

The fourth Sunday of Easter, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, is also the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." Each year on this Sunday, we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who devotedly and kindly takes care of his flock. The title "pastor" means shepherd. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock—responsibilities that belong to all Church leaders, parents, civil leaders, and all who are in charge of others.

As we reflect on this image of the Good Shepherd, we are invited to consider the quality of our own relationship with Jesus. Do we recognize his voice and follow him? Do we trust in his care and protection, even in the face of difficulty or uncertainty? Are we willing to let him guide us on the path he has set for us?

On this "World Day of Prayer for Vocations", Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray that they may answer the call to dedicate their lives to serve the Church in a special way, i.e. to shepherd the Church communities, particularly as pastors in their parishes and as superiors in their religious orders or congregations. The Church presents to us in today's Gospel the figure of Jesus the Good Shepherd that we may reflect on the meaning of the religious vocation to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. The first thing we need to remember is that every single person has a vocation! Each person, whatever one's state in life, has been, and is being, called by God through the Holy Spirit to offer one's special gifts to benefit the rest of the community. Therefore, "Vocations Sunday" is not just for a few selected for directly religious vocations, it is for all of us. On the one hand, each one needs to reflect on what one's particular calling is and how one can respond to it for the well-being of the whole parish community. Secondly, one needs to help others, and not be an obstacle to them as they respond to the particular calling and graces that God through his Spirit is giving.

Let us remember that the duty of fostering vocations is the concern of the whole believing community, and we discharge that responsibility primarily by living exemplary Christian lives. Parents foster vocations by creating a God-centered climate in homes based on solid Christian values. They should pray with their children for vocations during the family prayer time and speak encouraging words about their pastors, the missionaries, and the religious, instead of criticizing these servants of God. Such an atmosphere in the family will foster vocations from such families. Financial support of seminarians is also a positive contribution to promoting vocations.

Fr. Joseph



**4th SUNDAY
OF EASTER
APRIL 30th, 2023**

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3
Crowning Of Mary

May 6
1st Holy Communion

May 7
Mother's Day Brunch

May 14
K of C Carnation Sales

July 1
Centennial Challenge Day

September 22
Centennial Mass

Sunday Mass Readings Year A

First Reading
Acts 2:14a, 36b-41

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
(R.1)

Second Reading
1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel
John 10:1-10



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ANNOUNCEMENTS News EVENTS

1st Holy Communion May 6

On May 6 at 1:30pm 74 children from our School, PREP and Vanspec Programs will be receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion. Congratulations to all of our candidates that will receive this Sacrament. May you always feel the presence of God in your life and be guided by His wisdom and grace.

St. Mary's Street Ministry & Catholic Street Missionaries: Chocolate Drive

St. Mary's SM and CSM are asking for donations of individually wrapped chocolate bought with the last 3 months. Please bring your donations to the parish office during regular business hours or give to an usher on Sunday. Please mark your items with "STREET MINISTRY" Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

CWL Annual Crowning of Mary - May 3

St. Mary's CWL is hosting our annual Crowning of Mary celebration on May 3 in the Church at 6pm. If you wish to attend we ask you to bring a flower, this flower will be presented to Mother Mary during the ceremony. We encourage everyone to join us at this special celebration honoring our dear Blessed Mother.

Mother's Day Mass

Join us for Mass and pray for our deceased mothers and grandmothers. May 14 2:30pm Gardens of Gethsemani, potted mums will be available for purchase. More info at rcav.org

Anyone who has information regarding the whereabouts of MARIE PAULINE PROFETANA is requested to contact Fr. Joseph Le at jle@rcav.org

CWL Mothers Day Brunch May 7

CWL is again hosting our popular Mother's Day Brunch on May 7 from 10:30am - 2:30pm. We have a great menu, at a very low cost so buy your tickets now before they sell out! \$25/adult \$12.50/children aged 7-15years and free for kids 6 and under! For more info or to purchase tickets call Cynthia y.ceaneyahoo.ca or Lenn lenn.castro.yvregmail.com



Mother's Day Fundraiser

Pre-order your Mother's Day Bouquet! All net proceeds will support community programming at Collingwood Neighbourhood House

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May 14 Is Mothers Day

Floral arrangements will be beautifully created by:

(Photos are for reference only and colors will be randomly picked by our florist and created in a harmony tone and style)

Padre Pio Prayer Group Meeting May 6

Join us for breakfast on May 6, Saturday at 9:30am for the prayer group meeting to learn the spirituality of St. Padre Pio; and on May 8, Monday at 7pm to learn how "holiness" looks like as we examine the life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Both events will be held in the Church Basement and led by Father David Bellusci, OP

THE GENESIS ST. MARY'S PROJECT

If you have any pictures, mementos, or memories from earlier stages of our parish, please share them at:

stmarysgenesis100@gmail.com

Please include the (approximate decade).

Stewardship Reflection

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ?'" Acts 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within - a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for His response.

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When: Every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to 9 pm on Zoom

Email: missionablazemu@gmail.com

REGULAR CHURCH SCHEDULE

CONFESSION		Weekdays After mass
		Sundays Before and after mass
DAILY MASS	Monday to Friday	8:00 am
	Wednesday to Friday	7:00 pm
	Saturday	8:30 am 5:00 pm (anticipated mass)
	Sunday	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:15 am 1:00 pm 3:00 pm (Tagalog) 5:00 pm 7:00 pm
DEVOTIONS	Monday to Friday	7:15 am Rosary and Lauds
	Wednesday	6:00 pm Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	Thursday	6:00 pm Rosary and Prayer for Vocations
	Friday	3:00 pm Divine Mercy
		6:00 pm Novena: Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary
		7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		9:00 pm Benediction
	Saturday	7:45 am Rosary and Lauds

CATECHISM & Sacraments

MARRIAGE

One of the couple must be Catholic and a parishioner of St. Mary's Parish. Contact us at least six months prior to the wedding. Make no wedding arrangement until you have met with the priest. For details, call Lorna ext. 6



INFANT BAPTISM (under 5 yrs. old)

The family must be registered parishioners or must reside within parish boundaries. Non-parishioners must obtain permission from the pastor of their parish. For more information, call ext. 0 or email reception.smarvercav.org.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

For adults in need of Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation, or who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Contact rcia.smarvercav.org or call ext. 5.



PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

Catechism for children who are attending public schools. Registration opens in the summer of 2023 for SY 2023/24.



VANSPEC (one-on-one special needs catechism)

Vanspec classes are led by volunteer catechists and aides who, with the assistance of the Program Director, adapt the content of each lesson and learning materials to the needs of the individual student. For more information, email vanspec.smarvercav.org.



ANointing OF THE SICK & FUNERALS

Please contact the parish office to schedule a visit, to speak to a priest or to arrange a service.



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Volunteers needed

The 5pm Saturday Choir is seeking parishioners to praise God with Song. No experience is necessary; however, music tonality is an asset. Must be able to attend practice on Saturdays at 3 and mass at 5pm. Contact Ruby rub.cortetelus.net

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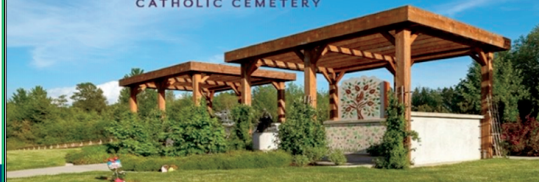
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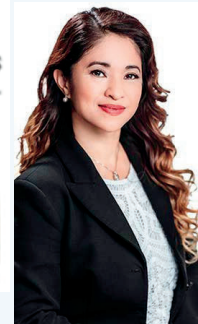


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