

**Twenty Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 10, 2017**

*Love is the fulfillment of the commandments. Let us love
one another as God has loved us.*

CWL meeting will be held **Tuesday September 12 starting with a mass at 7:00 pm** with our meeting to follow after. Please join us as we start our Fall schedule. Membership dues of \$25.00 will be accepted at our meeting, bring cash or cheque.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, GOOD SHEPHERD CONFERENCE Are you 18 years of age or older? Interested in helping others? **SSVP welcomes you to join our monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month.** Mark your calendars and please join fellow parishioners on **Monday, September 11th at 7:30 pm** here in the **Good Shepherd social space**. All are welcome. We are grateful for all prayers and monetary support. All proceeds go directly to help the poor in our Parish. Thank you for your generosity.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Parish enrolment for Levels 1 and 2 of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is open for the Fall 2017-Spring 2018 session. CGS is a Christ-centred program that introduces children to biblical and sacramental themes in a way that embraces their youth, joy and capacity for prayer. CGS sessions take place in a Montessori environment called an atrium, located at the parish. Level 1 is designed for children aged 3, 4 and 5, while Level 2 is for those aged 6, 7, and 8. Level 1 sessions will take place on Thursday OR Saturday mornings, while Level 2 sessions will take place on Thursday evening OR Saturday morning.

Do you have children or grandchildren in this age range whom you'd like to send to this weekly 1.5 hour program which begins after Thanksgiving? Please contact Beth Jaz at [613-590-9741](tel:613-590-9741) or beth.jaz4@gmail.com or Sarah MacDonald-McLean at [613-424-2133](tel:613-424-2133) or smacdo03@gmail.com for additional details on this wonderful program. Registration forms can be found in the gathering space, in the parish office, or on the parish website.

Donation of a Good Used Car Dn. Wayne has become aware of the need for good used car by a member of the clergy of the Archdiocese. In the past Good Shepherd parishioners have kindly donated "gently used" vehicles to those in need. Please contact Dn. Wayne if you may be able to assist in this worthy venture. Contact info is in the Parish Bulletin

Offering for August 27, 2017 & September 3

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 5883.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 5320.00
Loose:	\$ 1082.00
Total Collection:	\$ 12285.00

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

Fr. Greg's Corner

AT the risk of being a bit corny, I'm going to ask you to do something a bit funny when you come into mass this Sunday: look at the person on your right hand side when you have a seat. A quick look will do. You may know this person or you may not; it may be a loved one or it may be a total stranger; whichever it may be, that person is your sister or brother, and as a disciple of Jesus, you are responsible for that person.

,According to God's word, you are responsible to help that person remain on the right path and grow in the knowledge and love of God. If we ignore those around us or don't have the courage to correct them when they stray, then we will share their guilt, as the prophet Ezekiel says. We are intimately connected to our neighbour, whether we acknowledge that fact or not. We are to be one as the Son is one with the Father.

But not only should we feel free to show our concern for others through correction if necessary, but we should also feel free to accept it from others, and that in a spirit of love. As Fr. Scott Lewis says: "A refusal to be challenged and deafness to constructive criticism are signs of spiritual deadness." We need to be willing to listen to one another and see that the good of our neighbour is in fact our own good.

When Jesus speaks in the gospel about correcting a brother or sister who sins against us, he's speaking about this kind of loving correction, about this loving concern for the good of our neighbour, and for the fragile unity of the community. He's not talking about the petty dislikes which inevitably arise among people, and which are usually the result of pride and hurt feelings, of private opinions which are not in keeping with the gospel. I'm quite amazed sometimes by the extent of ill feeling to be seen among those who call themselves Christians. We're to be focused rather on the larger responsibility of helping each other grow in faith, rather than on the selfish desire to remake people in our own image. Some of these responsibilities are mentioned by St. Paul in his letter to the Romans, but they all come down to the same thing: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

Of course we need to be realistic about this. We can't be involved in everybody's life, we can't be spiritual guides to everyone. But at the same time we are all members of one another; in our Baptism we are all intimately connected as God's people. The good of the other, her spiritual well-being should be our deep concern. God bless you. Fr. Greg

PRO-LIFE MASS: To pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa **Sat., Sept. 16, 9:00 a.m.**, Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1758 Alta Vista Dr. Info: Wanda (613-831-2515); (wandawoj@rogers.com).

INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 9– Twenty Third Sunday on Ordinary Time

5:00 pm †Lorna Kennedy req by Laynes & Clara Alphonse
†Victor Downey req by the Kennedy, Makela & Downey families
†Gene & Vivian Lusignan req by Dr. GM Lusignan
†Noeline De Cruz req by the family
Deceased members of the Pereira family

Sunday, September 10 – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For Our Parishioners
11:15 am †Frank Constance req by Knowlton Constance
†Deacon William Svab req by the Brady's
†Bruce McCracken req by Katie & Francis Kenny

Monday, September 11 – Twenty Third Monday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Private Intention

Tuesday, September 12 – Twenty Third Tuesday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Special Intentions

Thursday, September 14 – Feast, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 am †Lawrence Clow req by the McLean family

Friday, September 15 – Memorial, Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 am †Jean Jordan req by the McLean family

Saturday, September 16– Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 †Katie Theresa Lewis req by Laynes & Clara Alphonse
†Alice Downey req by the family
†Leonard Janisse req by the Bhumgara & Janisse families
†Lorna Kennedy req by Jack & Dyann MacDonald
Laurence Cleuroux for healing and family peace

Sunday, September 17 –Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For Our Parishioners
11:15 am †Leonidas & Carmelina Ropero req by the family
†Florenio Agpoon req by Elisa Agpoon
†Denise Thibeau req by Francis & Katie Kenny

Please pray for our sick; Julia Ferguson, Antoinette Tissaaratchy, Joe MacDonell, Rose Dugandzic, Jean-Ella Lemire, Elsie & Steve Stadler, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Prema Raddalgoda, and John MacDonald.

Please pray for our deceased, including Richard Dagenais and that he may be received into God's love.

‘Fatima celebration Sat 14 Oct - Mass at St. Maurice Parish, procession with a pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima, lunch, speakers. For details see Poster in vestibule or call 613-835-4201.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Cape for physically challenged individuals. Departures from St. Georges Parish and The Good Shepherd Parish on Friday 29 Sept, return Sunday 01 Oct. For details call Cheryl Clingaman 613-728-5687

PRO LIFE CORNER

Please pray for the success of the upcoming 40 Days for Life campaign that will take place in Ottawa 27 Sept – 05 Nov. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond. Post Abortion healing retreat takes place Friday 10 - Sunday 12 Nov. For additional information visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or call Lynda or Terry Munroe 613-806-5522 rvr_ottawa@yahoo.ca

The importance of the last moments of life - At the end of life, one is faced with a weak and deteriorating body while at the same time the soul is experiencing a moment of great openness and strength. This mystery of the human person is critical in understanding the end of life.