

Anniversary of the Dedication of Good Shepherd Church

July 22, 2018

God gathers us here with Christ our shepherd to give us courage, and to spread the Eucharistic banquet before us to give us hope.

Sacristans Urgently Required – The Sacristan prepares and puts away the sacred vessels, linens, vestments and other items required for each Mass. We require Sacristans for weekday and/or weekend Masses and will provide the necessary training. Please contact Donna Dunham at addunham@rogers.com or speak to Fr. Shroff to let him know you are interested.

MISSION APPEAL – Fr. Orlando Mendoza., from the Diocese of Virac, Philippines will be in our parish the weekend of **August 4/5** to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will preach at all the Masses and will make an appeal on behalf of the Diocese of Virac.

Good Shepherd Parish Bible Study. The Fall session, beginning the week of September 10, 2018, for 10 weeks, will study "Women in the Old Testament". The course, using materials prepared by Little Rock Scripture Study, is offered 3 times a week - Monday evening, Wednesday morning and Wednesday afternoon. Application forms can be found on the bookshelf at the back of the church. Please apply by August 3, 2018. For further information contact gsbiblestudy@rogers.com

The parish is looking for someone to assume the responsibility as the pro-life representative. If you feel God might be calling you to assume this position please contact the parish office for information.

LOL - Thanks to everyone who has participated in our Ladies on Lunch initiative. Our next gathering will be the third Wednesday in September, the 19th, at 11:30 am. The luncheons are an excellent opportunity to meet each other in an informal gathering and ladies of all ages are welcome. We hope you'll mark the date on your calendar and look for more details in September's bulletin.

The Descalced Carmelite Secular Order under the patronage of Our Lady of Mount Carmel offers a lay vocation to the faithful. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of Spirituality, teaches us how to pray. We meet once per month at Holy Spirit Church, 1187 Michael St. Ottawa. For more information, please contact Carmel Farmer at 819-420-4125.

Commemorating the Faithful Departed in the Archdiocesan Cemeteries : At Notre-Dame Cemetery **Sun., Sep. 9, 2:30 p.m.** celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast. At Hope Cemetery **Sun., Sep. 23, 2:30 p.m.**, celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast. Info: Notre-Dame (613) 746-4175; Hope (613) 822-1212.

Offering for July 15, 2018

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2314.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	<u>\$ 564.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 5538.00

Fr. Shroff's Corner

Twenty years ago, on July 19, 1998, our church was dedicated and placed under the patronage of Christ the Good Shepherd. This Sunday we celebrate the anniversary of that dedication. The liturgy of the dedication or consecration of a church sets a building aside primarily for Divine Worship. The Adoration of God is always the primary function of our Catholic churches and chapels. In the Gospel read at this anniversary of dedication, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman at the well: "The hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. The true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" (Jn. 4).

From the very beginnings of Christianity (at least from the beginning of its being legal in the Roman empire), Christians have built churches to the glory of God so that they might worship Him in spirit and in truth. The church building is a place that is sacred, holy, set apart for the cult [worship] of God. It is primarily for the Mass and for the Sacraments that our churches are built.

In traditional Catholic architecture, the structure of a church building was always designed in order to reveal through it deep truths about the Faith. Every church has a nave where the faithful sit; a vestibule or entrance area which is like a buffer zone representing the passage from the world (outside the church building) to the kingdom of God (inside the church). Every church has, as its focus, an Altar and a Tabernacle, usually placed front and centre to show their primary importance in Divine Worship. Churches have a sanctuary in which the latter are usually located. The sanctuary is the most sacred part of a church (like the Holy of Holies in the Jewish temple) and is traditionally separated from the nave (main body) of the church by an Altar or Communion Rail.

Our Catholic churches are also filled with religious art: sacred statues and images that elevate our minds and our hearts to Christ, to the Blessed Virgin, and to the Angels and Saints who are the friends of God. The Holy Eucharist or Mass is also known as the Divine Liturgy, for it is called to mirror or imitate the act of Divine Worship that the Angels and Saints are engaged in right now and for all eternity around the eternal Throne of God in Heaven. Traditionally, Catholic churches have expressed their worship of God through sacred music. From the early centuries of Christianity, that sacred music was expressed in the Roman Rite through Gregorian Chant (also known as plainchant, which the Second Vatican Council says belongs in the most appropriate way to the Roman Rite and is to be preserved and transmitted from one generation to the next.

All of these signs that we have in Catholic Worship (sacred architecture, art, music, and of course the readings of Sacred Scripture as the written Word of God) are meant to lift up our hearts and our souls to God as we come together on the Lord's Day to worship and adore Him in spirit and in truth in the House of God.

Let us therefore give thanks to God as we celebrate with great joy the 20th anniversary of the dedication of Good Shepherd Church. May our church grow in its vocation of being the a House of Prayer and Worship. May our church be a place of sacred silence that fosters a spirit of recollection and communion with God. And may Christ, the true Good Shepherd, continue to shower His blessings upon our community and our families always.

Have a very blessed 20th anniversary of the dedication of our church!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 21 – Anniversary of the Dedication of Good Shepherd Church (Anticipated Vigil Mass)

5:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Sunday, July 22 – Anniversary of the Dedication of Good Shepherd Church

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

11:15 am †Leonard Hall req by Jean Hall

†Lynn Cochrane req by Joe Byrnes

†Joe MacDonald req by Alan & Joanne White

†Monbelaire Richemond req by Luzette

†Brunelle Guillaume req by Luzette

†Paul Casey req by George & Fern Casey Thomson

The intentions of Father Shroff req by a Parishioner

Monday, July 23 – 16th Monday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Mvuemba Felix req by Hortense

The intentions of Suzanne Milburn req by Carmen

D'Souza

Tuesday, July 24 – 16th Tuesday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am The intentions of Mathew on his Birthday req by the family

Thursday, July 26 – Feast, St. Anne and St. Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving for Blessings Received req by Mike & Magda Baillot

Friday, July 27 – 16th Friday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am In loving memory of Jack, Peg, Joe & Sylvie

Saturday, July 28 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Anticipated Vigil Mass)

5:00 pm †John MacDonald and the intentions of Jackie MacDonald req by Errol & Maureen Kennedy

†Anthony & Joseph and the Souls in Purgatory req by a Parishioner

Deceased members of the Pereira family

Deceased members of the CWL

Sunday, July 29 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Sir Manilal Nanavati req by the family

11:15 am For Our Parishioners

Please pray for our sick; Deacon Dan Careau, Joe MacDonell, Jean Scharf, Romina Andrews, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Monica Rios, Jean-Ella Lemire, Maurice Lemire, and Michael Nortey.

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

PRO LIFE CORNER

Let us pray for those who govern us that they may have the heart and mind of a good shepherd, and keep the protection of human life as their first priority. In today's First Reading, we hear how Israel's kings failed in their responsibility protect the welfare of their people. These shepherds abandoned their ministry and failed to teach the people the true demands of the covenant and the correct practice of their religion. Let us remember that as Catholics, even in the face of opposition, we are mandated to proclaim the Gospel of Life.