

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd."

MASSES THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Psalter IV -- Year B

MON. May 4

12:05 PM Special Intentions of **BOB WHELPLEY**
--Eva & Charles Campbell

TUES. May 5

12:05 PM Special Intentions of **JOYCE HALL**
--Mom & Dad

WED. May 6

12:05 PM † **MICHELLE MENDES**
--Jay

THURS. May 7

NO MASS

Due to Clergy Deanery Meeting

FRI. May 8

10:00 AM Mass at Legion Village
12:05 PM † **FRANK HEFFERNAN**
--Marie & Family

Saturday, May 9

5:00 PM † **JOANNE LAMBLE -1st Anniversary**
--Del & Mary Ellen Dillon

Sunday, May 10

9:00 AM † **GEORGETTE CORMIER**
--Edmund Cormier & Family

11:00 AM **MISSA PRO POPULO**

Next Weekend's Readings: **5th Sunday of Easter**

1st: Acts 9.26-31 2nd: 1 John 3.18-24
Gospel: John 15.1-8

REFLECTION



Jesus tells us in today's gospel that he is the Good Shepherd. He makes a distinction between good shepherds, hired hands, and wolves. As a good shepherd, Jesus knows

his sheep and his sheep know him. He is so devoted to his sheep that he is willing to die for them. Not only is this image fitting for Jesus and God's people, but it helps explain the love of God for his son.

Reflection for Families When we consider the people in our children's lives, we find most of them represented in this scripture. There are the good shepherds. Mostly they are parents and grandparents or other relatives who significantly take care in our children's upbringing. In this group we go to the limits for our children. Then there are hired hands who help us because they benefit in some way usually monetarily. But when push comes to shove, how much of themselves will they invest? It even happens that sometimes the people we thought were shepherds turn out to be hired hands. Finally there are the wolves all the things that distract the shepherds or lead the sheep away. As parents we need to be aware of who these people are in our children's lives. We even need to look into our own hearts and desires and be certain that there are no wolves luring us from our precious sheep.

COLLECTION REPORT

☞ **A Summary of Your Generosity** ☜

April 26 Sunday Offering \$4569.

Restoration Fund \$185.

Thank you for your support!

EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tues. 5—7:30 PM KofC General Meeting at CCC

Wed. 6—7:00 PM C.W.L. Executive in Parish Cen.

Wed. 6—12:30 PM Legion of Mary in Parish Cen.

Thurs. 7—1:00 PM Seniors Progressive Euchre at Columbus Community Centre

Thurs. 7—7:00 PM Prayer/Meditation Group in PC

OFFICE CLOSED

Unfortunately for the Parish, but fortunately for Ria, she will be away for the week of May 4 to 8. Therefore, the office will be closed during this time. If you have an emergency, you can always leave a phone message. The office will be reopened on Monday, May 11, 2009. Thank you for your cooperation.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Sheilagh Goguen, James Cormier, Harm Zoelman, Joyce Hall, Jim Corkery, Alice Heffernan, Willard Cochrane, Marion Maguire, Jack Baggaley, Bob Whelpley, Peg Lees, Tanya Green, Shawn Pentland, Lisa Dunn, Ed Godawa, Jean Ellis, Rosemary Roth, Lisa Sampson, Charles Potier, Marisca, Arlene Brown, Debbie Hale, Stanley Johnston, Jessica Gerber, Richard Philips, Lynn Fabris, Mary Beyette, Bill Vincent, Theresa Ferguson, Charles Bateman, Bob Pickett, Matilda Eikens, Noreen Mark, Antoinette Brisson, Stan Johnston, Fred Williams, Denise Palermo, Mark Martel, Diane Bartlett, Greg Heenan, *May the Lord's healing hand touch them.*

C.W.L. Annual Mother's Day Baby Shower—May 9/10



The Catholic Women's League will hold their annual Mother's Day Baby Shower next weekend **May 9 and 10, 2009 at all Masses**. We ask you to either donate new or nearly new baby items, or cash donations.

From this shower, they support Alpha House (a home for unwed mothers), Beginnings (a pregnancy crisis centre) and Mater Care (supporting African Women). Thank you for your continued support!

C.W.L. General Meeting—May 13

A general meeting of the Catholic Women's League will take place on **Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Centre**. Our guest speaker will be Barbara Henderson representing Ten Thousand Villages which is a project to initiate a non-profit fair trade store in Cobourg. Ten Thousand Villages provides vital, fair income to Third World people marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. If a ride is needed, please contact President Anne Marie at 905-377-8907.

Mother's Day Brunch Columbus Community Centre



Next Sunday, May 10, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a special Mother's Day Brunch at the Columbus Community Centre. Cost is Adult - \$8.00, Children 5 to 12 years \$2.50. Call

905-372-2991 to reserve a table for your family to sit together on Mother's Day.

The Worried Child

This is a free workshop for parents concerned about their child's or teen's anxiety levels. Dr. Paul Foxman will be facilitating this workshop, on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 6:30 PM at the Lion's Community Centre at 157 Elgin St. E., Cobourg. To register for free child care at the event, please call 905-377-1271. This is sponsored by The Children's Services Conference

National March for Life 2009

Exodus 2009: A Future without Abortion

The 12th Annual National March for Life events will be held in Ottawa from Wed. May 13 to Fri. May 15. Each year thousands of Canadians gather in Ottawa to challenge our government to protect our most vulnerable citizens, children in the womb. A bus has been arranged to travel on Thursday, May 14 to Ottawa. Cost is just \$20. Contact John Meade at 905 372-3885 to register.

Prayer for Vocations—May 3

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is designated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. In a message focusing on the theme **Faith in the divine initiative - the human response**, Pope Benedict XVI discusses the "trusting self-abandonment to Christ" felt by those called to the priesthood and consecrated life.

"The vocation to the priesthood and to the consecrated life constitutes a special gift of God which becomes part of the great plan of love and salvation that God has for every man and woman and for the whole of humanity."

"Prayer itself, born in Catholic families, nurtured by programmes of Christian formation, strengthened by the grace of the sacraments, is the first means by which we come to know the Lord's will for our lives. To extent that we teach young people to pray, and to pray well, we will be cooperating with God's call. Programmes, plans and projects have their place; but the discernment of a vocation is above all the fruit of an intimate dialogue between the Lord and his disciples. Young people, if they know how to pray, can be trusted to know what to do with God's call." *Pope Benedict XVI*

Diaconate of Jerry Tavares

Just a reminder to mark your calendar! This Ordination will take place on Sunday, May 24, 2009 at the 11:00 AM Mass with Bishop De Angelis presiding. More details and information in upcoming bulletins.

FYI

All are welcomed to the Ordination of Deacon Craig Cruikshank on Friday, May 29, 2009 at 7:00 PM. This will take place at St. Peters-in-Chains Cathedral in Peterborough.

Marian Month

"The mood of springtime informs the church's interior; nature's blossoming, the warm air of May evenings, human gladness in a world that is renewing itself—all these things enter in. Veneration of Mary has its place in this very particular atmosphere, for she, the Virgin, shows us faith under its youthful aspect, as God's new beginning in a world that has grown old. In her we see the Christian life set forth as a youth-fullness of the heart, as beauty and a waiting readiness for what is to come." —Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, **Just a**

reminder that the rosary will be prayed prior to all week day and weekend Masses during May. A leader will begin 15 minutes before each Mass. So plan to arrive earlier during May, to take part in this wonderful devotion.

