

APRIL 25, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. Our readings today call us to reflect inward — do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives?



In our Gospel Jesus reveals His radical love for us. He says, “I will lay down my life for the sheep.” Jesus tells us that we are His. We can compare this relationship to that of a loving parent to their child. The parent gives without much in return and if any evil came near the child, the parent would do anything, even lay down their life for their baby.

We are Christ’s, even more than a child is to a parent. He created us and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world, so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary for our salvation. He is our Good Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray.

But just as a baby is happiest in the arms of a parent, so too are we happiest in the flock of our Shepherd. And just as sheep go astray, we also stray from God, test our limits and even follow false shepherds.

Thankfully our Shepherd is a Good Shepherd, and He laid down His life for us knowing every sin we will ever commit. Therefore, let us examine our hearts and return to our flock. We don’t even need to find the way. He is right there always waiting to guide us home.

Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, ‘who is my Shepherd?’ and ‘have I gone astray?’ Name the areas in your life that you have neglected. Ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the sacraments and begin again.

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, April 26

8:30 a.m. - Livestream

Deceased members of St. Julia CWL †
Giancarlo Costantini †

Tuesday, April 27

8:30 a.m. - Livestream

Anne Matuch †
7:00 p.m. - R.C.I.A. - Virtual

Wednesday, April 28

8:30 a.m. - Livestream

Maria Albanese †

Thursday, April 29

No Mass

Friday, April 30

8:30 a.m. - Livestream

Richard Cobus † | John Mascarehnas

Saturday, May 1

4:00 p.m. - Richard Cobus †

5:00 p.m. - Livestream

John Chesla † | Sr. Marie Fougere † | Rick White †

Sunday, May 2

8:45 a.m. - Mass

9:45 a.m. - Mass for the People

10:30 a.m. - Aristide Tacinelli †



Feast of our Lady of Good Counsel

On Monday, April 26th, the 8:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated for the deceased CWL members of St. Julia. We were hoping that our council could celebrate Mass together on that day, the Feast Day of Our Patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. Unfortunately, this will not be possible because of the recent restrictions now in place. We ask that you please join the members of the Catholic Women’s League all over Canada in prayer. Let us ask Our Lady of Good Counsel to guide and protect us.

God bless!

FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS



We welcome you to join our Virtual RCIA session for **“The Last Things”** at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 27th.

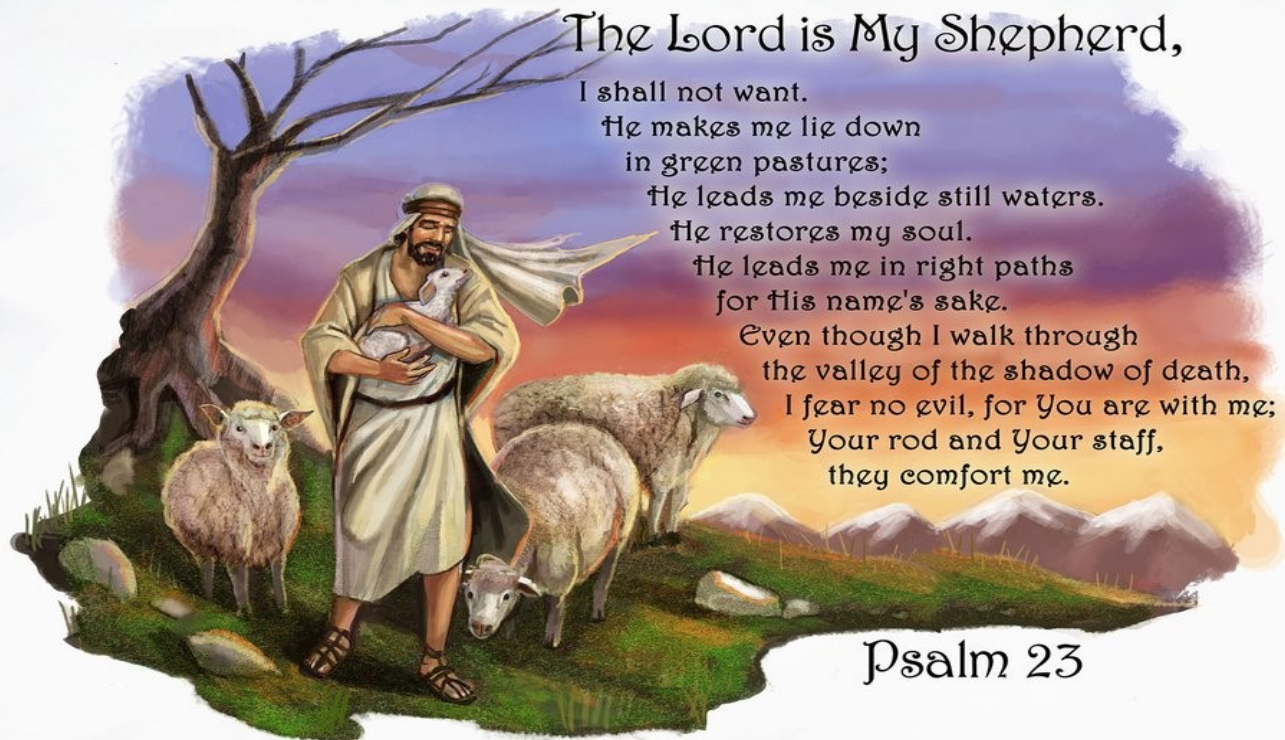
If interested, please contact the parish office to join the Google Meet.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

Pray for Spiritan Vocations



The Lord is My Shepherd,

I shall not want.
He makes me lie down
in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for His name's sake.
Even though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff,
they comfort me.

Psalm 23