

St. Paul's Co-Cathedral Parish

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4th Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

World Day of Prayer for Vocations



The Good Shepherd

It is lambing season in Scotland, and it is has been a difficult one for them this year. How do I know? Because I love following a young family of a sheep farmer, Cammy Wilson, on YouTube. It has rained terribly, and in addition to the cold, many lambs and ewes aren't making it. Fascinating to me how this young farmer has his eyes on all of them, how he sticks at protecting and rescuing his "Wee Lambies." It is not pleasant work at all. Sometimes, he has to work hard to get the ewes to bond to their lambs. Until the ewe recognizes the Lamb as her own she will drive it away. Then Cammy, the good farmer, has to bottle feed the lambs.

The key is, Cammy is smarter than his sheep. They are creatures of immediate sense and habit – he can see the larger picture. He is a "good shepherd". And this is the image that our Lord chooses to convey how he cares for us. He trains us how to care for each other – by showing us how he cares for us: laying down his life, and "bottle feeding" us with His Body and Blood.

I know this well. I am certain you know this care well. When the world gets challenging and it is so difficult to see past our feelings and the present moment – Jesus knows us – He sees the larger picture at the same time that he knows the particular challenge of the moment.

Amazingly, lambs become quite forgetful of who rescued them as they grow up. And Cammy and his sheep dogs have to chase after them to shear them and care for them. Hmm, that is a good image for us.

It isn't just the "hired man" who runs away when the wolf shows up, the sheep run away from the "good shepherd" even when there is no wolf. ... Sillies.

But our Good Shepherd has laid down his life for us and in the face of wolves and even of our running away from Him, He will never run away.

No more running from Him, okay?

God sent us another image this Easter: Paulette the Goose, named by Ray for our Patron, has chosen our flower box at the Rectory door to lay her eggs. *She* seems not to have any problem being bonded! These cold snowy days have found her sitting on her eggs. She seems to be used to me – she only hisses protectively at me a bit. But she has never moved off of her eggs!

I rejoice that the Good Shepherd has taught this community how to bond with its children – of many ages. May Jesus and Mary keep you all faithful – Geese and Sheep alike.



Fr. Stefano

MONDAY, April 22, 2024

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

TUESDAY, April 23, 2024 St. George (OM) & St. Adalbert (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary 12:10 pm - **Mass (†** Anne Klamot) 7:00 pm - Marriage Prep

WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2024 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions, & Rosary 12:10 pm - **Mass († Rose Hretsina)** 1:00 pm - Eucharistic **Adoration** until 5:00pm 7:00 pm - Confirmation Study 7:30 pm - Choir

THURSDAY, April 25, 2024 St. Mark (F)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary 12:10 pm - **Mass (†** *Diane Young)* 8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, April 26, 2024 Our Lady of Good Counsel (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass (SI Therese Sidloski)
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group
7:00 pm - K of C Exemplification
8:00 pm - Men's Night

SATURDAY, April 27, 2024

10:00 am - Baptism 11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary 12:10 pm - **Mass (SI Anne Hujber)** 2:00 pm - Baptism

SUNDAY, April 28, 2024 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am - **Mass** 10:00 am - **Mass** 7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers** 8:00 pm - **Mass** **Priests' Pension and Retirement Fund** - On this Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations, please consider a gift in support of our priests in their retirement through the Priests' Pension and Retirement Fund. Ways to give:

1. Online at www.dscf.ca/waystogive

2. Mail or drop off your donation in the offertory collection – Please make cheques payable to DSCF and add PP&R in the memo.

3. Or call 306-659-5837 for assistance

Company of St. Ursula – Lay women consecrated to Christ in service for the world: learn more at: <u>www.companyofstursula.ca</u>. For more information about this form of consecrated life, please contact Bernice Daratha at <u>bdaratha@gmail.com</u>.

Micah Mission aims to bring healing, hope, and restoration to community members who are and have been incarcerated. The Micah Mission Remember Me Campaign launches today with an invitation to pray for those affected by the justice system and to consider donating to assist with costs of programs and services. To learn more see: https://themicahmission.org/ or contact info@themicahmision.org

St. Paul's Men's Night

Friday, April 26 at 8:00pm in the basement

All Men 19+ are welcome!

Please join us next Sunday, **April 28**, for the **Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast** following the 8:00am & 10:00am Masses!



OFFERING for April 14, 2024

Cash Donations	\$ 683.60
Envelopes	\$ 2,485.00
Renovations	\$ 370.00