



## Fifth Sunday of Easter April 29, 2018

*From all the ends of the earth, we remember and turn to  
the Lord with thanks and praise.*

### Knights of Columbus & Catholic Women's League Annual Garage Sale - Saturday, May 5th, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

This year proceeds will be distributed to the Life Centre/Blackburn Food Cupboard and the K of C and CWL charities.

The key to success for this event is having lots of quality items to sell, and parishioners can help by donating *useful articles* such as: books, children's clothing, toys, working electronics, sports equipment, tools, and small home furnishings & appliances. Unfortunately we *cannot accept*: tires, large furniture, major appliances, old computers, and CRT tube televisions & monitors. When doing your spring cleaning this year please consider saving a few goodies for the Garage Sale. Donations can be dropped off at the Church on Friday, May 4th from 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Any questions call Dem Magmanlac 613-830-5747

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FORMATION AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

All those with an interest in the spiritual development of young children at home, in school or in their parish are encouraged to register for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 catechist formation course. Formation will take place here at Good Shepherd Parish from July 9th-14th, 2018 and for one week in the summer of 2019. Information and registration form can be found at [www.cgsac.ca](http://www.cgsac.ca). For more information, please contact Sarah MacDonald-McLean at [smacdo03@gmail.com](mailto:smacdo03@gmail.com). The early bird registration deadline in May 1, 2018.



### *Good Shepherd Parish Music Ministry*

We are currently seeking new members to join this ministry, specifically as an accompanist. If you play piano, organ, or guitar and

can accompany a single cantor, or a group of singers, you are invited to please consider sharing your gifts with the parish through service in this ministry.

To discuss the commitment and details, please contact Steven Hughes, Music Ministry Coordinator, via email [steven.j.hughes@rogers.com](mailto:steven.j.hughes@rogers.com)

### **Saint Vincent de Paul**

#### **North of 60 Project – Rankin Inlet**

Wow, we're almost half way there! As you know, the St. Vincent de Paul Conference of our Parish is participating in the National collection of food for the people in the Canadian Far North – Rankin Inlet, who are living in extreme poverty. Our parish goal is to collect a total of **400 cans of fruit (398ml size of peaches, pears, mandarins, etc.) and 400 snack size packages of applesauce (6 per package)**. Thank you so very much to everyone who has made a donation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. While we've had a very good start to meeting our parish goal, your continued support is needed. Over the next month we will continue to collect the Brand name fruit and applesauce products. If you prefer to make a cash donation, envelopes are available and can be deposited in the SSVP box, which is at the front door of the church. Please note on the envelope, "North of 60".

### Offering for April 22, 2018

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1894.00
AC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ 1315.00
Total Collection:	\$ 7174.00

Vocations \$ 1958.65

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

Deacon Dan's corner

Jesus is the true vine

We are a people of productivity; and for the most part, it's the standard of how we live, and the measure of our success. It is built into our lives everywhere. Productivity has become the basis of our monetary system. Our mentality sometimes becomes "those who produce are rewarded; those who do not produce are discarded." Within our educational system, the students who do well, and produce are recognized and supported; while those who do not produce can get lost in the system.

We've been convinced that productivity is 'the goal' - and only the fittest survive. I wonder if that isn't how we live our spiritual lives as well. How many of us have been told, or come to believe, that pruned branches go to heaven and removed branches go to hell? Pruned branches produce so they are rewarded, while non-productive branches are punished. If we're not careful, we'll get stuck categorizing ourselves (and each other) into fruit bearing or non-fruit bearing branches. But there's a deeper issue than the production of fruit: Productivity doesn't usually create deep, abiding and intimate relationships. Jesus is not talking about, or demanding productivity *from* us. He wants and offers connectivity, and an intimate relationship *with* us.

Fruit (or the lack of it) is an indicator of our interior life and health. It reveals whether we are living connected, or disconnected lives. Fruit production is the natural consequence of staying connected, and you can see that in long-term friendships; marriages; and dedication to community. We don't choose whether or not we produce fruit. We do, however, choose where we abide, and how we stay connected.

And we may ask: "What fruit am I producing; how much; is it an acceptable quality?" Those are good questions - as long as we're not asking them about the quantity in our lives - but the quality of our lives. That's the *deeper* question Jesus is asking. It's His invitation to join the conversation; jump into the game; to participate; and to live... fully alive. And that can only happen when the life, love, goodness and holiness of Christ flow through us. Just as a branch is joined to the vine, it becomes a relationship of union. This is not *just* about relationship with Jesus; it is the basis for our relationships with one another as well.

Sunday, 6th May, marks the beginning of National Pro-Life Week in Canada. Information brochures on the events taking place in Ottawa are available in the Vestibule. Every year approximately 20,000 people march through the streets of Ottawa to show their support for life. The theme for this year's National March is "Pro-Life All In". Please show your love for life by your presence at some of the events taking place in Ottawa during this week. Tickets to the Rose Dinner, the Youth Banquet and the Youth Conference are available by calling 613-729-0379.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, April 28 – Fifth Sunday of Easter (Anticipated Vigil Mass)**

5:00 pm †Ebbie Ferguson req by Laynes & Clara Alphonse  
†Rosemary Pantin req by the CWL  
†Lillian Romard req by the family  
†Jim Casey req by Eric & Geraldine Sharf  
†Alfred Reede req by George & Darlene Keable  
†Charlene Doucet req by Clive & Suzane Richmond  
Deceased members of the CWL

### **Sunday, April 29 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:00 am For Our Parishioners  
11:15 am †Joe & Paul Cebrario req by Jennifer Snell  
†Alfred Reede req by Jean & Doreen Dumont  
†Margaret Davey req by Joe Byrnes  
Deceased members of the Vinette family req by Joe Byrnes  
In memory of Marie Savard req by the family

Monday, April 30 – St. Marie de l'Incarnation Religious

9:00 am †Celeng de Jesus req by Flo & Dem Magmanlac

Tuesday, May 1 – St. Pius V, Pope

9:00 am †Claire Redmond req by John & Mariette

Thursday, May 3 – Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

9:00 am †Julita Yniguez req by Flo & Dem Magmanlac

Friday, May 4 – Friday in the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (First Friday)

9:00 am †Nan Farrelly req by Sean & Anna May O'Carroll

### **Saturday, May 5 – Votive Mass of Our Lady in the Easter Season**

9:00 am †Guenter Andrews req by Myrna Andrews

### **Saturday, May 5 – Sixth Sunday of Easter (Anticipated Vigil Mass)**

5:00 pm †Paddy & Theresa Hyland req by Eric & Geraldine Sharf  
Deceased Grandparents of Dr. G.M. Lusignan  
Intention of Michael req by Mary & Kenny Meehan  
Intention of Claudia Cudahy req by Hilary Als

### **Sunday, May 6 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9:00 am For Our Parishioners  
11:15 am For the Jary family member's req by Joe Byrnes  
Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

*Please pray for our sick; Joe MacDonell, Jean Scharf, Rose Dugandzic, Romina Andrews, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Jean-Ella Lemire, Michael Nortey and John MacDonald.*

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

Miriam Centre invites you to its stamp sale **Saturday May 12** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m and Monday May 14 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sale held at the Centre, 2742 St. Joseph Blvd. Orléans. Wide selection, excellent condition! Mint NH/used worldwide stamps, such as Canada (plate blocks, souvenir sheets), British Commonwealth, U.S., Europe, Asia as well as revenue stamps. 50% off Scott catalogue!

For information, 613-830-8623 or [info@miriamottawa.org](mailto:info@miriamottawa.org) .

### **PRO LIFE CORNER**

Let us pray that we the branches will obey the Commandments of the Lord who is the vine. The fifth Commandment commands us: Do not kill. Sadly, in Canada there are no limits placed on abortion so it is permitted at all stages of pregnancy and euthanasia is legal, both fully funded by tax dollars. Let us pray that all levels of government would obey the Commandments of God and enact policies and laws that protect human life from conception to natural death.