

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

**Deacons:** Michael Gennaro  
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## **Celebration of The Eucharist**

Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am  
Thursday: 12:00 noon

**Eucharistic Adoration** (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
Or by appointment.

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Second Sunday of the Month  
By appointment only.

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.  
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

## **Parish School**

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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 15, 2022



May 17<sup>th</sup> – May 21<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday 8:30 - †

Wednesday 8:30 - †

Thursday Noon - †

Friday 8:30 - Elvera Lamie †

Saturday 4:30 - Nina Mendonca †

## READINGS FOR – May 22<sup>nd</sup>

1st Reading: Acts 15.1-2, 22-29

2nd Reading: Revelation 21.10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14.23-29



## PAPAL CHARITIES

### Second Collection Next Weekend



This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need. Two-thirds is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the universal Church.

***"In the days that followed the Lord's resurrection, the Apostles stayed together, comforted by Mary's presence, and after the ascension, they persevered with her in prayerful expectation of Pentecost. Our Lady was a mother and teacher to them, a role that she continues to play for Christians of all times ..."***



## THE WORD THIS WEEK

***"I give you a new commandment: love one another."***

Love is man's first and constant vocation. Love is the summary of the whole Bible. Love is the secret of the saints, the necessary way to God. It is the means to reveal God's heart to other men. But the beauty of God's love must show itself fresh and new in every Christian; for beauty, to delight and attract, must be fresh as the morning. Every deed of vital love, performed by us in our personality which nature and grace have fashioned, is like the morning of time itself. "God is love" in its mysterious fullness and infinite freshness. Utterly King and Lord, He unites the baptized of every nation in the one Mystical Body of Christ, by the one Holy Spirit, under the one Mother Mary.

According to the Gospel, we are disciples, followers of Christ, but how many of us would pass the test that Christ himself lays down for deciding who are his true followers? The word "charity" unfortunately has come to have a very restricted meaning in our present-day vocabulary. It signifies giving alms, a gift of money to a needy person. This is but a very small part of the true charity, true love of neighbor which Christ made the distinguishing mark of the true Christian. He who truly loves his neighbor must be interested, first and foremost, in those things which concern that neighbor's most important purpose in life, his eternal salvation.

The suffering we inevitably endure in life can be transformative. If our sacrifices are fueled by love for one another, they will bring us closer to God. When we are in a state of grace, we can fully experience the Eucharist, His incredible love for us.

It is never too late to mend. Begin today to take a true Christian interest in the spiritual fate of your family and neighbors. Where words have already failed perhaps, try prayer and example. The grace of God will cooperate with your sincere, charitable effort.





### CWL MONTHLY MEETING

The CWL will be holding their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm. The theme of this meeting will be "Our Lady of Guadalupe". All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are actively organizing charitable events in support of our communities. With their ongoing efforts, we are providing meals, clothing and financial support to those in need.



GOOD SHEPHERD  
MINISTRIES

### CASSEROLE COLLECTION FEED MY LAMBS

Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on May 14&15. Good Shepherd Ministries remain

at the service of the poor and homeless of our City. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.

### Clothing Drive



### What's in your closet?

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a clothing drive on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The St. Vincent de Paul Society will leave a truck in our parking lot for the week-end and it will be staffed by Good Shepherd Knights. All clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery/towels and toys are accepted.

### WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM



The Knights are collecting "refundable" beer, wine, liquor bottles and cans as well as pop cans which can be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. This program will commence with collections on the fourth Sunday of every month. We thank you for your support of this project.

## Catholic Women's League



The Catholic Women's League invite all parishioners to contribute to our Food Drive for Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children this weekend – May 14/15 and next weekend May 21/22. The most needed items at this time are rice, beans, pasta, cereal, canned fish (tuna/mackerel/sardines). We look forward to receiving them from you at the tables just inside the front doors of our church. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Ministry with Maturing Adults

### Nurturing Our Spirituality in the Second Half of Life

Thursday May 19

Gatherings on ZOOM at 10:00 – 11:30 am.

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## The Goal for the 2022 ShareLife Campaign is \$13.8M

"Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

**Please give generously.**

## Turning Our Thoughts To Mary in May

*"God wills that all His gifts  
should come to us through Mary"*

This is the month in which the most affectionate and fervent homage of prayers and devotions from the hearts of Christians are raised to Mary. It is also the month in which from His throne descend upon us the most generous and abundant gifts of the Divine Mercy.



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 and he who abides in love  
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