



Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year B

Diocesan Theme: **Christ is Everything for Us!** “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life”. (John 6.68).

Parish Mission Statement: **Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples!** Our Lady of the Miraculous members to develop their faith and service to others.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 20th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Sally James by Ken and Heather Sisk

Sunday, April 21st – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Intentions of Dr. Agnes Tanguay by Carol Gaboury

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, April 23rd

7:00pm Repose of the souls of Bernie and Nettie Mascaro by the James family

Wednesday, April 24th

9:30am Repose of the soul of Svatopluk Holan by a friend

Thursday, April 25th – St. Mark

9:00am For the family of Mariette Brault

Friday, April 26th

9:00am Healing intentions of Doris Brown by Carol Gaboury

Saturday, April 27th

4:30pm Repose of the souls of Dick and Sally James by Pat Redsell

Sunday, April 28th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Healing intentions of Hedwig Ganter by Jenny Ganter

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)—Good Shepherd Sunday

Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.” [John 10:11-13](#)

Today, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a day when we reflect upon the tender image of Jesus as the Shepherd of us all. It is also a day set aside to pray for more shepherds within our Church who will shepherd God’s flock with the Heart of Christ. Our Gospel passage comes from John 10 which, in part, is a commentary on the previous chapter that includes the long and detailed story of the healing of the blind man. Recall that Jesus healed this man who was blind from birth. He did this healing “so that the works of God might be made visible through him.” As a result of this man’s healing, the Pharisees cast the blind man out of the synagogue, not believing that Jesus’ healing was from God. After the man was cast out of the synagogue, Jesus spoke with him again and he professed his deep faith in Jesus, the true Shepherd. The healed blind man said, “I do believe, Lord.” Then he worshiped Jesus. Thus, the greater healing of this man was that he became a member of God’s flock, accepting Jesus as his true Shepherd.

Our Gospel today is Jesus’ commentary upon the actions of the Pharisees in contrast to His own. The Pharisees, as religious leaders, were not shepherds. They were “thieves and robbers” who came to “steal and slaughter and destroy.” Jesus, however, came so that those who listened to His voice “might have life and have it more abundantly.”

The Gospel passage quoted above explains why the Pharisees were not true shepherds. It was because they “work for pay” and have “no concern for the sheep.” Think about that statement as it applies to the Pharisees and their treatment of this man who was blind from birth. First of all, the “pay” that these Pharisees worked for was their own self importance—a fleeting and worldly reward. They saw themselves as the true teachers and interpreters of the Law and saw anyone who did not follow them as a threat. The Pharisees clearly perceived Jesus as such a threat to them. For that reason, they took their envy out on this humble and simple blind man. They were not shepherds to him. They did not encourage him, support him, point him to God or act in any way as an instrument of God’s grace. Instead, they condemned this innocent and holy man out of their pride.

Though God shepherds us today through His sacred pastors, we are all called to participate in this shepherding of the Good Shepherd in our own unique way. We are called to lead those within our families, at work, at school, within our neighborhoods, social circles and in every other societal context. But too often we imitate these Pharisees by allowing our own selfishness and desire for self importance to interfere with our ability to put others first and love them with the Shepherd’s heart.

Reflect, today, upon the calling you have received to lay down your life for others in imitation of the Good Shepherd. In order to imitate this love in the Heart of Christ, we must love without seeking love in return. Laying our lives down is an act of sacrificial love that enables us to look only at the needs of those around us. Pride and selfishness must disappear, and the good of the other must become our only goal. Reflect upon how well you do this, and pray that the Good Shepherd will use you to shepherd those in your life who need it the most.

Divine Shepherd, You came to lay down Your life for us all so that we might have life and have it to the fullest. Like the blind man You cured, I profess my belief in You and worship You. Help me to receive and imitate Your love so that I will lay my life down for others, leading them to You, their holy Shepherd. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.

Intentions of the Holy Father for April FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU to everyone who donated for the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. It has enabled us to make our church so very beautiful for this Easter season

Have you been missing the fellowship from attending coffee Sundays? If so please feel free to sign up and host an up-coming coffee Sunday. Sign up sheets are posted on the kitchen counter. Thank you all in advance.

April 21, 2024

Are you new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish?
WELCOME! If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration
form found in the foyer or in the office.

You may bring the completed form to the office or drop in the collection basket.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CWL Bursary Applications are available to any student of our parish currently in their graduating year or within 1 year post graduation from Grade 12. The annual bursary award has been raised to **\$500** this year. For more information and/or to obtain an application please refer to the parish website:

http://www.olmm.ca/groups_cwl.html or the parish office.

Completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted by April 30th, 2024. Applications can be mailed in or dropped off at the office. Any questions contact Heather Sisk, Bursary Committee Chair, at 613-443-2870 or email heatherasisk@gmail.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Congratulations to all the children who
received First Communion**

Saturday, April 13th

Mikhaylo Shudlik
Olivia Guertin
Owen Siddons
Griffin Silva
Greyson Pierce
Shae Carrothers
Benjamin Hodgins
Carter Campbell
Kaily Roussy
Samuel Harps

Sunday, April 14th

Clara Dumais
Renata Butt
Aaron Gernon
Bronwyn Burnett
Gabriel Amador
Aisosa Sam-Ujew
Luke Gawel
Reid Bourguignon
Isaac Estrela
Graham Haymes
Angelo Noce
Noah Walkington



PURPOSE

Faith, service and social justice are the cornerstones of the Catholic Women's League. They give purpose to our lives. Come and grow with us.

As parents of children at Academia Stella Maris, a small private Catholic school in Limoges, we invite you to join us for our fundraiser Gala International Dinner, on April 27th, 2024. This gala will feature a 4-course dinner, entertainment ranging from kids' talents to impersonators, and a captivating performance by the award-winning Mexican ballet "Atzlan". There will be a cash bar, a skilled DJ to keep the music lively, and various surprises in store for the guests. Each table can accommodate 8 to 10 people, and it would be wonderful to have a table represented by the people of this parish. Tickets are priced at \$90 per person, with a \$40 tax receipt included. If you are interested in coming, or would like more information, please contact Stephanie Mazur at Stephanie.dumais@gmail.com, or (403)619-2485.

Road to Pentecost

Prepare for the feast of Pentecost with a virtual Pentecost Novena and a book reading of the inspiring book - *The Cross and the Switchblade*. A story of a country preacher who listened to the Lord and, step by step, answered a call to do greater things. Is "crossing that chicken line" and believing his call on your life a challenge for you? Join us for this transformational weekend. (FUN FACT!) Did you know that this book was read during that infamous retreat weekend in Duquesne University, that the experience propelled renewal in the Catholic Church back in 1967. Come Holy Spirit!

Let's meet over a weekend and read this amazing book together! We don't need to be chickens anymore, let's share the Gospel to all those we meet.

Saturday, May 11th - 10:00am -3:45pm (Lunch included)

Sunday May 12th - 12:00pm - 4:45pm

Let's cross that chicken line together!

St. Augustine's Parish

Cost: Free will offering

Register on our website:

<https://servantsofthecross.ca/empower/road-to-pentecost/>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

Council 12401 will be holding their general meeting on Thursday April 25, 2024 at 7:30 PM in the parish hall. There will be fellowship starting at 7:00 PM with coffee and donuts.