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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Apr. 26, 2026



Apr. 29th – May 2nd

Tuesday -
Wednesday - Ignatius Kwan †
Thursday - Hilda & Luis Perriera †
Friday - Chung/Szeto Family Deceased †
Saturday - Jim Howe †

READINGS FOR – May 3rd

1st Reading: Acts 6.1-7
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2.4-9
Gospel: John 14.1-12



ShareLife

*Helping the whole community
through Catholic agencies*

ShareLife Sunday is celebrating 50 years this weekend!

Today is ShareLife Sunday, the second weekend of special collections. Since 1976, ShareLife has been rooted in our Catholic values of charity and in living the Gospel by caring for those in need. Over the decades, thousands of people across our archdiocese have come together through parish campaigns, school drives, workplace giving, and personal acts of kindness to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families.

ShareLife recognizes that all humans are created in the image of God, with a commitment to the dignity of the individual and the right to life, working on behalf of the poor and vulnerable. As we celebrate this milestone anniversary in 2026, we invite you to join us in honouring this legacy of serving the marginalized in our parish community and around the world.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

The Word This Week

“The sheep follow him because they know his voice.”

This Sunday is traditionally called ‘Good Shepherd Sunday’, because of the Gospel references to Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is also the day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. On this Sunday we hear one of the great ‘I am’ statements of Jesus from Saint John’s Gospel today ‘I am the gate of the sheepfold’. Through Jesus we enter into life and safety, and we ‘go through Jesus, the gate’ by baptism. This image is implied in all today’s readings: the people listening to Peter find this gateway and enter through it: Peter writes to remind us that we have come back to the Good Shepherd, who heals us by his wounds.

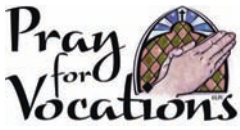
We surely are fortunate to belong to the sheepfold of Christ—His Church. We surely are blessed to have the Son of God as our Shepherd, who came among us in order to lead us to heaven. Do we fully appreciate our privileged position? Do we always live up to our heavenly vocation? We know His voice, we know what He asks of us, but do we always listen to that voice, do we always do what He asks of us? We are to trust. When we cannot see what lies ahead, when we are anxious in the face of the unknown, we are to trust the Good Shepherd who goes before us, who calls us by name. The gate is open and inviting, allowing us to “find pasture” – eternal peace and eternal life.



FIRST FRIDAY

May 1st

Eucharistic Adoration is a time to be with Jesus. We invite everyone to stay after Mass and experience being in the presence of Jesus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer if you can commit to a specific time.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

April 26, 2026

World Day of Prayer is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, societies of apostolic life, or secular institutes, especially for our diocese.

REPORT TO PARISH 2025 FINANCIALS

Thank you to all our parishioners for their love, support and dedication to Good Shepherd Parish. We are grateful for the opportunities to worship, grow and serve alongside you. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and unwavering faith.

REVENUE:

Offertory	351,180.00
All other Collections	28,115.00
Interest Revenue	27,070.00
Parish Programs	7,630.00
Sundry Receipts	26,410.00
Sp. Collections (Total)	115,240.00
TOTAL	\$555,645.00

EXPENDITURES:

All Church Expenses	268,145.00
Rectory Expenses	16,220.00
Parish Programs	6,000.00
Sundry/Admin. Exp.	12,265.00
Diocesan Assessment	77,900.00
Sp. Collect. Disburse.	115,240.00
Investment Purchase	26,400.00
TOTAL	\$522,170.00

NET INCOME \$33,475.00

If you are interested in booking a Mass Intention, please visit or call the office.



PENTECOST TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday May 19th 7:00 p.m.



You are invited to a Taize Prayer Service and Social in anticipation of Pentecost. It will be great to pray together, and then enjoy fellowship in the hall later

Pre-Planning Seminar Saturday May 30, 2026 9:00 a.m.

Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions.

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You're invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**, which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. We are called to offer care, hope and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.



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