



Fourth Sunday of Easter April 22, 2018

The Good Shepherd gathers us and makes us one. Let us rejoice in God's goodness.

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. For more information, please contact Sarah MacDonald-McLean at smacdo03@gmail.com. The early bird registration deadline in May 1, 2018.

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". Thank you.

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.

Offering for April 15, 2018

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| Sunday Envelopes: | \$ 2064.00 |
| AC/Visa/MC | \$ 2660.00 |
| Loose: | \$ 968.00 |
| Total Collection: | \$ 5692.00 |

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

Fr. Shroff's Corner

Many of us are undoubtedly familiar with the image of sheep in the Sacred Scriptures. In Biblical times, Our Lord used this image because it related to common, everyday life. When many are asked today, "What is your favourite psalm?", the most popular answer is "Psalm 23: The Lord is my Shepherd." Psalm 23 (or Psalm 22 in the numbering of the Latin Vulgate) is very frequently used in Funeral Masses because of the consoling words relating to death: "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. [...] Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for Thou art with me." This calming image of the Lord being the Good Shepherd that guides us on the paths of our life is one that elicits a great deal of trust and confidence, much like the modern devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus.

But surely there were other animals of Biblical renown to which Our Lord could have eluded had He wished. Why did Jesus use the image of sheep? There is something about sheep that conveys in a very particular way the manner in which Christ sees His relationship with us, and ours with Him. Comparing His followers to sheep was not exactly a great compliment. Could you imagine a young boy playing "Go Fetch" with a pet sheep as he would with a dog? Sheep are not known to be particularly intelligent animals. They are not known for taking the initiative; they are not known for their great intellectual prowess. To put in bluntly, sheep are considered to be stupid animals. However, they do excel at one thing. There is one thing that a sheep will do that perhaps other animals would not be as good at doing. Sheep are great followers. They follow their leader almost as if through blind obedience. They are loyal to the one who leads them. Occasionally, sheep might go astray, off on their own. But in general, they love to play at the game of "Follow the Leader." And this is what makes sheep a particularly apt image of what Christ calls us to be in relation to Him.

The disciple of Christ is called to follow the Lord wherever He leads. In the Apocalypse of St. John, the Scriptures give us a very vivid image of the Kingdom of Heaven. In Rev. 14, we hear of a Lamb standing on Mt. Sion, surrounded by a large crowd of 144,000. These people have the Name of God written on their foreheads. Verse 4 tells us: "These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He goes." This is a wonderful image of an authentic disciple of Christ! It is a marvellous representation of what a true Saint is! A Saint is someone who "follows the Lamb wherever He goes."

Today, on this Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for the grace of doing just that. Where is Christ calling you – not in a few years or months from now, but today? Today, where is the Lord leading you, and do you, as a sheep, follow Him regardless of the consequences? Following Christ is the **only** path that leads to salvation and Eternal Life. We heard this truth proclaimed boldly by the Apostle Peter in today's first reading: "There is salvation in no one else [but Jesus], for there is no other name under Heaven given to men by which we must be saved." We either follow Christ and obtain Eternal Life, or else we follow someone else and forfeit our salvation. "I know My sheep and My sheep know Me," the Lord Jesus said. "They hear My voice and they follow Me." Let us, dear brethren, turn away from all other voices within us or around us and listen solely to the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 21 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm †Ebbie Ferguson req by Jean & Doreen Dumont
†Luce Lavertu req by Suzane & Clive Richmond
†Alfred Reede req by George & Darlene Keable
†Rosemary Pantin req by Myrna Andrews
†Fr. Jim Hyland req by Eric & Geraldine Sharf
†James Coade req by Bill & Fran Mason
†Annie & Narciso Cardenas Jr. req by Bernie Cardenas

Sunday, April 22 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am †Maureen Comerton req by Sean & Anna May O'Carroll
†Maurice (Moe) Stafford req by Bob & Joan Dunn
†Alfred Reede req by Philippe & Marian Tremblay
†George Timko req by Bobby & family
† Guenter Andrews req by Stase Danaitis
11:15 am For Our Parishioners

Monday, April 23

9:00 am Mass of Special Intentions req by a Parishioner

Tuesday, April 24

9:00 am †Maria Pang req by the family

Thursday, April 26

9:00 am Mass of Special Intentions req by a Parishioner

Friday, April 27

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

Saturday, April 28 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm †Ebbie Ferguson req by Laynes & Clara Alphonse
†Rosemary Pantin req by the CWL
†Alfred Reede req by the CWL
†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
Intention of Marie Savard req by the family

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

The Legion of Mary is hosting its annual Acies ceremony at our parish on Sunday 22 April, 2-4 pm. the Acies is one of the most beautiful and profound functions of the Legion where its members seek to renew and express publicly Consecration to Mary in the condensed and beautiful formula; 'I am all yours my Queen and my Mother and all that I have is yours.' A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

PRO LIFE CORNER

In today's Gospel by John we heard about The Good Shepherd and how such a shepherd lays down his life for the sheep for which he is responsible. Let us pray for pregnant women that they would love their pre-born baby in the same way as, Jesus, The Good Shepherd loves each of us. If you or someone you know is pregnant and needs support, confidential help is available www.stmaryshome.com www.miriamottawa.org 613-830-8623 www.birthingright-ottawa.org or visit: www.abortionincanada.ca www.adoptionincanada.ca or contact the parish office.