

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, April 20, 5:00 p.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

For men and women called by the Lord to be priests, deacons and consecrated religious

Sunday, April 21, 9:30 a.m. Mass For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

For men and women called by the Lord to be priests, deacons and consecrated religious

11:00 a.m. Mass + For the Soul of Patrick Smith by his Children

Birthday Thanksgiving and Blessings for Ms. Angie – Manuelle Edet by the Family

Prayers and blessings for Dr. and Mrs. Edet on their 26th Wedding Anniversary by the Family

For men and women called by the Lord to be priests, deacons and consecrated religious

Monday of Easter, April 22, No Mass

Tuesday of Easter, April 23 - No Mass – Sacramental Information Meeting for Parents, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday of Easter, April 24, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist

Thursday of Easter, April 25, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday of Easter, April 26, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday of Easter, April 27 - 5:00 p. m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

Sunday, April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m. Mass + For the Soul of Penato Goyo Jr. by Lorra Goyo

11:00 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

1:30 p.m. Mass – Nigerian Community

FOURTH OF EASTER REFLECTION: The description of Jesus as a shepherd adopts an image which is often used in the Hebrew Scriptures. The shepherds of Palestine provided for their sheep in so many varied ways that the image was used of the loving care of God for the people. In the Fourth Gospel the same image is elaborated in new ways. Jesus is the good shepherd who gives his very life for his sheep. He contrasts his commitment to the sheep with the behaviour of the hired ones who flee at the first hint of danger. Jesus was fearless in the face of death in order to save his sheep. Jesus knows the sheep. His knowledge of them, his familiarity with them as he enfolds them in his loving care, reflects the close relationship between the Father and the Son. The image of the shepherd is developed here with an extraordinary richness. He will bring new members into his fold. The flock of Jesus Christ is not composed only of those who were first called. The mission of the followers of Jesus is limited by no boundaries of race, nation or origin. The unity of all the children of God is the goal of his coming and of his saving death and resurrection. Our passage ends with a focus on the Lord's free and generous self-giving. In doing the Father's will he shows the power of his love, which is fully displayed in his rising to new life. The Good Shepherd is risen indeed, and shares his new life with us. Do we value our place in the flock of the good shepherd? Do we do what we can to attract others to receive new life from the Risen Lord? Let us pray for all pastors of the Church that they may truly imitate the Good Shepherd. Let us pray that all those called by the Lord to be priests, deacons and consecrated religious may respond with courage and generosity.

QUO VADIS? Where are you going? Is the Lord calling you to serve him as a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration. The next session will be held on May 23, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at the new Café des Tours, located in the basement of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. To join the Quo Vadis email list or for more information, contact Fr. Connor O'Hara, the Vocations Director for the diocese, at vocations@ottawacornwall.ca

Collection – April 13 and 14, 2024: Envelopes: \$656.05, Loose: \$448.70; St. Vincent de Paul: \$212.00; Vigil Lights: \$64.00; Grand Total: \$1, 380.75. THANK YOU for your generosity and support.

2024: REGISTRATION AND PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION IS NOW OPEN. Parents who wish to have their child(ren) prepare for any of these Sacraments are invited to a Parents information meeting here at the Church this coming Tuesday, April 23, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. The Sacramental preparation retreat classes for all the Sacraments will be led by the Queenship of Mary Sisters, on Saturday, May 5, 2024 from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. here at the church.

Action Life - 33rd, Hike for Life: will be held next Saturday, April 27, Our parish Rep. will be Mr. James Wilson of this parish, who will be participating in this five kilometer walk this year and he will have pledge sheets in back of the church area or in the main entrance of the church, this weekend for those who wish to sponsor his participation. Pledge sheets will also be available for those who wish to participate. The 9:00 am Hike begins and ends at St. Theresa's C.C., 95 Somerset Street. downtown.

GENESIS: AN ART SHOW: On April 28, 11am-5pm, come explore and celebrate Earth Day through art the beauty of God, the Creator, and his creation at Genesis: The Palette of Creation. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall at the Café Des Tours, Notre Dame Cathedral, 385 Sussex Dr., the show will feature local artists with a focus on creation and how we find God through it. If you are a local artist and would like to submit your work for the show (a few spots left beyond deadline advertised), email Mireille Church.

May 7 – 10, Pro-Life Week: May 7 - Songs for Life Coffee House, 7pm, St. Mary's Church Hall. Free admission but free will offering, Baby item drive. May 8 - Candlelight Vigil, 9:00 pm Human Right's Monument, Mass at 7:30 pm, St. Theresa's Parish May 9 10:00 am—Pro-Life Mass, Notre Dame Cathedral 10:00 am—Pro-Life Mass, St. Patrick's Basilica 12:30 pm—Rally on Parliament Hill 1:30 pm—March through downtown Ottawa See full Ottawa schedule: <https://marchforlife.ca/2024-week-at-aglance/>

Solemn Vespers, for the Feast of Saint George, Tue. Apr. 23 6:00 pm, St. George's Parish, 415 Piccadilly Ave. N.: Presided by Parish Pastor: Msgr. Hans Feichtinger. The event is organized by Fr. Andrew Taylor (Apostolic Nunciature) with the Ottawa Chant group.

WHY CALL ME A SHEEP? Why are Christ's people called sheep? ... Sheep love to be together; as Christ has called us to unity. Sheep are little creatures, just as Christ's people are little in the eyes of the world, and should be even less in their own eyes. Sheep are looked upon to be the most harmless, quiet creatures just as we should do no harm to God's children here on earth. But the meekness of sheep reminds us of our dear Lord, who said: 'Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart.' Sadly too, sheep out of all creatures in the world, are the most apt to stray and be lost. Turn out a horse, or a dog, and they will find their way home, but sheep wander about; bleating here and there, waiting to be found by the shepherd.

Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel: God of wisdom and love, you have sent your Son Jesus to be the light of the world, and continue to send your Holy Spirit among us to guide us into the way of truth. Open our hearts to your word and let us ponder your actions among us. Give us your Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of understanding and counsel. With Mary, may we rejoice in your gifts, and walk in the way of truth and love. With all your people on earth and in eternity, we ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of your loving Spirit, one holy God, forever and ever. Amen! -

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2024: This is a week (May 5-10) specially set aside to celebrate our Catholic schools and why the triple connection of home, school and parish is an important and integral part of Catholic education. This triad emphasizes for our children, the reality of our wider Catholic community that collaborates on their faith formation and education. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "We are called to love." This week we continue to celebrate a school system, which celebrates and defines itself on faith and mercy, and embraces the message of salvation for all peoples preached by Jesus.

