

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 21st, 2018, 8:00PM

†Elizabeth D'Silva by Joseph D'Silva

Sunday, April 22nd, 2018, 10:30AM

Birthday blessings for Joshua Reginales

Birthday and Thanksgiving blessings for Nonong Comodero by the Comodero family

†Gordon Dawson by Maureen Dawson and family

†Francis Clement Dawson by Maureen Dawson and Family

†Arthuro Lagman on his 1yr death anniversary by Maria Garcia

†Ruth B Narvato, who died April 13, 2018 by Herbert & Mary Jane Bertiz

Tuesday, April 24th, 2018, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, April 25th, 2018, 7:00PM

†Claude Laramée by Carole Wepruk

Thursday, April 26th, 2018, 9:00AM

Blessings for Bong Quiocho by Melina Pasa and family..

Friday, April 27th, 2018, 9:00AM

Prayers for the people of St Willibrord's, thanksgiving blessings for Evelyn Maramag..

Saturday, April 28th, 2018, 8:00PM

Thanksgiving and Blessings in Honor of the Most Holy Trinity by Virgil Rosal..

Sunday, April 29th, 2018, 10:30AM

Birthday blessings for Gloria Mamangun

Birthday blessings for Joshua Bolofer

Birthday blessings for Nonong Comodero

Birthday blessings for Pepito Mendoza

Birthday blessings for Monica Alteres

†Mary Molloy Weston by Lorraine Molloy

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April 22, 2018—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Introduction: The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as *Good Shepherd Sunday*. It is also the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. The scripture lessons are about shepherds. Each year on this Sunday we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, devotedly taking care of his flock. The title of the parish priest, "pastor," means shepherd. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock—responsibilities that belong to every church leader. The earliest Christians had seen Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of a good shepherd. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God's flock.

The Good Shepherd in the New Testament: Introducing himself as the Good Shepherd of his flock, Jesus makes three claims in today's Gospel:

1) **He knows his sheep and his sheep hear his voice:** Just as the Palestinian shepherds knew each sheep of their flock by name, and the sheep knew their shepherd and his voice, so Jesus knows each one of us, our needs, our merits and our faults. Of course, the knowledge talked of here is not mere intellectual knowing but the knowledge that comes from love and leads to care and concern for the other. Jesus loves us as we are, with all our limitations, and he expects us to receive and return his love by keeping his word. He speaks to us at every Mass, through the Bible, through our pastors, through our parents, family and friends and through the events of our lives. "God whispers to us in our pleasures, he speaks to us in our consciences, and he SHOUTS to us in our pain!" (C.S. Lewis).

2) **He gives eternal life to his sheep** by receiving us into his sheepfold through Baptism. Jesus strengthens our Faith by giving us the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. He supplies food for our souls by the Holy Eucharist and by the Divine words of the holy Bible. He makes our society holy by the Sacraments of Matrimony and the Priesthood.

3) **He protects his sheep** by placing them in the loving hands of his Almighty Father. Without Him to guide us and protect us, we are easy prey for the *spiritual wolves* of this world: that includes Satan, as well as the seven deadly sins of pride, avarice, envy, gluttony, anger, lust and sloth. In the first part of chapter ten of John's Gospel, Jesus adds two more roles to those of the good shepherd. He goes in search of his stray lambs and heals his sick ones. Jesus heals the wounds of our souls by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and strengthens us in illness and old age by the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

4) **Jesus dies for his sheep:** Just as the shepherds of ancient days protected their sheep from wild animals and thieves by risking their own lives, so Jesus died in expiation for the sins of all people. In the final part of today's Gospel, Jesus invites those who are touched and saved by the love of the Shepherd, to shepherd and care for others. "There are other sheep that are not of this fold and these I have to lead as well." Though Jesus cares for his own, he loves all of us without exception, for God has created all of us and loves us all. Jesus ultimately dies because he cares for all peoples.

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Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez
Office Staff
Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration

April 7-8, 2018—\$903.55
April 2018 Flea Market—
\$2,689.00
April 13, 2018—\$167.30
(Collection at
Funeral of
Andre Belleville)
April 14-15, 2018—
\$631.70
April 14-15, 2018—
\$253.75
(for heating expense)

“The other sheep.” Jesus’ reference to *other* sheep and to *one* flock (v. 16) points to the universality and unity of the community of believers. By “the other sheep” Jesus probably meant the poor, the tax collectors and sinners who were generally ostracized by society. Like the Jews, the earliest Church considered the Gentiles and unbelievers as the “other sheep”; that error ended while Peter was still living, and Paul combatted it throughout his ministry to the Gentiles. We are now being challenged to examine whom we regard as those *other sheep*. Are they members of different Faiths or different denominations, different races, classes, cultures, attitudes or behaviors? Let us pray for the day when there will be “one flock, one Shepherd.”

Life messages: Let us become good shepherds and good sheep.

1) Let us become good shepherds: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials and politicians are all shepherds. Since shepherding a diocese, a parish, a civil community or a family is very demanding, the shepherds need dedication, commitment, sacrifice and vigilance every day. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time and talents for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds, becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives

2) Let us be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd: Our local parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our shepherds. Jesus is the High Priest, the bishops are the successors of the apostles, the pastors are their helpers and the parishioners are the sheep. Hence, as the good sheep of our parish, **a)** Let us hear and follow the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling and advice. **b)** Let us take the spiritual food given by our pastors through regular and active participation in the Holy Mass and by frequenting the sacraments, prayer services, renewal programs and missions. **c)** Let us cooperate with our pastors by praying for them always, by thanking and praising them for all they are doing for all of us, by giving them positive suggestions (rather than negative criticisms) for the welfare of the parish, and generally giving them friendly, supportive encouragement. Let us also cooperate in the activities of various councils, ministries and parish associations. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2018-04/sunday-reflections-22-april-2018.html> good shep



Mass Schedule
Saturday @ 5:00 pm
Sunday @ 10:30 am
(incl. Children’s
Liturgy)
Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rector)
Wed @ 7:00 pm
Thursday & Friday (Rector)
@ 9:00 am
Adoration Fridays
9:30am to 11:30am
(Rector)
Please note the Mass, on
Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday will be held
in the Rector

**Anniversary and
Birthday Blessings to**
◇All celebrating this week
Happy Birthday to Lily
Cavanagh
and Isla Lambert
Anniversary of our first
Mass Celebrated in new
Church
Thank you to
◇Mike, Judith, Ann, Cora,
Merly and all who volun-
teer at the rectory and in
the Church.

Please Note

There will be no office hours on Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Reflection: As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus, we invite you to join us on Sunday, April 22, 2018, following the 10:30AM Mass. It will begin with watching a clip from the Catholicism Video Series and afterward there will be a brief discussion. The video and discussion should last approximately 1 hour.

**Bible Camp
June 26 to 29, 2018**

Pre-Registration
If you are interested in having your child(ren) attend Bible Camp this year, please contact the rectory or speak with Christina, Stasi or Carole.
Pre-Registration forms will be made available, spaces are limited

Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people

Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory,
followed by Catholicism 7:15PM

Lectors, Lay Ministers Meeting and Choir Members: Sunday, April 22, 2018,
after the 10:30 AM Mass

Acolytes: Saturday May 12, 2018, at 9:00AM.

Faith in the family: The next faith in the family will be on April 22, 2018

Date(s) to Remember

Flea Market: Saturday, May 5, 2018, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Mass in Cameron Hall: Saturday, May 12, 2018, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

**LIVE FROM OTTAWA APRIL 27-28, 2018 STREAMING THIS YEAR
TO OUR MONTREAL HOSTSITE AT ST. KEVIN PARISH!**

Join us at St. Kevin Church (5600 Côte-Des-Neiges Rd., Montreal, H3T 1Z1) on **Friday, April 27**, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and on **Saturday, April 28**, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$40. Lunch will be provided. Please contact 514-258-0227 or stkevin-NES18@gmail.com for more info about this Host Site. For details on this year's speakers and to purchase tickets online at: www.newevangelization.ca

CONFESSIONS will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass ~ weekdays, as well as on weekends.

BAPTISM Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office at 514-769-9678. A meeting with Parents and Godparents is a pre-requisite. Godparents must be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church.

MARRIAGE Please contact the Parish Office or Father Gregory well in advance, as it is important to reserve the church before the Hall.