



## St. Paul's Co-Cathedral Parish

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# 4th Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

## “I am the gate for the sheep” (Jn. 10:7).

Whenever Jesus says, “I AM” He is claiming the name of the God of Israel.

“I AM the Good Shepherd” captures our minds.

Yet He also says that as God He is “the Gate for the Sheep”

St. John uses the Greek word that simply means “the Door.”

Elsewhere, St. John tells us what this door opens: Heaven. (Rev. 4:1)

In Latin, the word for “door” is ostium and because it sounds like “Host”,

St. Thomas is able to make a connection in the beautiful hymn we sing most days at the start of Adoration:

O Salutaris **Hostia**,  
Quae coeli pandis **ostium**;  
Bella premunt **hostilia**,  
Da robur, fer auxilium.

O Saving **Host** (Victim)  
Who widens the **door** of Heaven,  
Warlike **Armies** press (us)  
Give (us) strength, Bring (us) help.

Who we see when we kneel before the Host in Adoration is the Door of Heaven.

The pastures opened by the Sheep Door and through which the Good Shepherd leads us

Is the Eucharistic Lord – offered to us not only for Adoration but in Communion.

The Good Shepherd who is also the Gate for the Sheep is not a mere image: He is Eucharist.

What a conspiracy of love: the Eucharistic Lord is our Everywhere: Heaven’s Door, the Way to Heaven, the Shepherd leading us to Heaven, Heaven as Food, Heaven itself.

Foes (hostiles) press on from every side But the Lord of Hosts (armies of Heaven) welcomes us as the Host (Lord) through the Door (ostium) from which pour Heaven’s strength and help which pours on us everywhere in Jesus – The Shepherd, The Sheep-Door, Heaven.



## Upcoming Events

### Annual March for Life

Thursday, May 11 beginning at 12:30pm

Holy Rosary Cathedral in Regina

If you are interested in car pooling, please contact Louis at 306-221-4198 or John at 306-477-1748

### Annual Mothers Day Walk for Life

Sunday, May 14 from 2-3pm

Along College Drive, between Hospital Drive and Wiggins Ave.

Life affirming signs are provided

Family friendly event

Come out and show your support for life and family

### The Holy Spirit:

### A Retreat with Fr. Colin Roy

Saturday, May 13 from 9am-4pm

St. Paul's Co-Cathedral

This one day retreat is an opportunity to deepen your understanding and your relationship with the Third Person of the Trinity, The Holy Spirit.

Includes prayer, talks, discussion, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Cost: \$30/person (includes lunch)

Register online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/222235815796261>

### Michael's Musical Musings

“I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.” So begins the Gospel Acclamation for this Sunday, continuing the words of Jesus even after the reading of the Gospel. Christ is the New David, the true shepherd of His flock. The sheep knew David’s voice; all we, like sheep, know Christ’s voice.

Jesus, like all pious Jews in His time, reflects often on the Psalms of David. But David was not merely a shepherd, he was also a musician. In fact, the two professions are intimately connected. Often tending to his flock for days on end, David would sing to them and himself. When he would call his sheep he sang, for the voice carries much further that way. And as he sang, he composed psalms (“ - מִזְמוֹר *mizmor*” which is derived from the verb meaning “to pluck” as in plucking an instrument). I have to think Psalm 23 (“The Lord is my shepherd...”) was one of his favorites out in the fields.

His voice calmed and comforted his sheep. They knew him by his song. The New David, Jesus Christ our Lord, sings to us now. In fact, the whole of creation is but a beautiful love song that began with the love of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. I pray that we attend to that heavenly music and lift up our hearts and voices in to join in praise of Him who shepherds us.



### MONDAY, May 1, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Christine & Victor Pawluk*)  
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group  
7:00 pm - Illness Support Group

### TUESDAY, May 2, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Rose Hretsina*)  
7:00 pm - Marriage Preparation

### WEDNESDAY, May 3, 2023 St. Philip & St. James

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*St Landon Hretsina*)  
3:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration until 5pm  
6:00 pm - 1st Communion Preparation

### THURSDAY, May 4, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*St Ethan Schmitt*)  
7:00 pm - Mystagogy  
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

### FRIDAY, May 5, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*St Jackson Arena*)  
12:10pm - **Confessions** throughout Mass (First Friday)  
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group  
6:30 pm - Chanted Office  
7:00 pm - Gregorian Chant Mass

### SATURDAY, May 6, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*St Julia Mann*)  
12:10 pm - **Confessions** throughout Mass (First Saturday)

### SUNDAY, May 7, 2023 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am - **Mass**  
10:00 am - **Mass**  
7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**  
8:00 pm - **Mass**

### OFFERING for April 23, 2023

Cash Donations	\$	612.45
Envelope Donations	\$	5953.00
Renovations	\$	1395.00
PAG	\$	1215.83

### 1. Gregorian Chant Mass

**A** -ve Ma-ri-a, Starting with **Chanted Divine**

**Office at 6:30pm**, followed by Mass and then **Chanted Night Prayer**, with refreshments served afterwards in the welcome area. All are welcome to join!

Please remember to pray for our **engaged couples** who are presently attending the **Christ in the Middle Marriage Preparation** course at St. Paul's.

Co-Cathedral

Kevan & Juliana

Stefan & Shelby

Sean & Taylor

Kevin & Janelle

Matthew & Jillian

Ian & Prescila

Matthew & Sonia

David & Nicole

Colton & Jessica



### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 3 - 5 pm

Monday to Saturday 11 am - 12 pm

**Diocesan prayer:** Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state, and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. + Amen



Priests' Pension & Retirement Fund

Ways to give:

- \* Online at <https://dscf.ca/priest-pension-fund>
- \* Mail to Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1
- \* Call 306-659-5851 or 306-659-5837

For more information, check out the Diocesan Catholic Foundation website at [www.dscf.ca](http://www.dscf.ca)

**Thanks for your generous support of our retired priests.**

**We are so proud of our Children's Choir!** Come and hear their **final concert** for the season on Mother's Day, **Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm** here at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral. It is important to come and support the children, for they are the future of our parish!



### Christ is risen! Alleluia!

To the good people of St. Paul's in Saskatoon, Easter joy and blessings! From more than two thousand miles away, I am remembering my time there with you with much fondness and gratitude. It was truly a blessing to be and to pray with you during Holy Week in preparation for the Sacred Triduum and to celebrate with you those holiest of holy days. I returned home feeling renewed in faith and refreshed in the Spirit.

I noticed that in his homilies, Fr. Penna addresses you as his '*carissima famiglia*', his dearest family, and at a certain point it struck me that this was not just a way of speaking but something very real and warm and genuine. So, thank you for welcoming me into your family with such generosity and affection! Please, pray for me and for the men I'm helping to form for the priesthood of Jesus Christ at Pope St. John XXIII Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, and know that I am praying for all of you as well. May you always know the goodness and kindness of Our Lord and enjoy the tender love and heavenly protection of His Most Holy Mother, who is our Blessed Mother, too. I look forward to the day when we meet again – if not here then in the hereafter!

Pax et bonum!

Fr. Scott Surrency, O.F.M. Cap.



**Let us welcome home the newest members of our family!**



Krista Maud, Ruth Jude, Callum Francis, Leif Francis, David Paul (left to right)

Praise be to God for the blessings our neophytes bring to this parish

### Illness Support Group

Do you or someone you know have an acute illness or living with a chronic illness? Come & share, or come and just listen to inspiring stories that show that there is always hope! Drop in **Monday, May 1 at 7pm**. Contact Angela at 652-0033 for more info.