

## Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 2017

*We who labor in God's vineyard gather to give thanks and  
praise.*

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



### CWL TEA SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 2:00 - 4:00 p.m

This is an invitation to all our Good Shepherd CWL sisters to the above social event and bring along a friend. Door prizes, surprises and lots of goodies. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **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 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](mailto:beth.jaz4@gmail.com) or Sarah MacDonald-McLean at [613-424-2133](tel:613-424-2133) or [smacdo03@gmail.com](mailto: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.

# R.C.I.A.

Christian Formation Process

### **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.

### Offering for September 17, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2658.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	<u>\$ 685.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 6003.00

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

#### Fr. Greg Murray's Corner

We know what is fair; right? Our sense of justice is all about what is fair, what is balanced: a loss to ourselves is balanced by a corresponding - if not always exact - loss to the one who has wronged us. An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, in effect. You take my tooth and I take yours, and so we're even.

So it is with today's gospel reading. This story doesn't involve a crime per se, but it does speak to our sense of fairness, of justice. How can you justify the same wage to the man who has worked for only one hour at to the one who has laboured all day long? It's not fair, it's not balanced. Although this story does touch on justice, it's really about mercy. Jesus is saying that straight justice handed out without the influence of compassion crushes the human spirit and leads to Pharisaism. Of course we know this, our justice system itself looks at the circumstances and the variables of a crime before passing judgment. But how often do we, as individuals, judge others without compassion, taking our concept of what is `fair` as our only guide?

Underlying this whole story is the reality of God's compassion, God's mercy for us, and the fact that we all live under that mercy. As the Psalmist says: `If you were to judge us as we deserve, Lord, who could stand?` We are all sinners, and have all broken God's law, and if God were to judge us according to straight justice, according to the balance of eye for eye, tooth for tooth, then we would all be lost. But God doesn't do that. Rather He sent His Son into the world to suffer for our crimes, to satisfy the demands of justice by one life, instead of requiring it from each of us, counter-balancing justice with mercy.

Since this is how the Lord deals with us, He requires us to do the same, to place mercy first, to judge as we hope to be judged, to try to live according to God's way. Otherwise, we will be putting ourselves beyond the reach of that divine mercy, for it extends only to those who accept it. If we accept the master's deal, then we have to abide by it. God bless you. Fr. Greg

#### **English as a Second Language — assistance requested**

A key to settling in to their new life in Canada is that all members of our sponsored Syrian family be comfortable in the use of the English language.

There remains a need for English as a Second Language training for Mrs. Krait. If you are able to assist in any way (large or small) please contact Marilyn Olsen via email ([mabolsen@rogers.com](mailto:mabolsen@rogers.com)).

Let us celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima – October 13 & 14, 2017! A Solemn Holy Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, the Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa, at Notre Dame Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 13th AND on Saturday, October 14th, a conference starting at with Holy Mass at St. Maurice Church celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Riesbeck, then a short procession to St. Gregory School, near the Church for the conference with speakers Rev. Fr. Allan MacDonald, Superior General of the Companions of the Cross and Msgr. Ambrose Sheehy, Spiritual Director of the Legion of Mary, Toronto Senatus. Registration: Cost of \$15.00 per person (includes lunch). Call Angela at 613-829-0320 or Mary at 613-748-6191 or send email [legionofmaryregia@gmail.com](mailto:legionofmaryregia@gmail.com).

**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 23– Twenty Fifth Sunday on Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm †Annie & Narciso Cardenas Jr. req by Marilou Storie  
†Leonard Janisse req by the Bhumgara & Janisse families  
†Paddy Hyland req by Geraldine Sharf & family  
†Gabriel Ugiomoh req by a Parishioner  
†CJ Abraham req by Joseph Abraham  
† 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 †Keith Aird req by Carol-Ann & Claude Trudel  
†Dieudonne & Laurent Segla req by Augustina Latey  
Mass of Special Intention req by Jean Romard

**Monday, September 25 – Twenty Fifth Monday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am †Paul Renaud and the Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, September 26 – Feast – St. John De Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs, Secondary Patrons of Canada**

9:00 am †Michael D'Souza and the Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, September 28 – Twenty Fifth Thursday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving on the 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Ken & Dorothy Riopelle

**Friday, September 29 – Feast, St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, Archangels**

9:00 am In loving memory of Jack, Peg, Joe & Sylvie and a mass of special intentions

**Saturday, September 30– Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 †Michael D'Souza req by Carmen D'Souza  
†Charles Lawrence req the family  
Mass of Special Intentions req by Ken & Dorothy Riopelle

**Sunday, October 1 –Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am For Our Parishioners  
11:15 am †Intention of Gert Hall req by Jean Hall  
Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

*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 Raddalgoda, and John MacDonald.*

*Please pray for our deceased, including Father Joseph Kane, and Noella Gingras, that they may be received into God's love.*

**PRO LIFE CORNER**

We are all encourage to join the 40 Days for Life Campaign to pray and fast from September 27 to November 5, with the intention of storming heaven with our plea for an end to abortion. The kick-off rally is this Sunday evening at 7 PM at the corner of Bank and Sparks Streets. A daily prayer vigil is being held across from an abortion facility at 65 Bank Street daily from 7 am to 7 pm, starting Wed 27 Sept. Prayer warriors are welcome. For more information contact 613-835-4201. Our parish will pray in Eucharistic Adoration on the First Friday of Oct for this intention.