

~~~ 10 May 2020 – Bulletin during the time of COVID-19 lockdown ~~~



## The Good Shepherd Parish

The Good Shepherd Parish is a Catholic community rooted in the Gospel where all are invited to encounter Christ, grow in holiness, and proclaim His Good News to the world.

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# 5th Sunday of Easter

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday 10 May 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

- † Francis Peter Kelleher requested by Loretta Golding
- † Paul Capello requested by Joe Byrnes
- † Mary & Alphonse Vigneau requested by Anita Strike  
For the Intentions of All Mothers on Mother's Day requested by the Catholic Women's League

#### Tuesday 12 May 2020

For our Parishioners

#### Wednesday 13 May 2020

- † Emma Millar requested by the McCloskey family  
Intention of Amy McKeller requested by Sean & Anna May O'Carroll

#### Thursday 14 May 2020

For our Parishioners

#### Friday 15 May 2020

- † Murray Scott requested by Anne Pehleman

#### Sunday 17 May 2020 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

- † Deceased Members of the Pereira family
- † Nell Khandkar requested by Joe Byrnes
- † Corneliu Popescue requested by Rose Dugandzic  
For our Parishioners

#### Tuesday 19 May 2020

For our Parishioners

#### Wednesday 20 May 2020

For our Parishioners

#### Thursday 21 May 2020

For our Parishioners

#### Friday 22 May 2020

For our Parishioners

#### Sunday 24 May 2020 – The Ascension of the Lord

- † For all living and deceased members and Spiritual Advisors of the Catholic Women's League
- † Deceased members of the Jary & Vinette families requested by Joe Byrnes
- † Francis Peter Kelleher requested by Sean & Anna May O'Carroll
- † Corneliu Popescue requested by Rose Dugandzic  
For our Parishioners

### Message from our Pastor

Hello dear parishioners of The Good Shepherd Parish – once again it is hard to believe how our lives have changed with all of this COVID-19 lockdown. I trust and pray that you are all well and coping as best as possible with this situation. I am keeping well here and please know that you are all kept in my daily prayers.

We have settled into a rhythm of sorts here in our parish. I remain available via telephone or email should any of you need to speak with me. We have the live-streamed Sunday Mass where we gather by virtual means, to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist. While this is certainly not the same as celebrating Mass in our beautiful church with you all present, I know that we are indeed gathered together in His name. The team who make the online Mass possible are committed to making this as prayerful a liturgy as possible; thank you to the music ministry and to the lectors who participate as well as to Dn Philip and to those behind the scenes. I, like you, welcome seeing their faces as it causes me to recall all the faces of our faith filled community of Good Shepherd Parish and it fills us with hope for the future.

A timeline for reopening the churches in our Archdiocese is still unknown. There are many questions that each parish needs to address and your parish leadership is considering all aspects so that we can be prepared to ensure the safety of all parishioners when the time comes for our church to reopen.

There has been big news in our Archdiocese this past week: a. The Archdiocese of Ottawa and the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall have officially amalgamated to the newly named Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall; and b. The successor to Archbishop Prendergast has been named: Coadjutor Archbishop-elect Marcel Damphousse. He comes to us from the Sault St. Marie Diocese. There are three documents attached to this bulletin with all the pertinent details on this important news, including a letter from Archbishop-elect Damphousse.

And on this special day, Mothers Day, I invite you all to join me in wishing all the mothers of our parish a wonderful Mothers Day. Your faithfulness to your vocation is so important to the life of a parish and I offer prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude for all the mothers of The Good Shepherd Parish.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Virgil

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Blessing for Mothers

O loving and life-giving Parent of all creation,
We praise and glorify you for life.
On this special day of recognition for motherhood, we thank you for
our mothers, and for the gift of the co-creation of life.
We ask you to give them the holiness of Sarah,
Rebekah, Rachel and Leah.
May they be pleasing to you as was the young maiden,
Mary, the Mother of our Lord.
May they find peace and joy through union with you –
both those mothers who are living
and those who now enjoy eternal rest.
We ask all of this God, our Creator,
through Jesus Christ, your Son and the Spirit,
who dwells among us.



Amen.



News from the Knights of Columbus Council 9005 at Good Shepherd Parish

The Ontario Provincial Council of the KofC has announced that the family of Sean and Gillian Keenan have been selected as the "Ontario Family of the Year for 2020". The Ontario KofC has 55,500 members in 560 local Councils in the province. The Family of the Year is chosen from the 55,500 members, but not necessarily limited to that pool. The selection is based on criteria developed by the KofC, for example: contributions to the Church and community life, regular attendance at mass and prayer activities, and solid Catholic family credentials. The Keenan's will be representing Ontario in the International Family of the Year recognition process at the KofC International Convention in the summer.

Sean is a long time member of the KofC and he serves as the Chair of the Finance Council, working tirelessly to help the Church meet its financial obligations. Gillian is the Head of our Sacramental Preparations Ministry. She is also the Chair of the Parent Council at St. Matthew's High School and is a longtime member of the Parent Council at Chapel Hill Catholic Elementary School. They have nine children. Their daughter Kate is in the Parish Music Ministry and is also the Parish Youth Ministry Coordinator.

Prayer for our Parish

*God our Father, you gather us together
as a sign of your love for the world.
Pour out your Spirit upon our parish,
grant each of us a new experience of your grace,
a new faithfulness to listen to your Word,
and a new dedication to offer our lives in service to our communities.*

*We pray Lord that through our parish we may reach out
with compassion and healing to all of our neighbours.
We pray for those who suffer from health issues.
We pray for those whose lives are filled with worry,
anxiety and loneliness.
We pray for those who suffer from addiction
or violence in their lives.
We pray for those who struggle to turn to You in prayer.*

*God our Father, help us to share our faith with others,
so that all people may know the love
and peace of your presence in their lives.*

*We ask these things through Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
so that your love may grow among us and your Kingdom come.*

Amen



Upcoming Meetings

Even though our church building is closed, a number of the organizations/ ministries active in the parish continue to hold meetings via virtual means.

- Parish Pastoral Council: Tuesday 12 May @ 7:30 pm
- Parish Finance Council: Thursday 14 May @ 7:30 pm

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PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Ottawa, May 6, 2020

**POPE FRANCIS ANNOUNCES DIOCESAN AMALGAMATION,
NAMES BISHOP DAMPHOUSSE TO OTTAWA-CORNWALL
AND BISHOP DESROCHERS TO PEMBROKE**

Many changes are coming to what were yesterday the Archdiocese of Ottawa and the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall. The Holy See announced at 6PM Rome time that the two dioceses would become one today, on the Feast of Saint François de Laval. His Excellency the Most Rev. Terrence Prendergast becomes the first Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall. Pope Francis also appointed His Excellency the Most Rev. Marcel Damphousse, until this morning Bishop of Sault St. Marie, to be Coadjutor Bishop of Ottawa-Cornwall. In addition, Pope Francis appointed His Excellency the Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, until this morning Auxiliary Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall and Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa, to be the new Bishop of Pembroke.

Born in St. Joseph, Man., Bishop Damphousse was ordained a priest in 1991 for the Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology in 1984 at the University College of Saint Boniface, followed by a Bachelor's degree in Theology in 1989 from Saint Paul University, Ottawa. In 2002, he received a Licentiate in Spiritual Theology from the Teresianum, a Carmelite Pontifical Theological Faculty in Rome. For several years, Bishop Damphousse taught at the Manitoba Catholic School of Evangelization, and was Diocesan Vocations Director for 12 years. He was Rector of the Saint-Boniface Cathedral in Manitoba when, on June 28, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI named him bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall. He served there until November 12, 2016, when Pope Francis appointed him bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. Archbishop elect Damphousse will become the Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall upon Archbishop Prendergast's retirement.

Archbishop Guy Desrochers, a Redemptorist, was born on May 23, 1956, in Hull, Quebec, in the current Archdiocese of Gatineau. He completed his honours diploma in Fine and Commercial Arts at Algonquin College in Ottawa. From 1972 to 1979, he worked as a graphic artist for Le Droit in Ottawa. In August 1983, he entered the novitiate of the Redemptorist Fathers at Sainte-Anne-de Beaupré and in 1989, he was ordained a priest. From 1989 to 1995, he was responsible for a small team of missionaries made up of four Redemptorists from the Diocese of Gaspé, Quebec. From 1995 to 1998, he was the superior of Aylmer, in the Diocese of Gatineau-Hull. From 1998 to 2005, he practiced ministry at the Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de Beaupré. From 2005 to 2008, he was appointed Superior of the Pavilion de Saint-

Rédempteur in Saint-Augustin-Des-Desmaures, a place of refuge for the retreats of ecclesial groups. From 2008 to 2011, he was director of Sainte-Anne's Magazine. From 2011 to 2015, he was appointed rector of the Shrine of St. Anne and superior to the international community that provides spiritual service to the shrine. He became a spiritual assistant to the Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, Quebec, and a preacher of spiritual retreats in Canada and the United States. He regularly devoted part of his time to preaching retreats throughout North America. Pope Francis appointed His Excellency Most Rev. Guy Desrochers as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall on December 12, 2018.

The Diocese of Alexandria, founded in 1890, was renamed Alexandria-Cornwall in 1976. The Diocese had 27 parishes and missions, with a population of 60,000 Catholics served by 34 diocesan priests, two priests who are members of institutes of consecrated life, four seminarians, 16 permanent deacons and 18 religious sisters who are members of religious institutes. The Diocese covered an area of 1,290 square km (498 square miles).

The Diocese of Bytown, founded in 1847, was renamed the Archdiocese of Ottawa in 1886. The Diocese has 106 parishes and missions, with a population of 400,000 Catholics served by 131 diocesan priests, 58 priests who are members of institutes of consecrated life, 3 seminarians, 71 permanent deacons and 638 men and women religious who are members of religious institutes. The Archdiocese covered an area of 5,818 square km (2,247 square miles).

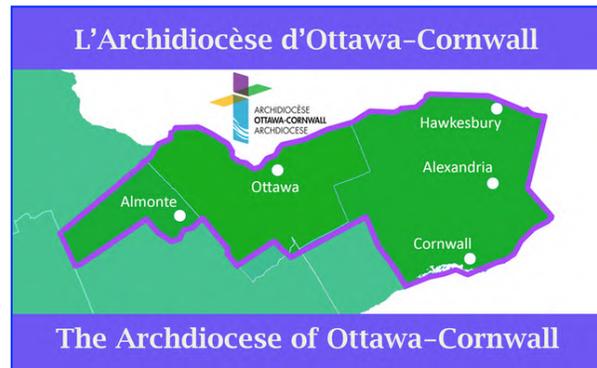
The amalgamation will ensure more efficient management of the Church's resources while respecting the bilingual nature of the region. Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J., who at the time was the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Ottawa, was named the Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall on January 16, 2016. At that time, he was tasked with making a recommendation about the possible amalgamation of the two dioceses. Over the following years, a series of consultations was held in the two dioceses and a recommendation was sent to the Vatican in June 2017. On April 27, 2018, it was announced that Pope Francis had united the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall to the Archdiocese of Ottawa "in the person of the bishop." Thus Archbishop Prendergast became the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall. On December 12, 2018, Father Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R. was named the auxiliary bishop for the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall. In early 2019, a Transition Committee was struck consisting of key representatives of both dioceses. Over the past year, they have been meeting to discuss and work out the various aspects of uniting the two dioceses into the new Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall. Although the canonical amalgamation has now been announced, the civil amalgamation will take place several months from now following an Act of Parliament.

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The Amalgamation of the Archdiocese of Ottawa and the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall



FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



The Holy See announced on May 6 that the **Coadjutor Archbishop** is the Most Reverend Marcel Damphousse. Archbishop Elect Damphousse will become Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall when Archbishop Terrence Prendergast retires. The announcement also said that the Archdiocese of Ottawa and the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall are now **canonically amalgamated** to form the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall. The civil amalgamation will require an Act of Parliament and is not expected for several more months. In addition, the Most Reverend Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., has been appointed **Bishop of Pembroke**, also effective May 6.

Coadjutor Archbishop Marcel Damphousse expresses his joy at being appointed to the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall in the attached message.

The Logo of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall: Strong, Vibrant, Transparent, and Youthful



A new, bright and modern logo illustrates to the viewer that the Church of Eastern Ontario is forward looking, as well as dynamic and bold. First we have the four transparent colours created in the style of a stained glass window, paying tribute to previous generations and history of the church in Canada, and specifically in the iconic historical Churches in Ottawa and Cornwall. The transparency of the colours alludes to the transparent nature of the

new Archdiocese, as well as the Church.

The four main colours are: green, symbolizing the life of the Church; purple, a colour of preparation and repentance; yellow, the light of Christ; and blue, the water of our baptism. The colours merge to create a strong solid cross, the base of which incorporates the look of water. "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit." 1213 CCC The water also symbolizes the connected rivers running through both Ottawa and Cornwall.



MESSAGE TO THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL OF OTTAWA-CORNWALL

May 6, 2020

On this feast of Saint François de Laval, patron saint of Canadian Bishops, Pope Francis announced publicly his decision to appoint me as Coadjutor Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall. This is the beginning of a new chapter in my life, one that will build upon multiple experiences that have taught me to trust the Lord. I have always been amazed at the callings I received from the Church; however, I did not always understand why I was the one chosen to assume responsibility for a new parish, a new diocese, a new ministry or a new undertaking. My first “fiat” is rooted in my love for God and for his people. It was from this fundamental principle that I responded to all the other callings in my life, offering my service with humility and thanksgiving. God's plan is not always obvious, but it is revealed to us as a Mystery. No matter how many questions I ask, the answer is often the same: "My grace is sufficient for you." So I walk gently and joyfully on a path that will be strewn with signs of divine Providence.

As Coadjutor Archbishop, I am grateful for the time I will spend with Archbishop Prendergast. He will help me prepare for my new responsibilities, thus ensuring continuity with the wonderful work already begun. Both of us, together with the clergy and the laity, we will form a good team capable of advancing the mission of Evangelization. The construction of the Kingdom of God for the salvation of souls is never finished. Inspired by the Holy Spirit and supported by your good prayers, I make the commitment to give the best of myself.

I will certainly have the joy of meeting again the faithful of my first diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall. The road we traveled together was short but very rewarding. Knowing that the reality of your diocesan Church is taking a turn by your amalgamation with the Archdiocese of Ottawa, I will be there to accompany you throughout the transition and in the integration into the new reality. According to the information I have received, the process is already well underway. As for the people of Ottawa, you are a big family that I will have the joy of knowing and loving.

Therefore, until the day of my arrival in my new Archdiocese, I will be with all of you in thought and prayer. The restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic may complicate the situation somewhat, but I entrust everything to Mary Immaculate and to Saint François de Laval.

+Marcel Damphousse
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie
Coadjutor Archbishop Elect of Ottawa-Cornwall