



# 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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## Pentecost Sunday

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday 31 May 2020 – Pentecost Sunday

- † Deceased members of the Byrnes & Lemieux families requested by Joe Byrnes
- † Mary & Lloyd Sullivan requested by Sean & Anna May O'Carroll
- † Maryan & Andy Dugandzic requested by Rose Dugandzic  
For our Parishioners

#### Tuesday 02 June 2020

No intention

#### Wednesday 03 June 2020

No intention

#### Thursday 04 June 2020

No intention

#### Friday 05 June 2020

Intentions for the Children of Helen & Anthony  
Religious Vocations requested by the Spiritual Mothers of Ottawa

#### Sunday 07 June 2020 – The Most Holy Trinity

- † Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

#### Tuesday 09 June 2020

Souls in Purgatory requested by the Louis-Seize family

#### Wednesday 10 June 2020

No intention

#### Thursday 11 June 2020

No intention

#### Friday 12 June 2020

No intention

#### Sunday 14 June 2020 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

- † Deceased members of the Pereira family
- † Herb Lalonde requested by Myrna Andrews

#### Tuesday 16 June 2020

Annie Langill requested by the McCloskey family

#### Wednesday 17 June 2020

No intention

#### Thursday 18 June 2020

No intention

#### Friday 19 June 2020

No intention

#### Sunday 21 June 2020 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intentions of All Fathers on Father's Day requested by the Catholic Women's League

### Message to Parishioners

*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*

*First of all, I would like to wish all of you a most blessed Easter as we are still in the Easter Season. I was asked to write a short message on how I have experienced life during the lockdown. As I look back through these past ten weeks, one message rings loud and clear - "Absence makes the heart grow fonder". Oh, how I yearn to go back to Mass, to pray and adore Jesus in the tabernacle and to receive Him in the Most Holy Eucharist! How I also long to meet all of you again in person! How I long to again experience the joy of children being baptized!*

*Even though Father Virgil and the parish leadership were able to step up to the challenge and keep parishioners connected through live streaming on the internet, it is not the same as attending Mass in person. Being deprived of church life and the Sacraments has been difficult especially since I'm a daily Mass goer. It is even more difficult when I recently received a call from an elderly couple who are long time parishioners but are now finding themselves without the means to even find out what's happening in our parish.*

*The deprivation they are experiencing, and this deprivation of the Holy Mass, Holy Communion and Confession that I'm personally experiencing, helped me to reflect on the times I took things for granted; this includes the Holy Mass and the Sacraments, not preparing well through prayers, recollection and reparation, rather just looking forward to receiving our Lord out of habit but without generously giving back.*

*Although the Most Holy Eucharist, the real presence of our Lord Jesus, is the ultimate good, I pray that this Eucharistic abstinence, the deprivation of the ultimate good brought about by a little virus, will not only make my heart grow fonder for our Lord Jesus but will also remind me always that my attendance of the Holy Mass is first and foremost an act of giving and sacrifice - to adore, praise, thank and make reparation to our Lord Jesus.*

*Amid all the challenges and difficulties, may God's blessings and protection be on all of you and your family. You are always in my prayers.*

*Deacon Philip*

*Prayers that were listed here were authorized to be published at no cost for one month. They can be found on pages 78, 79 and 91 of the Joyce Rupp book as noted in the credit line below.*

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

- The Knights of Columbus wish to congratulate Coadjutor Archbishop-elect Marcel Dampousse on the announcement that he will become Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall when Archbishop Terrence Prendergast retires.
- It is with tremendous joy that the Knights of Columbus wish to announce that the Pope has accepted a first class miracle attributed to Venerable Michael McGivney as sufficient to beatify him. The Knights are overjoyed at this news and await further details as to when this major event will take place. He will be named 'Blessed' and this is an important step on the road to sainthood.

### *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 02 June, 7:30 pm



### COVID-19 Update from Archbishop Prendergast (May 28, 2020)

At the weekly teleconference with the Episcopal Council, we discussed the continuation of the COVID-19 lockdown. I direct the following be communicated to all people of the Archdiocese:

#### 1. Continuation of the Lockdown

We continue to follow strictly the directions of the Government of Ontario and local health authorities as to when the lockdown will be lifted. Yesterday, Premier Ford extended the emergency closures until at least June 9. With the other dioceses in Ontario, we are awaiting guidelines being prepared under the auspices of the Bishops of Ontario to safely reopen our churches. These guidelines will then be implemented at the diocesan level. We are mindful that preparations for the return to celebrations of the Mass and sacraments will take a great deal of organization and work in order to maintain a healthy environment to prevent further spread of the coronavirus. Some initial guidance has been sent to parishes to begin their preparation.

In light of the above, we foresee that our churches will remain closed at least until the end of June. If the government's emergency orders are lifted sooner, we will adjust accordingly.

#### 2. Cancellation of Summer Gatherings

All social and other religious events normally held during the summer months are cancelled at least until August 31. This directive is contingent on governmental directions as noted above. It includes parish dinners and picnics; yard sales and bazaars; and national religious festivals and pilgrimages.

We continue to pray for an end to the pandemic, for all who suffer illness, for those who care for them and provide essential services, for those who have died and for those who have lost loved ones. May Our Blessed Mother continue to intercede for us, for God's mercy and deliverance.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Prendergast', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

✠ Terrence Prendergast, S.J.  
Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall