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WHO IS YOUR SHEPHERD?

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. Our readings today call us to reflect inward — do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives?

In our Gospel Jesus reveals His radical love for us. He says, "I will lay down my life for the sheep." Jesus tells us that we are His. We can compare this relationship to that of a loving parent to their child. The parent gives without much in return and if any evil came near the child, the parent would do anything, even lay down their life for their baby.

We are Christ's, even more than a child is to a parent. He created us and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world, so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary for our salvation. He is our Good Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray.

But just as a baby is happiest in the arms of a parent, so too are we happiest in the flock of our Shepherd. And just as sheep go astray, we also stray from God, test our limits and even follow false shepherds.

Thankfully our Shepherd is a Good Shepherd, and He laid down His life for us knowing every sin we will ever commit. Therefore, let us examine our hearts and return to our flock. We don't even need to find the way. He is right there always waiting to guide us home.

Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, 'who is my Shepherd?' and 'have I gone astray?' Name the areas in your life that you have neglected. Ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the sacraments and begin again.

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Sunday Masses i
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Masses
See Schedule on the inside of the bulletin

In Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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April 25, 2021 - Year -B
4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
and World Day of Prayer
for Vocations

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Apr 26	9:00 am	NO MASS		
Tues	Apr 27	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Mateo and Anthony Notarianni	by Julie & Tony Notarianni	
Wed	Apr 28	9:00 am	NO MASS		
		10:30 am	Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions	Fr .Christopher	
Thurs	Apr 29	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Sandy Johnson	by Martha Devlin	
		7:00 pm	8: 00 pm Centre for Mental Health & Addiction (CMAH) Zoom Meeting	Fr. Christopher	
Fri	Apr 30	9:00 am	For the special intentions and healing of the Ferri family	by Cathy and Frank Cartaginense	
		10:30 am - 12: Noon	Home/Front Door Visitations - Call office to Register.	Fr Christopher	
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	Fr .Christopher	
Sat	May 1	8:30 am - 10:00 am	The Case for Jesus : Bible Study	Fr. Christopher	
			The 5th Sunday of Easter		
Sat	May 1	5:00 pm	+Darren Mayhew	by Andrew & Verena Mayhew	
Sun	May 2	10:00 am	Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family		

ONLINE EUCHARIST

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria

Sunday Mass live stream at 11:30 am.

Visit the diocesan website for viewing:

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Mon - Sat - 6:30 am, 11:00 am,

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WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Please note the change this week. No Mass Monday or Wednesday, as Father Christopher continues with treatments and physiotherapy.

Your prayers are appreciated. Thank you.

PRE- REGISTRATION FOR MASS

Please call the parish office before each Thursday at Noon to schedule for any Mass you wish to attend. We are only allowed to accommodate 10 people which includes the priest.

"VIRTUAL" CHILDREN'S LITURGY "

Our Children's Liturgy, under the direction of Mrs. Noseworthy is posting videos, lessons and the parish bulletin every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., to our catholic education community. Thank you; and God bless! We appreciate your ministry immensely.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE CARITAS CANADA

Good Friday Collection / Easter/ Facility

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Dear supporters,

A version of this message was to reach you on Easter Sunday, but a technical error kept it stuck our email system. We apologize for the oversight.

It is too late to wish you a Happy Easter, as had been my original intention. I would still like, however, to thank you for your ongoing support to Development and Peace — Caritas Canada.

Our *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign invited you to open your hearts to loving our most excluded and vulnerable sisters and brothers. And you responded with immense generosity and kindness. Despite facing your own pandemic-related isolation and challenges, you kept a special place in your heart for those in even greater need. We are humbled by your commitment to peace and justice.

Over the last year, we have been working to build bridges with our bishops across Canada. This process has included changes to our governance structures and a revision of our partnership policy. You may have seen media reports on these processes, which unfortunately cast Development and Peace in a dim light.

Allow me to reiterate that we remain deeply committed to our mission of serving the poorest of the world. Development and Peace plays a critical role in putting the social teachings of the Church into action. Our Lenten campaign was directly inspired by the rich teachings of Pope Francis in his encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, that move us beyond ourselves and urge us to value "the worth of every human person."

This path, however, requires dialogue, patience and, most importantly, hope. May we carry the Paschal spirit of renewal through the moments of change within Development and Peace and in our troubled world thirsting for peace and justice.

Thank you for being a community with us, for standing by our side and for giving hope to the 15.6 million people we work with.

Yours in solidarity,

Serge Langlois, Executive Director

FIRST RECONCILIATION

& FIRST EUCHARIST

We considered it prudent to reschedule the reception of First Reconciliation and First Communion for our children until after the "stay at-home" order has ended. Hence, we are proposing alternate dates late May early June?

Parents will be given the dates after we consult with others.

Arrangements will be made (as before) for a limited number of families (and only immediate family members) to be present. We appreciate the understanding of the parents and teachers as yet another "curve ball" has been tossed in our direction.

We are inviting families to call the parish office and schedule First Reconciliation. We can safely do this with the Covid-19 Protocols. We look forward to seeing you. Thank you.

RECEPTION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 25, 2021 - 2 pm

Anisley Nora Forster

Welcome Anisley and may God be with you on your faith journey.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

Apr 26 - Craig Evans, Judy Sulyma

Apr 27 – Antony & Mateo Notarianni

Apr 28 – Alyssa Evans

Apr 29 – Eileen Horecny, Paul Miller

Apr 30 – Krista Jones, Rebecca DaSilva,
Keira Prisciak

May 1 – Laura Porzuczek

May 2 – Jessica Brajer