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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—APRIL 26, 2026**







**"Through faith and virtuous life, together with love and service,  
we will lead people to Jesus and each other in charity."**

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| <p><b>SUNDAY MASSES</b><br/> Saturday 4:30pm<br/> Sunday 9:00am &amp; 11:00am</p> <p><b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b><br/> Monday, Thursday 7:30am</p> <p>Tuesday, Friday, Saturday<br/> 9:00am</p> <p>Wednesday 7:00pm</p> <p>Public holidays 9:00am</p> | <p><b>RECONCILIATION</b><br/> Wednesday: 6:15 – 6:45pm<br/> Friday: During the Holy Hour<br/> Saturday: 3:45 – 4:15pm<br/> Or by appointment</p> <p><b>OFFICE HOURS:</b><br/> Monday to Friday<br/> 8:00am to 12:00pm<br/> 1:00pm to 3:00pm</p> <p><b>HOLY HOUR</b> with Adoration<br/> and Benediction<br/> Friday: 9:30 – 10:30am</p> | <p><b>BAPTISM</b><br/> Speak to the Pastor after Sunday Mass for<br/> an information package.</p> <p><b>MARRIAGE</b><br/> Speak to the Pastor after Sunday Mass for<br/> an appointment.<br/> Approved Marriage Preparation and at least<br/> six months' notice required.</p> <p><b>ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b><br/> Call the parish office.</p> |
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**NEW TO OUR PARISH? WE'D LOVE TO CONNECT!**

**To register as a member of our parish, please fill out a registration form  
available at the tables near the entrance of the church. Thank you, and welcome!**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

| FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK   |  <b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>  |  |
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| <p>The image of Jesus as the ‘Good Shepherd’ is a strong statement both of his personal commitment to us and his total unity with the Father as the Word made Flesh.</p> <p><b>The Shepherd's Voice</b><br/>                     Today often is called ‘Good Shepherd Sunday’ because of the powerful image of Christ’s dedicated love that comes across to us as he speaks of himself as the shepherd who will lay down his life for his sheep. Hearing his voice, we are to follow it. It will lead us to his power, his protection and the fullness of life. To be able to recognize his voice, especially when there are so many others clamouring for our attention, we have to practice being like him. Jesus prayed; so must we. He showed God’s mercy to others; so must we. He made his decisions as conscious acts of unity with the Father; we must attempt the same. In this way, we allow his voice to be loud and clear in our ears and in our hearts. His voice will be like a radar beacon, a sure guide and a source of hope in our life journey.</p> <p><b>Our Vocation</b><br/>                     Each of us is unique, and we can respond to the Lord’s call as free individuals, using our talents as no one else can. However we live our answer, it should be in faith, working together to build up one another in Christ. This is the first vocation, Baptism: to be a witness to Christ.</p> <p><b>From Among Us</b><br/>                     From among the community of the baptized, and for its benefit, some are called to religious life or holy orders. As priests and religious do not come from some exotic factory, but from among us, vocations depend on us. Our prayers, example, faith, support and money are all needed to create an environment where those who are called may hear and be able to respond despite the many internal and external of the present day.</p> <p>May the voice of the Lord Jesus be loud and clear in our ears at all times. Whatever our particular vocation, may we recognize that it is a call of love, inviting us to share eternal life.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  </div> | <b>Saturday</b><br>4:30pm   | <b>April 25, 2026-4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b><br>†Don Muldoon by his wife & children<br>†Paul & Patricia Muldoon by their mother, sisters, & brother |
|  | <b>Sunday</b><br>9:00am   | <b>April 26, 2026-4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b><br>All Parishioners  |
|  | 11:00am   | †Aline Castonguay by Francine Brisebois and Richard Gauvreau<br>†Patrick Rebeiro by Debbie Rebeiro & family  |
|  | <b>Monday</b><br>7:30am   | <b>April 27, 2026</b><br>†Ida Serra by her estate  |
|  | <b>Tuesday</b><br>9:00am  | <b>April 28, 2026</b><br>†Vincent Serrao by Kitty Serrao   |
|  | <b>Wednesday</b><br>7:00pm  | <b>April 29, 2026-St. Catherine of Sienna</b><br>For the souls of the Serrao & Trinidad families by Kitty Serrao   |
|  | <b>Thursday</b><br>7:30am   | <b>April 30, 2026</b><br><b>St. Marie de L’Incarnation</b><br>†Betty Joachim by Kitty Serrao   |
|  | <b>Friday</b><br>9:00am   | <b>May 1, 2026</b><br>†Nancy Marie Serrao by her estate  |
|  | <b>Saturday</b><br>9:00am   | <b>May 2, 2026-St. Athanasius</b><br>25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the St. Francis of IHM fraternity by the Franciscan Fraternity                          |
|  | <b>Saturday</b><br>4:30pm   | <b>May 2, 2026-5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b><br>All Parishioners   |
|  | <b>Sunday</b><br>9:00am   | <b>May 3, 2026-5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b><br>†Rilla Nichols by the Jackson family<br>For the intentions of Austin & Hanna Leduc                     |
|  | 11:00am   | †Jack & Mark Teevens by Eileen and the family<br>†Jean-Louis Robert by Francine Brisebois & Richard Gauvreau   |
|  <b>MASS READINGS</b>   |  <span style="font-size: 2em; color: #4682B4; font-family: cursive;">Pray For...</span> |  |
| <b>First Reading</b> (Acts 2:14a, 36b-41), <b>Second Reading</b> (1 Peter 2:20b-25), <b>Gospel</b> (John 10:1-10).   | Dan Smedra,<br>Dusan Kocian, Sheila Fitzpatrick, Fe Tabora  |  |

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Some Coming Events**

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| <b>May 3</b> Coffee Sunday          | <b>May 24</b> Pentecost            |
| <b>May 14</b> March for Life        | <b>May 31</b> Trinity Sunday       |
| <b>May 28</b> Parish Annual Meeting | <b>Jun. 12</b> Sacred Heart        |
| <b>Jun. 7</b> Corpus Christi        | <b>July 1</b> Canada Day reception |
| <b>Jun. 13/14</b> Feast of IHM      |                                    |

**Ministers of Communion and Readers**

We are in need of more people to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. We also need more people to read at the weekend Masses. Both involve being scheduled about once a month. Training is provided. Contact Aileen Comerton (613-731-2701) or the office for more details.

**Coffee Sunday**

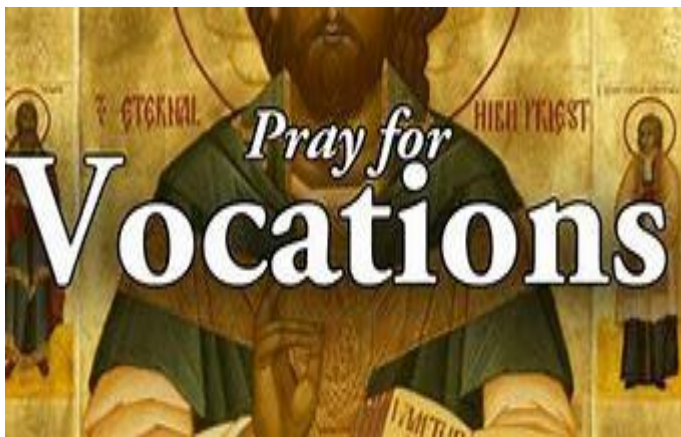
Join us next Sunday, **May 3** for our Heart to Heart Coffee Hour following the 9:00am and 11:00am Sunday morning Masses in the parish hall.

**Pope Leo's Prayer Intention**

**April:** For priests in crisis  
Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**Questions about Death and End of Life Care?**

Our program *'Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care'* takes place today **April 26** and **continues on May 3**, from 1:00 - 5:00pm. Our faith in Jesus Christ has much to teach us about living well until the end of life. It will help parishioners, caregivers, and family members facing a terminal illness to learn more about palliative care. This includes themes such as understanding the dying process, discernment and decision-making at the end of life, accompaniment and the importance of building Compassionate Communities. To register please e-mail [iheartmarysignup@gmail.com](mailto:iheartmarysignup@gmail.com) or sign up on the sheet at back of church.



**Vocation Sunday**

Today we have the special collection for Vocations. You may use the envelope in your set or any other marked 'Vocations' or 'Special Collection'. Thank you for your support.

**Vocations Videos - Ottawa**

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL67uz0nV5myymi6rQDMJ9m9kH2WKj5v5E>

**Hard of Hearing?**

Using earbuds/ earphones and your FM receiver, you now can get the signal from our sound system directly to your ears by tuning in to **FM 92.3 MHz**. Your tuner has to be on exactly the right frequency so turn the dial slowly - you may need to venture a bit left or right before you get our signal. Note that cell phone 'apps' may take you to something completely different.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**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 at 7:00pm on **April 30** at the *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](mailto:vocations@ottawacornwall.ca)

**Fiat: Women's Discernment Night**

On **April 30** from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at St. Mary's Parish, 100 Young Street, there will be the first in a series for women ages 18-35 discerning consecrated life, including religious life and consecrated virginity. Following Mary's Fiat (her "yes" to God), come learn more about the vocation of consecrated life and see how God may be calling you. Email: [info@ottawacornwall.ca](mailto:info@ottawacornwall.ca) or [info@servantsofthecross.ca](mailto:info@servantsofthecross.ca) or [thequeenshipofmary@gmail.com](mailto:thequeenshipofmary@gmail.com) or Erin at [erinkinsella@live.ca](mailto:erinkinsella@live.ca)



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**Choirs**  
 Sat, 4:30pm - Christina Ronzio  
 Sun, 9:00am - Elisa Pulmano.....613-680-5361  
 Sun, 11:00am - Francine Brisebois.....613-824-9199

**Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sun 9:00am**  
 Aleks Paliga.....613-325-2902; aleks.p@gmail.com

**Environment**  
 Jackie Comerton .....613-521-1287

**Catholic Women's League**  
 Helen Blaskie.....613-523-6805  
 Meets 2nd Saturday Sept-May in the Boardroom after the morning Mass






**Knights of Columbus Council 13701**  
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 Carol David: 613-291-2850; caroldavid1565@gmail.com

**Prayer Group**  
 Moira Matthews: 613-421-4476; moiramatthews@rogers.com

**Secular Franciscan Order**  
 Patrick Denison.....613-265-4453  
 Meets monthly, first Saturday, Sept-June, 10:00am- Noon

**Outreach to the Poor**  
 Call the parish office.....613-733-9636

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