

LITURGIES

Saturday, April 24

"Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life."

♦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room-by appointment only)

Mass 5:00 p.m. – † deceased members of the Vukelic & Erich Families

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Charles Galea

Sunday, April 25, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)

Mass 11:00 a.m. – † Orlando DiDomizio, † Pasquale Luciani, † Adam

Wroblewski, † Stefan Pilichaty, † Margherita & Mario Petrella,

† Umberto Ligori

Vocation Prayer – Rev. William Trusz

Tuesday, April 27

"The Father and I are one."

♦ **Confessions 6:00 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room-by appointment only)

♦ **Mother of Perpetual Help Prayers – 6:45 p.m.**

Mass 7:00 p.m. – † Clelia DiDomenico, Special Intentions

Vocation Prayer – Rev. David Reitzel

Wednesday, April 28

"I have come as light into the world."

Mass at SJLC – † Anthony Di Domizio (Not public)

Vocation Prayer – Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb (S.O.C.)

Thursday, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena

"Whoever receives one whom I send, receives me."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Marg Hale

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Patras Samuel Masih

Friday, April 30, St. Marie De L' Incarnation

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – For Spirit of Conversion

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo

Saturday, May 1

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

♦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room-by appointment only)

Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Domenic Pham

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Claude Perera, O.M.I.

Sunday Collections:

April 11, 2021 Env. \$1735.00 + Loose \$120.00 = \$1855.00

April 18, 2021 Env. \$3605.75 + Loose \$171.00 = \$3776.75



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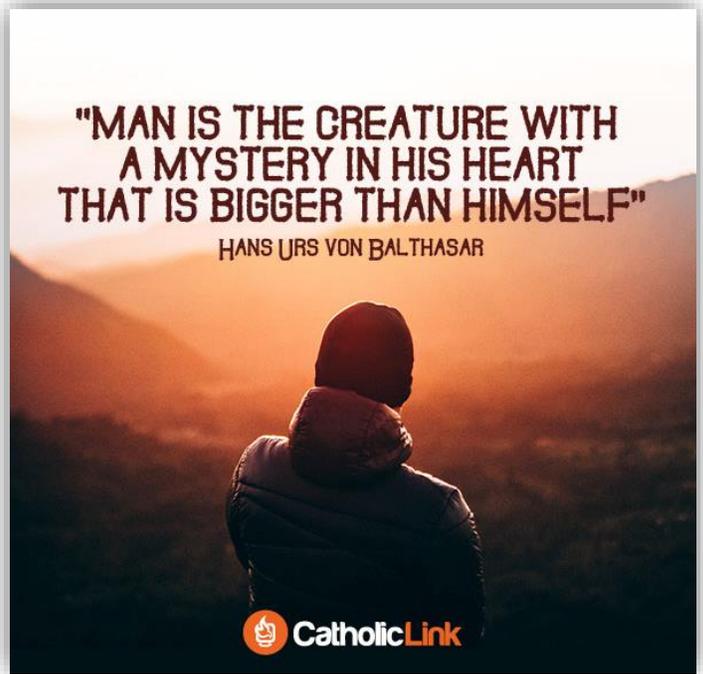
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REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

The office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, with a break from Noon – 1:00 pm., on Thursdays until 6 pm. There are safety protocols in place, access in-person is limited. We try to make arrangements over the phone when possible. Please give us a call first. Thank you!



HOLY BAPTISM AND OTHER SACRAMENTS

We are going to invite children whom families are registered for Baptism to approach the baptismal font in the coming weeks when public worship will be available. We must still observe strict protocols especially when we invite the little ones to church. The families should also take under consideration current protocols when organizing family celebrations related to this Sacrament. We will soon contact families who submitted forms to provide more details on the preparation and ceremony. We welcome new submissions as well. You can find registration forms on our website.

We also hope to invite current Grade 7 students and those who registered for Confirmation in this school year for conferring this Sacrament. We will contact our schools and families to coordinate preparations. According to the diocesan protocol the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated outside of the Holy Mass with strict rules in place. Bishop Crosby granted faculty to every pastor to preside over the celebration.

Children and youth have had very little personal contact with the church since the beginning of this Pandemic, and even before because of the teacher strikes. Our Pastoral Ministry has had no access to our Catholic schools neither. Virtual sacramental preparation is not sufficient to prepare children for understanding the Church and Sacraments. Therefore, we hope for an opportunity this summer to invite children to a SAINT MARY'S SUMMER CAMP and prepare Grade 2/3 students for their first Holy Confession and Holy Communion that they can receive on Sundays in the summer. We also plan to open a camp for Grade 6/7 students preparing for Confirmation next school year and to other children, depending on the number of volunteers we can recruit to help us.

We welcome help; persons as leaders or chaperons, looking after refreshments and meals and security. Age is not significant; you can be a high school student or a senior. The heart you can offer to those young people hungry for God matters the most!

We will release camp registration forms for children and volunteers in the coming weeks.

In-person worship important

Most Catholics and religious Canadians are trying to maintain a connection to their faith during the ongoing COVID pandemic. But they are struggling to maintain the sense of spiritual connection that comes from being able to gather with other members of their faith at religious services and events, says a new Angus Reid survey of more than 1,000 Canadians conducted just before Easter.

Religious Canadians have seen their places of worship shuttered at times and attendance severely restricted when allowed to open in the past year since the global health emergency changed everyday life across the globe. And that has led a significant number of Canadians to feel that the restrictions placed on religious communities have been unfair while many commercial operations have been allowed to continue with limited restrictions.

“The evidence shows widespread compliance with public health orders among religious communities, despite a significant feeling the orders have been unfair when compared to other places where folks gather,” said Cardus religious think tank executive director Ray Pennings. [...]

While Cardus’ Pennings said the results of the survey show that Canadians are going online to stay connected to their faith, as many as eight out of every 10 religious Canadians surveyed said they miss the ability to gather with other members of their faith community.

“Every Canadian has faced challenges in dealing with the pandemic and restrictive health orders,” Pennings said, pointing out that donations to charity are down across the board as well and that many people who go online to stay connected to their faith community are alone when they are online and miss the feeling of community offered by communal, in-person worship.

“These findings add a previously unexplored facet to the overall story about how COVID-19 has affected our society.” (BY BRIAN DRYDEN, CANADIAN CATHOLIC NEWS, publishes by www.catholicregister.org)

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Make a gift to your priest(s) and offer this prayer for them as we celebrate the Good Shepherd Sunday April 25th.

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life.

In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show them that they are needed by the Church; they are needed by souls; they are needed for the work of redemption. (CAN)

PRAYER FOR THE NEW VOCATIONS

Pope Francis called on all Catholics to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life on Good Shepherd Sunday, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands. So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love. We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how. Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. With our hearts you continue to love your people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

LITURGIES

Sunday, May 2, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Giovanni Buccilli, † Shiela Gruz Roculan, † Sarah Clare, † Francesca Clelia Rossi, Int. of Klarrisa Zahrybelny and Family
Mass 11:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)

Vocation Prayer – Rev. David Reilander

Tuesday, May 4

"Peace I leave with you; may peace I give you."

♦ **Confessions 6:00 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room-by appointment only)

♦ **Mother of Perpetual Help Prayers – 6:45 p.m.**

Mass 7:00 p.m. – † Alberto D'Eramo

Vocation Prayer – Rev. David Weise

Wednesday, May 5

"Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit."

Mass at SJLC – † Tom Gallan (Not public)

Vocation Prayer – Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (S.S.M.I.)

Thursday, May 6, St. François De Laval

"The good shepherd is ready to give up life itself for the flock."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Phil Durham

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Tom Moisan

Friday, May 7

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Souls in Purgatory

- Holy Hour

(begins after Mass, confessions not available)

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Leszek Szczygiel

Saturday, May 8

"You do not belong to the world; I have chosen you out of the world."

♦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room-by appointment only)

Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Maria Nguyen Thi Xuan

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Pablito Labado

Sunday, May 9, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Mafalda Tuori, † Peter & Josephine Mitchell, † Betty Barron, † Rita Carrieri, † Tito & Antonia Imola, † Souls in Purgatory, Int. of the Maria SS Della Libera Committee

Mass 11:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Allison Mahoney, C.S.C.

PRAYER TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION

Lord, my God and my loving Father, You have made me to know You, to love You, to serve You, and thereby to find and to fulfill myself. I know that You are in all things, and that every path can lead me to You. But of them all, there is one especially by which You want me to come to You.

Since I will do what You want of me, I pray You, send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what You want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all my strength right to the end. Amen

WE NEED YOUR HELP, PLEASE!

As you know to ensure safety of parishioners, we require reservations to all weekend Holy Masses. The system is easy, and everyone is checked in on arrival. We have a group of volunteers who help with the check-in at the door and ushering to the seat. Perhaps you can also consider lending us a hand. We also need readers for the weekend Holy Masses. We provide training and necessary preparation. It is stress free! Join us!

The gardening season is open, and we welcome volunteers who would like to help keep our vast and beautiful flower beds in good shape. You can drop by with your tools at any time and choose the spot you would like to take care of. Just give us a heads up so that we know you are around.