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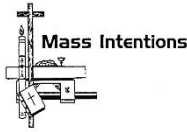
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

"When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." John 10:4-5

Saturday, April 25 - St. Mark, Evangelist

9:00 a.m. - † BUNNY RAMNAUTH

5:00 p.m. - † PADDY HAND

Sunday, April 26 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

9:00 a.m. - † JUANITO GALACIA & JUNE ASURO

10:30 a.m.- † STANLEY PYJOR

12:00 noon- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Monday, April 27

9:00 a.m. - † MARIA ELENA ALCOBENDAS

Tuesday, April 28

No regular Mass - Confirmation for St. Agnes & St. Josephine Bakhita

Wednesday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

7:00 p.m. - † ROMEO D'SOUZA

Thursday, April 30 - St. Pius V, Pope

7:00 p.m. - INT. FOR MARIE ANNET THU-VU

Friday, May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

9:00 a.m. - † JIM DOYLE

7:00 p.m. - † VINCENZA & ARMANDO ZEPPIERI

Saturday, May 2 - St. Athanasius

9:00 a.m. - THANKSGIVING INT. FOR VILLANOS & CABATING FAMILIES

5:00 p.m. - † RICHARD, KAY & JAMES MCCRON

Sunday, May 3 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. - † ANTONIO & MARIA CABECEIRAS

10:30 a.m.- † VIRGILIO BERNARDINO

12:00 noon- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

An infant's reaction to strangers can teach us much about today's Gospel on Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Like an infant, sheep become familiar with the voice and presence of their shepherd. The shepherd lives with the sheep night and day. He calls to them, speaks to them, keeps them safe, and leads them to green pastures and water. If a stranger were to call them, they would not listen, similar to how an infant reacts to a stranger.

The Pharisees saw Jesus as a stranger to their religious beliefs and practices. They labeled Him an imposter. Unlike the innocent reaction of an infant or the natural response of sheep, the Pharisees' unfamiliarity with Jesus was a sin stemming from pride. It was a blindness of their own making that closed their hearts to the comforting and supernaturally familiar voice of God. To recognize Jesus' voice is to respond to the call of grace, trust in His teachings, and follow into the fullness of life He offers. Only by humbly admitting our need for His guidance can we, like the sheep, allow Him to lead us to green pastures and salvation.

(from mycatholic.life)

We will be celebrating First Holy Communion for the students in our Catholic schools and Catechism Class on the following dates:

May 2	St. Leonard
May 9	Catechism Class
May 16	St. Agnes
May 30	Sacred Heart

We congratulate the students of St. Rita and St. Josephine Bakhita schools, who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 25.

Readings for April 26

Acts 2.14a, 36b-41 1 Peter 2.20b-25
John 10.1-10



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - APRIL 26TH

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

SAVE THE DATE: A Farewell gathering for Fr. John will be held on Saturday, June 13th after the 5:00 pm Mass. More details to follow.



FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, May 1 is the First Friday of the month. Mass, Adoration, and Confession will be celebrated in the morning at 9:00 am. and in the evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Adoration, followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Please note that there will not be a regular evening Mass this Tuesday, April 28th, as there will be Confirmation for the students of St. Agnes and St. Josephine Bakhita Schools.



Today is ShareLife Sunday, the second weekend of special collections. Since 1976, ShareLife has been rooted in our Catholic values of charity and in living the Gospel by caring for those in need. Over the decades, thousands of people across our archdiocese have come together through parish campaigns, school drives, workplace giving, and personal acts of kindness to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families.

With your support, ShareLife-funded agencies can continue to provide vital services—like counselling for families, support for isolated seniors, and care for those facing mental health challenges—for years to come.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

CWL - THE GREAT CANADIAN TEA
Sunday, May 3 - 1:30-4:00 pm



The St. Leonard's Catholic Women's League will be holding its' Annual Spring Tea next Sunday, May 3rd from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. This year's theme is The Great Canadian Tea. Tickets will be on sale this weekend April 25/26. The price is \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth 12 and under. Join us for a fun filled afternoon of fellowship, games, prizes and of course delicious Tea/Sandwiches/Scones/Treats. Live entertainment is also on the menu. Feel free to wear red and white to show your Canadian spirit. Hope to see you there.



LOVING HEART OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD ATRIUM

There will be Open House for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program on the following dates:

Saturday, May 2nd and May 9th from 11:00 am until 12:00 noon.

Families are invited to explore our Atrium located in the basement of the church Rectory. See the bulletin board for the poster.



GOOD SHEPHERD OUTREACH

The next drop off date for the Good Shepherd Prepare-a-Meal Program is Saturday, May 2nd from 11:00 till noon around the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



MARCH FOR LIFE

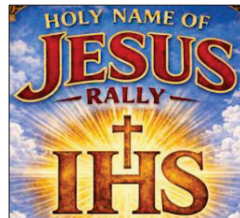
The annual March for Life will be held on Thursday, May 14th in Ottawa. There will be Mass at St. Leonard's at 5:45 in the morning and the bus will leave after Mass and return at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Tickets for the bus can be purchased at the parish office for a cost of \$45.00 per person. For more information, please call Joe at (647) 281-9212 or email: JoeResendes19@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES PRE-PLANNING SEMINARS

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services is hosting seminars to help families make informed, faith-based decisions about funeral and burial planning; planning in advance; Catholic teachings on cremation; and flexible payment options.

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HOLY NAME OF JESUS RALLY

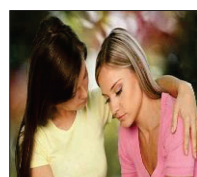
Join us on Saturday, May 23rd for a Holy Name of Jesus Rally. The morning will begin with Mass at 9:00 am, followed by three powerful sermons by Rev. Joseph Moncada. There will be hymns and prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, concluding at 12:30 p.m. Please see the poster on the bulletin board.

FISH FRY



The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets beginning this weekend for their Fish Fry, to be held on Friday, May 8th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Tickets are \$20 for Adults; \$10 kids under 12. See the poster on the bulletin board.



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