



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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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday 23 January – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm No intention

Sunday 24 January – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Thanksgiving for Mia Corbeil requested by Lolo and Lola

† Emanuel Kandiah requested by Noeline Edwards

11:15 am † Robert Scanlan requested by Pat and Ted Penkala

Tuesday 26 January

Intentions of Mariela Caparroz, Gerardo and Stefani Balves, Maria-Noel and Maria-Jose Martinez requested by Michael and Fabiana Nobel

Wednesday 27 January | No intention

Thursday 28 January | No intention

Friday 29 January

Intentions of Maria-Pia Martinez, Triston, Zavian and Ziana Grant requested by Michael and Fabiana Nobel

Saturday 30 January – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm † Kimberly Duhamel requested by the family

Sunday 31 January – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am No Intention

11:15 am † Antonio Perreira requested by Odilia and Paul Garcia

† Robert Scanlan requested by Nancy, Suanne, Christine and Paula

Intentions of Susan Mata and family requested by Dem and Flo Magmanlac

Tuesday 02 February

† Intentions of Diana Corbeil requested by Mom and Dad

Wednesday 03 February | No intention

Thursday 04 February | No intention

Friday 05 February

Intentions of Nicolas and Zachary Martinez requested by Michael and Fabiana Nobel

Saturday 06 February – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm † Cletus and Alice Downey requested by the family

† Souls in Purgatory requested by a Parishioner

Sunday 07 February – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am No Intention

11:15 am † Ann Delage requested by the family

† Albert Lawrence requested by the family

Intentions of Larry and Grace Valenciano requested by Dem and Flo Magmanlac

Tuesday 09 February

Intention of Fady Abdelnour

Wednesday 10 February | No intention

Thursday 11 February | No intention

Friday 12 February

† Champaben Nanavati requested by the family

† Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 13 February – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm † Souls in Purgatory

Intentions of Saverina and Vincenzo Procopio requested by the family

Sunday 14 February – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am † Souls in Purgatory requested by a Parishioner

Intentions of Gabriela Caparroz, Pasquale, Vincenzo and Brunella Procopio

11:15 am No Intention

POPE FRANCIS – GENERAL AUDIENCE

Library of the Apostolic Palace – Wednesday, 20 January 2021

Catechesis - Prayer for Christian Unity

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning! In this catechesis, we will reflect on the prayer for Christian unity. In fact, the week of the 18th to the 25th of January is dedicated specifically to this — to ask God for the gift of unity to overcome the scandal of division among believers in Jesus. After the Last Supper, he prayed for his own, “that they may all be one” (Jn 17:21). This was his prayer before the Passion; we could call it his spiritual testament. Let us note, however, that the Lord did not command that his disciples be united. No, he prayed to the Father for us, so that we might be one. This means that we are unable to achieve unity by our own strength. Unity is above all a gift, it is a grace to be requested through prayer.

Each one of us needs it. In fact, we know that we are incapable of preserving unity even within ourselves. The Apostle Paul, too, felt a painful conflict within himself: wanting the good but being inclined toward evil (cf. Rm 7:19). He had thus grasped the root of so many divisions that surround us — between people, in families, in society, between nations and even between believers — it is inside us. The **Second Vatican Council** stated, “the imbalances under which the world labors are linked with that more basic imbalance which is rooted in the heart of man. For in man himself many elements wrestle with one another.[...] Hence he suffers from internal divisions, and from these flow so many and such great discords in society” (*Gaudium et spes*, 10). Therefore, the solution to these divisions is not to oppose someone, because discord generates more discord. The true remedy begins by asking God for peace, reconciliation, unity.

This is true, first of all, for Christians. Unity can be achieved only as a fruit of prayer. Diplomatic efforts and academic dialogue are not enough. Jesus knew this and opened the way for us by praying. Our prayer for unity is thus a humble but trusting participation in the prayer of the Lord, who promised that any prayer said in his name would be heard by the Father (cf. Jn 15:7). At this point, we can ask ourselves: “Do I pray for unity?”. It is Jesus’ will but, if we inspect the intentions for which we pray, we will probably realize that we have prayed little, perhaps never, for Christian unity. And yet, the world’s faith depends on it; in fact, the Lord asked for unity among us “so that the world might believe” (Jn 17:21). The world will not believe because we will convince it with good arguments, but rather if we will have borne witness to the love that unites us and draws all of us near.

During this time of serious hardship, the prayer that unity may prevail over conflict is even more necessary. It is urgent that we set aside particularism in order to promote the common good, and our good example is fundamental to this: it is essential that Christians pursue the path toward full visible unity. In the last decades, thanks be to God, there have been many steps forward, but we need to persevere in love and in prayer, without lacking trust nor tiring. It is a path that the Holy Spirit gave rise to in the Church, in Christians and in us all, from which there is no turning back. Ever onward!

To pray means to fight for unity. Yes, fight, because our enemy, the devil, is the one who divides, as the word itself says. Jesus asks for unity in the Holy Spirit, to create unity. The devil always divides. He always divides because it is convenient for him to divide. He fosters division everywhere, and in any way, while the Holy Spirit always joins in unity. In general, the devil does not tempt us with high theology, but with the weaknesses of our brothers and sisters. He is astute: he magnifies others’ mistakes and defects, sows discord, provokes criticism and creates factions. God has another way: He takes us as we are, he loves us so much, but he loves us as we are and takes us as we are; he takes those of us who are different, he takes sinners, and he always spurs us towards unity.

We can evaluate ourselves and ask ourselves if, in the places in which we live, we nurture conflict or fight for an increase of unity with the tools that God has given us: prayer and love. What fuels conflict, instead, is gossip, always talking behind peoples’ backs. Gossip is the most handy weapon the devil has to divide the Christian community, to divide families, to divide friends, to always divide. The Holy Spirit always inspires us to unity.

The theme of this Week of Prayer specifically regards love: “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit” (cf. Jn 15:5-9). The root of communion is love of Christ who makes us overcome our prejudices to see in others a brother or sister to be loved always. Then we will discover that the Christians of other confessions — with their traditions, with their history — are gifts from God, they are gifts present within the territories of our diocesan and parish communities. Let us begin to pray for them and, when possible, with them. We will thus learn to love and appreciate them. Prayer, the Council reminds us, is the soul of the whole ecumenical movement (cf. *Unitatis redintegratio*, 8). Therefore, may prayer be the starting point to help Jesus achieve his dream: that they all may be one.

Special Greetings: I cordially greet the English-speaking faithful. In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, let us ask the Father for the gift of full unity between all Christ’s disciples, for the spread of the Gospel and the salvation of the world. Upon you and your families I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you!

Lastly, as usual, my thoughts turn to the elderly, to young people, to the sick and to newlyweds. During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, I invite you to take on this problem, praying that all Christians may welcome the Lord’s invitation to unite in faith in the one Church he founded.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available by appointment.
Please call Fr. Virgil at
613-824-4394, ext 2.

Please share all information in this bulletin with your fellow parishioners, particularly those who do not have access to the internet.

In accordance with the ON Provincial Health Orders our church is closed to regular Mass and Parish activities, until further notice. Please pray along with our online Mass that is posted to our YouTube channel.



Important change to the timing for registering for Sunday weekend Masses:

When the lockdown is lifted and we are permitted to reopen our church, registration for weekend Sunday Masses will again be required via EventBrite.

**** NEW TIMING FOR REGISTRATION FOR MASS****

ONLINE Registration via EventBrite will

open Sundays at 1:00 pm and

will close on Fridays at NOON.


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Migrant Mover, you pitched a tent in the desert, walked out to fishing boats, weathered storms, fed crowds without money -- and you ask us to follow you. Show us where our attachment to, and comfort with, our lives keeps us from serving you the way you desire. Draw us into your divine movement, going out to seek all who are searching for you. Amen.

(24 January 2021)


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Healing Jesus, help us see where we have been enslaved and weighed down by burdens you want to lift from us. Give us the courage to set them before you and allow you to lift them with us and from us. May we seek the healing and freedom you desire for us. Amen.

(31 January 2021)

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2021

EVANGELIZATION: *Human fraternity ~*
May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen. *Saint Alphonsus Liguori*

MASS ON YOUTUBE

Our parish Sunday Mass will continue to be on The Good Shepherd Parish YouTube channel each Sunday.

Select the link on our parish homepage:

<https://www.thegoodshepherdparish.com/>

Please share this information with your fellow parishioners, family and friends who are unable, for health reasons or church space limitations, to join us in the church.

Good Shepherd Parish Conference of the SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL



Donations to SSSVP: The Conference of SSSVP here at our parish are very thankful for all the help and donations last year. Your continued help and support will enable us to carry on with many good works in our community.

THEME FOR THIS YEAR: *Strztech forth your hand to the poor*

The Good Shepherd Conference continues to provide outreach to those in need within our community and to other regions where help is needed. We have been carrying out visits and delivering food vouchers to numerous people. The larger donation bin (located in the church parking lot) is open, so any gently used goods that you may have are always needed and appreciated.

If you are interested in joining our team or wish to make a donation directly to the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference, please contact Sharon Rideout, President, St. Vincent de Paul Conference at The Good Shepherd Parish via email at drideouts@rogers.com.

How to donate during the lockdown...

Please see information on our parish homepage for the various ways to support your parish. You may also call and leave a message for Bonnie at the parish office (613-824-4394; ext 1). Bonnie will call you back to process a recurring or one-time donation for you.

Thank you very much for your kind and generous support.



News from the Knights of Columbus Council 9005 Good Shepherd Parish

Well I guess it's out with the old and in with the new. And so maybe we should reflect on the Third Letter of John where he wrote to Gaius when he says: "Behold I hope you are prospering in every respect and are in good health just as your soul is prospering". These are interesting words given that we are in the midst of a pandemic with the economy running at eighty percent. But then again, a circumstance can be a blessing or so St. Paul seems to say. He continued to build the local churches when times were good and when things were bad; likewise, with the Knights.

First, they are grateful to everybody who looked after the installation of the Christmas lights and to their removal. We are grateful to the Knights and others at the church doors who checked to see that the COVID rules were kept and also to those unsung heroes who put the coloured tags on the chairs where parishioners were seated. The Knights are grateful for the astounding amount of donations received for the Christmas Hamper programme as well as the Coats for Kids initiative. We hope that these "holy rollers" will prosper in every respect as the Apostle John mentions.

Well then, it is on with building the Kingdom of God in 2021. The Knights are builders and not knockers. Thus, we continue with our Spiritual Programme. There are two more rosaries to be said under the leadership of the Knights and at times in cooperation with the Catholic Women's League. Remember Mary fixed her gaze on Him and she got what she wanted. We are a Marian order and everything is per Mariam ad Jesum (through Mary to Jesus). You either experience the power of Mary or you don't. Again, our founder Michael McGivney was named Blessed due to the continued perseverance of the Knights. It will be the same with respect to his canonization. The Knights will relentlessly promote his cause and we have already started this process with the introduction of a Prayer for his canonization. Now a first class miracle is also required.

The Knights wish Fr. Virgil good health as the Apostle indicated. We note that he is impressed with the rosary programme, i.e., the virtual rosary and he hopes that it may become a permanent feature of the Knights Spiritual Programme. Well, we will see.

May the words of the apostle become a blessing for all our Br. Knights in Council 9005.

James P. Tierney, Faith Director KofC

Please pray for those who have requested our prayers:

Deacon Dan Careau 🙏

Doreen Dumont 🙏

Bruce Hodgins 🙏

Inge Kobner 🙏

Jean-Ella Lemire 🙏

Joe MacDonell 🙏

Gloria Marshall 🙏

Michael Nortey 🙏

Rosi Saunders 🙏

Jean Scharf 🙏

Your Sunday envelopes are ready for pickup...

- Your 2021 Sunday envelopes are ready to be picked up and are on tables in the Church Cloak Room
- For those contributing via Pre-Authorized Contribution (PAC), there is a box of Special Collection envelopes as well.
- **Given the lockdown, please call Bonnie at the parish office** to arrange best (safest) way for you to pick up your envelopes (613-824-4394; ext 1)
Thank you very much for your kind and generous support.



Catholic Women's League (CWL) Ontario Provincial Convention 2021 Fundraiser

Rosary Bracelet with CWL Charm –
\$30.00 (plus shipping)

Various colour combinations of beads.
Handmade by our sisters in the League.
Beautiful for yourself and great for gift-giving.



- Please contact Sue Ann Soulliere at 613-979-5757 or email sueannsas@bell.net; or

- Contact Marilyn Olsen, member of the 2021 CWL ON Convention Committee at email mabolsen@rogers.com

Cheques payable to 'CWL 2021 Ontario Provincial Convention'; or Interac E-transfer to: cwl2021onconvention@gmail.com