

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 2017

*Let us bless the Lord, who made heaven and earth, who
pardons our sins and crowns us with compassion.*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION REGISTRATION – The registration for First Communion and Confirmation will be held on **Monday, September 25th or Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00 pm.** This is a Parent only meeting.

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 2016-Spring 2017 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.



YOU ARE INVITED!

Sometimes invitations lead us to totally unexpected experiences...to a life of peace, faith, and hope.

If you have **never been baptized** and find yourself attracted to the Catholic faith, come and explore the possibilities of becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church. If you **have been baptized** in another faith tradition, this journey can lead you to full communion with the Catholic Church. If you were baptized in the Catholic faith but have **never received the sacraments** of Eucharist and Confirmation, come and inquire about how to become fully initiated in the Church. Do you attend Mass with your **Catholic spouse**? Are your **children preparing** to receive the Sacraments?

This invitation is for you too!

The **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)** is a process by which one can answer God's invitation!

Good Shepherd Parish offers R.C.I.A., a process of learning and discussion held in the context of prayer, shared experiences, and the Word of God!

We meet each **Wednesday from 7:00p.m - 8:30 p.m. beginning October 4, 2017.**

If you feel this invitation may be intended for you (or someone you know), please call Kimberley Waara for more information. 613-590-7613.

SECOND COLLECTION – There will be a second collection next weekend for the Needs of the Canadian Church.

Offering for September 10, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2531.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ <u>735.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 5926.00

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

Fr. Shroff's Corner

The theme of this 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time is clear from all the readings at Mass. It is the theme of forgiveness. Forgiveness is one of those words that carry a great deal of weight to most people. We all know that it is not easy to forgive. We all have the experience of how challenging forgiveness really is. But why is it so hard to forgive? The answer lies in the notion of justice that is engrained within us. When someone does us wrong, when someone hurts us or causes us to suffer, we often seek justice for the wrong committed. Because of this, we very often tend to withhold our forgiveness. That is our way of exacting justice for being wronged by another. This notion of justice, however, is flawed. It is flawed because it fails to take into account the fact that there is something greater than justice: and that something is mercy.

"Blessed are the merciful," Jesus proclaims as a beatitude. Not "Blessed are the just" but "Blessed are the merciful." Jesus does speak about righteousness, but righteousness is not justice in the legal sense. Mercy is what Christ calls His disciples to. Our mercy shouldn't suspend all justice; however, it does need to transcend it. God is infinitely just. But He is also infinitely merciful. In the order of justice, He merits reparation and atonement for the sins that man commits against Him. But in the order of mercy, He Himself became the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

God has forgiven us in Christ. As long as we repent of our sins and humbly confess them to a Priest through the Sacrament of Penance (also called Confession or Reconciliation) and have a firm desire not to sin again, we can be sure that we will be forgiven by Christ. And that is why we too must forgive others. If we have been the recipient of God's great mercy, then how can we refuse mercy to those who seek it from us? This is the sense of the parable in this Sunday's Gospel (Mt. 18:21-35). In the parable, the king represents God. He forgives one of his slaves who owes him a fortune. But that slave finds another who is his own debtor and refuses to forgive the latter the small amount that he owes. The king in the parable chastises the wicked slave. "Should you not have shown mercy toward your fellow slave, as I showed mercy toward you?"

This Sunday's first reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) commands us: "Forgive your neighbour the wrong that he has done, and then your sins will be forgiven when you pray." The lesson is important. It is the same one that Jesus teaches us in the Our Father: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." God will be merciful toward us insofar as we are merciful toward others. If we want forgiveness from God, we must give forgiveness to those who seek it from us. And then we will be truly blessed by the Lord.

"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

INTENTIONS

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 Bhungara & 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 Roperero req by the family
†Florenio Agpoon req by Elisa Agpoon
†Denise Thibeau req by Francis & Katie Kenny

Monday, September 18 – Twenty Fourth Monday in Ordinary

Time

9:00 am †Irena Gawalewicz req by Christina Lange

Tuesday, September 19 – Twenty Fourth Tuesday in Ordinary

Time

9:00 am Bradley Girourd and a mass of Special Intentions

Thursday, September 21 – Feast, St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist

9:00 am †Frank Faure and a mass of Special Intentions

Friday, September 22 – Twenty Fourth Friday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory req by a Parishioner

Saturday, September 23– Twenty Fifth Sunday on Ordinary Time

5:00 pm †Annie & Narciso Cardenas Jr. req by Marilou Storie
†Leonard Janisse req by the Bhungara & Janisse families
†Paddy Hyland req by Geraldine Sharf & family
†Gabriel Ugiomoh req by a Parishioner
†CJ Abramham req by Joseph Abraham
Intention of Fr. Joseph Kane req by Marissa Laciak
Deceased members of the CWL

Sunday, September 24 – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

11:15 am †Leonidas & Carmelina Roperero req by Ledy Tredre
†Keith Aird req by Carol-Ann & Claude Trudel
†Dieudonne & Laurent Segla req by Augustina Latey

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

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

PRO LIFE CORNER

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.

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