

ST. PHILIP'S PARISH

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN CENTRAL LAMBTON
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Welcome

We have now moved into phase three, of the Provincial re-opening. It is so nice to see people returning to celebrate the Eucharist together. Social distance protocols are still in effect, please remain 6ft apart. We are now permitted to utilize all marked seating in the church. Masks must still be worn while in the church.

Father Francis is available for private confessions. Please contact him directly to arrange a time.

Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am

Intentions of All Parishioners

Monday, July 19th

No Mass

Tuesday, July 20th 7:00 pm

† Frank Reidl

Offered by Cecile Clements

Wednesday, July 21st 8:30 am

† Paul Valliant & Elizabeth

Offered by Ray & Ev Levasseur

Thursday, July 22nd 8:30 am

† Emile & Elizabeth Strydonck

Offered by The Estate

Friday, July 23rd 8:30 am

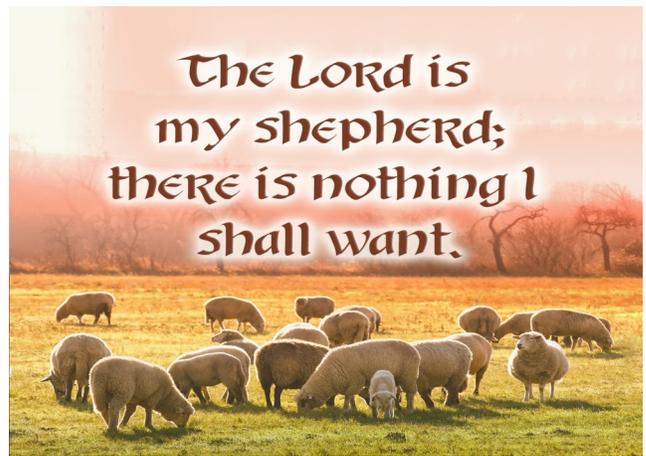
† Bill Van Eyk

Offered by The Prayer Group

Saturday, July 24th 8:30am

† Giovanni Bolzon

Offered by Lilliana Bolzon



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” The harsh words that begin today’s first reading are, unfortunately, as relevant for our modern world as when they were first written. The “shepherds” with responsibility for many public institutions and governments today so often seem motivated by greed and hunger for power rather than concern for the common good. Saddest of all is the global scourge of abuse within the churches, which has left many people disheartened, disillusioned and unable to trust.

Sometimes it is very hard to cling to hope. Today’s readings, however, draw our attention to the source of our hope, the one who will never abandon us, the “righteous Branch” in the house of David. Christ Jesus, the reading from Ephesians assures us, is “our peace,” the one who has “broken down the dividing wall... the hostility between us.” As Jesus called both Jews and Gentiles alike, so he calls us to reach across all the various barriers that we humans have constructed.

When we feel crushed and helpless because of the neglect, violence and abuses that human beings inflict on one another, may we turn to Jesus the peacemaker, the reconciler, the healer of all ills. By learning from him how to become peacemakers and healers ourselves, we can take steps towards mending our broken and suffering world.

Krystyna Higgins

Guelph, ON

First Reading: Jeremiah 23.1-6

Psalms: 23

Second Reading: Ephesians 2.13-18

Gospel: Mark 6.30-34

Be well and stay safe