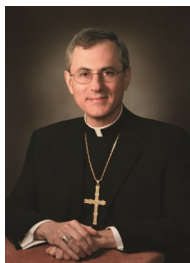


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## The Good Shepherd-Love in Action

“The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John’s Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John’s Gospel follows Jesus’ healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus’ authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus’ death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus’ teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd’s job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John’s Gospel, one hears in this passage John’s particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.”

*Sunday Connection, Loyola Press, 4th Sunday of Easter, 2021.*

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fourth-sunday-of-easter-cycle-b-sunday-connection/>

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## Celebrating the Easter Season

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations-Sunday April 25, 2021 Dream~Service~Fidelity

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. While appreciating all vocations, the Church prays in a special way for vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), and religious life.

In Pope Francis' message on this 58th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations he states: "God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes. The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of "the saints next door". At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey. "

Pope Francis identifies three key words that guided Saint Joseph and can guide each of us in our individual vocation: Dream~Service~Fidelity.

See Pope Francis' [full message](#) for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

### A Prayer for Vocations

Loving and Generous God,  
it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You.  
Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our  
Church as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to  
shape its future.

Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace  
Christ's Mission of love and justice.

Bless the Church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders  
from our families and friends who will serve Your people as  
Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts  
to hear Your call. Amen.

*Adapted from Prayers for Vocations, USCCB*

### Strong in the Face of Tribulation

Last year, the Dicastery for Communications of the Holy See produced the document Strong in the Face of Tribulation- The Church in Communion: A Sure Support in Times of Trial. As we find ourselves in a similar situation of closure we were last year, when our churches have had to close again for a third time for the safety and well being of the greater community, this document provides words of hope, comfort, and consolation during this time.

The document is divided in to 3 sections. In the first we find prayers, rituals and supplications for difficult moments. They are texts that originate from various ecclesial contexts and historical eras. For this reason, they can be a further source of sharing at the level of the universal Church. In the second section, gathers together the indications given by the Church to continue to live and to receive the grace of the Lord, the gift of forgiveness and the Eucharist, the power of the Easter liturgies even though we may have been unable to participate physically in the Sacraments. The third section consists of the words of Pope Francis, primarily the daily homilies of the Mass, and the texts of the Sunday Angelus from the beginning of the pandemic to Easter Sunday, 2020 in order to sustain the entire ecclesial community in this time of trial. Reading and listening to his words helps us to reflect, pray, and hope for the days ahead.

Click [here](#) to access this document.



### Parish Trivia Night Friday May 7th, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Join the fun with the Knight's of Columbus very first virtual trivia event on Zoom (online or by phone). You can be part of a team or part of the virtual audience. Each team (randomly selected) will use their collective skills to answer general knowledge questions. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the event but you must be present to win.

This event is open to all members of our parish community!  
Click [here](#) to register!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Grand Knight, Bro. Roger Khouri, at [roger@roger.ca](mailto:roger@roger.ca).

### New Leadership for The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph

From Sr. Anne Karges, CSJ, General Secretary: "The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada rejoice in God's faithfulness as we announce the newly elected Congregational Leadership Circle who will begin their four-year term of office on May 16, 2021. Congregational Leader: Sr. Margo Ritchie, CSJ; Assistant Congregational Leader: Sr. Loretta Manzara, CSJ; Councillors: Sr. Sheila Fortune, CSJ; Sr. Helen Russell, CSJ; Sr. Nancy Sullivan, CSJ. We thank you for your prayerful support in the past and rely on it as we live our Direction Statement "Moving with Love", listening to the call of our God and of our planet."



## From the Desk of the Rector

We all know we have had to deal for a long time with the evil that is racism and violence, and we need to join with all people who are working to eliminate it. We need to admit that we have been complicit in its spread. Our Catholic social teaching calls us to growing leadership in breaking down barriers and standing against injustice. When violence is done to human dignity we dishonor the presence of Jesus in our lives and the lives of others. We have to do better and that starts with listening to the anger, pain and trauma of others. We need to engage in productive dialogue that results in real, transformational change. We need continuous learning. We need to end our silence. We need to accompany our young people. Our Catholic schools are taking a lead in the process. A leader in Catholic education recently wrote: "We need to aspire to create safe, inclusive learning environments where every student and every member of our community knows that they are welcomed and valued. To know the faith means living the call "to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God." To impact change we need continuous learning with respect to anti-racism, equity and diversity across all roles in our organization and in every one of our classrooms. We must end the silence that empowers racism, xenophobia, exclusion, bias, self righteousness and all forms of hatred and oppression. We need to renew our passionate commitment to social justice. We must accompany our

young people and one another in the search for truth... In the words of Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, "We can and must make a society that views the soaring of a child's potential with more joy than the soaring of a rocket." Catholic education is our daily opportunity to instill important values such as courage, love, respect, sensitivity, and compassion. These are the values that will ensure we stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters everywhere to bring about change, new life, and hope. We are listening, we are learning, and we want you to know we are committed to fighting against racism and discrimination."

We know that words and statements are meaningless without action. Racism is inherently ant-life so we need to bring our energy to bear as we have in other areas to battle it. It means zero tolerance – for racist slurs, taunts or jokes. It means making our leaders – political and religious -accountable and creating a culture of life in which we all strive, above all to give dignity to all life, at all times, in all circumstances. It means teaching each other and our children what we all should know in our hearts – that we are all made in God's image. It means all of us doing our part working for a world where kindness and truth, justice and peace shall come together.

What am I hearing? What am I learning? What am I doing?

*Fr. Jim Mockler*

### Catholic Education Week "Nurturing Hope" May 2-7, 2021

Catholic Education Week is being celebrated across Ontario beginning Sunday, May 2. The theme this year is "Catholic Education: Nurturing Hope". Again this year the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association will be offering a live provincial mass on Wednesday, May 5 at 11:00 a.m., presided over by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins. Catholic schools across the province will be participating in this online Mass. The link to the mass is found at [here](#).

### Thank You to our Volunteers

National Volunteer Week is April 18-24. Click [here](#).



## Cathedral Connections

The next Cathedral Connections will be published online in early June. We are looking for comments from our parishioners on how you have coped with covid restrictions and how your spiritual life has been affected during this past year amidst the pandemic.

Please send any comments to Paul Carson, editor, at [CathConStPeters@gmail.com](mailto:CathConStPeters@gmail.com).

### REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS (LIVE STREAMED ONLY)

#### April 28—Wednesday 12 PM

Olga Dias; Victor Romero; Penina Rodriguez;  
Deceased Members of the Caceres & Esquivel Families;  
Living & Deceased Members of CWL;  
Intns of the Schaffelburg Family

#### May 1—Saturday 5 PM

Darly Coelho; Eva Romero; Macario Flores;  
Sr. Cathleen Flynn; Socorro Castro; Martin & Angela Muralla

*We remember in prayer* all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died; and comfort those who mourn.

### *We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry throughout our diocese:*

Mr. Juan Carlos Giraldo, Sacramental Coordinator;  
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