of Prayer.” These words from Chapter 21 of St. Matthew’s Gospel are appropriate to meditate upon on this day as we celebrate the anniversary of the dedication or consecration of Good Shepherd Church. Nineteen years ago, on July 19, 1998, our church was consecrated by a very special ceremony known as the *Rite of Dedication of a New Church*. This ceremony consists of traditions and rituals that are very ancient, and whose purpose is to highlight the primary goal or end for which a church is built. A church is always built primarily for the glory of God, so that Christ’s faithful may render to God worship and adoration that is fitting and just. A church is first of all a House of Prayer, and today’s Gospel shows us how zealous Our Lord was to maintain the primacy of prayer in the House of God. As He entered into the Temple of Jerusalem, He saw people using the Temple for purposes that were unworthy of the sacred place that it was. Commerce and socialization became primary focuses of the people, and they forgot that the Temple was built for something much greater than personal profit or gain.

The Temple of Jerusalem was built to offer up sacrifices to God. In the New Testament, these animal sacrifices would no longer be required because the true Lamb of God would offer up His own life as the once-and-for-all Sacrifice that would be pleasing to God the Father. This eternal Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross would be represented sacramentally, day after day until the return of Christ in glory, through the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist. Thus, over the 2000-year history of Christianity, all churches around the world would be built with one primary objective in mind: to be Houses of God where the Eucharistic Sacrifice would be offered in a fitting and appropriate manner. The Mass, then, is the reason for which we build our churches, which is why the Altar always has a place of primacy in our church buildings; it is on the Altar that the Sacrifice of Jesus is renewed each and every time that Holy Mass is offered. And next to the Altar, there is nothing more holy than the Tabernacle, the place where the Real Presence of Christ dwells with His people day and night, unceasingly. All other functions within the church are secondary. All other functions and purposes are to be ordered towards the Eucharistic Sacrifice and the Real Presence.

On this feast of the Dedication of Good Shepherd Church, let us give thanks to God for having given us a home in which the Holy Mass is offered daily. May our church building truly be above all a House of Prayer where Christ is worshipped and adored by His holy people.

INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 15 – Fifteenth Sunday on Ordinary Time

5:00 pm †Guenter Andrews req by John Tadiello
†Lucia Toussaint req by Luzette
Intention of Bob Dunn req by the family
Intention of Daniel Mulye and a mass of Thanksgiving
req by Mom & Dad
Deceased members of the Pereira family

Sunday, July 16 – Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of Good Shepherd Church

9:00 am For Our Parishioners
11:15 am †Ophalie Pascal req by Agatha Constance
†Eugène & Fleurida Prevost req by Chantal Prevost

Monday, July 17 – Fifteenth Monday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory req by a Parishioner

Tuesday, July 18 – Fifteenth Tuesday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory req by a Parishioner

Thursday, July 20 – Fifteenth Thursday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Special Intentions req by a Parishioner

Friday, July 21 – Fifteenth Friday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Special Intentions req by a Parishioner

Saturday, July 22– Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm †Guenter Andrews req by Aline Young
†Eduardo Layug Jr. req by Marilou Storie & family
Deceased members of the CWL

Sunday, July 23 –Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For Our Parishioners
11:15 am †Leonard Hall req by Jean Hall

Please pray for our sick; Joe MacDonell, Rose Dugandzic, Jean-Ella Lemire, Lorna Kennedy, 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.

ALL NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF

FATIMA: For Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Maurice Parish, **Thurs. Sept. 7 11:00 p.m.- Fri. Sept. 8 6:00 a.m.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 a.m. **Contact:** Shirley & George Nedoborski, 613-225-6529, george@nedoborski.com

PRO LIFE CORNER

In a recent Gospel we heard, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Let us pray that when an in the midst of an unplanned pregnancy or enduring end of life suffering that these heavy burdens will be taken to God our Father Almighty Who is gentle and humble of heart and promises to give rest to souls. If you or someone you know is pregnant and needs support, confidential help is available. www.stmaryshome.com
www.miriamottawa.org 613-830-8623 www.birthright-ottawa.org or visit: www.abortionincanada.ca www.adoptionincanada.ca or contact the parish office.