

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 2021

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

April 26th to May 2nd

Tuesday	<u>April 27th (NO MASS)</u>
7:00 p.m.	Drew Chorney by Marie Rose Balliu Joan Reid by Marie Rose Balliu
Wednesday	<u>April 28th (NO MASS)</u>
12:10 p.m.	
Thursday	<u>April 29th (NO MASS)</u>
9:00 a.m.	
Friday	<u>April 30th</u>
9:00 a.m.	Eva Dequanne (3A) by Fleurette & Yvon Gamache George F. Szewczyk by Maureen
Saturday	<u>May 1st</u>
Sunday	<u>May 2nd</u>

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

May 3rd to May 9th

Tuesday	<u>May 4th</u>
7:00 p.m.	Joan Reid by Marie Rose Balliu Dan Hannigan by Sue Hannigan & family
Wednesday	<u>May 5th</u>
12:10 p.m.	Deceased family members of Roger & Lorna Delguidice Pat Bamford by the estate
Thursday	<u>May 6th</u>
9:00 a.m.	Doreen Drysdale by Helen & Ken Ryan Lois Vaillancourt by Bert
Friday	<u>May 7th</u>
9:00 a.m.	Dominic Diodate by Eileen Meunier Mr. & Mrs. Pat Killeen by the estate
Saturday	<u>May 8th</u>
Sunday	<u>May 9th</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT

Collection April 18th	\$1,420.00
Collection April 11th	\$2,350.00
Automatic Withdrawal April 15th	\$2,800.00
Collection for the poor: April	\$1,632.00

Thank you so much for your support!

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The scripture lessons are about shepherds. Each year on this Sunday we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, devotedly taking care of his flock. The title of the parish priest, "pastor," means shepherd. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock—responsibilities that belong to every church leader. The earliest Christians had seen Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of a good shepherd. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God's flock.

WEEKEND MASSES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL WE GET PERMISSION TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE WE CAN ACCOMMODATE. Every weekend, you can access the mass on YouTube or through the link on St. Anthony's facebook page.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES are cancelled until further notice.

BISHOP'S LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER

The Bishop's Lenten Letter 2021 "*Pandemic and Faith Life*" is now available at the church entrance, Please pick one up for your reading enjoyment.

Bishop Poiras

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LISTEN RATHER THAN READ THE LETTER, PLEASE GO TO

Pastoral Letter # 18: Lent 2021

You tube link-Bishop reading Lent Pastoral Letter : <https://youtu.be/gmBPoQZkuak>

It is also available on the Diocesan website on the home page <http://www.diocims.ca>

BUILDING FUND

Donations to the Building Fund are a thoughtful way of remembering those who have touched our lives, while recognizing the on-going needs of the parish, our parishioners and their extended families, and the civic community our parish serves. If you would like to make a donation in memory of someone, acknowledgment cards are available at the rectory.

2021 MEMBERSHIP: By Shirley Deleurant

We now have 90 paid members. All women 16 and older are welcome to join and forms are in the Ministry room in the CWL slot. 'The Canadian League' is available online at www.cwl.ca, click on the tab **To Inform**, and follow the link, **The Canadian League**. The magazine can be read from your computer, your tablet, or your phone. Back issues are also available. Please advise by phone 705-267-5310, if there is any change to your contact information.

General Meeting: St. Anthony of Padua CWL

A **VIRTUAL** General Meeting will be Sunday May 2nd 2021 at 2:30pm. Please call or email Eileen Meunier 705-264-3529 by April 30th to let her know you are coming so we can make sure we circulate the agenda and documents. The amendments to the National By Laws will be reviewed and voted on; therefore this is an important meeting as many changes are proposed.

REFLECTION

There is a story told that one day Christ came upon a shepherd who was overcome with sorrow. "Why are you so sad?" he asked

"Because I have lost one of my sheep," the man replied, "and though I have looked all over for it, I have not found it.

It may be that the wolf has already devoured it.

Then Christ said: "Wait here. I will look for the sheep myself."

With that he disappeared into the hills.

An hour later, he returned with the sheep. Putting it down at the shepherd's feet, he said: "From this day on you must love this sheep more than any other in your flock, for it was lost and now has been found."

St. Peter says to us "Once you had all gone astray like sheep, but now you have come back to Christ, the shepherd and guardian of your souls.'

We are all the more precious to Christ because he had to go to the trouble of looking for us and finding us.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK begins on Sunday, May 2, 2021. This year's Catholic Education Week theme - "Nurturing Hope" - is of course timely as efforts are made to address the impact of the current pandemic and students, families and staff work in virtual learning environments. Catholic Education Week will be very different this year, but we are asking our students and staff to live the CEW theme as best they can. Small acts of kindness and charity within families and assisting those in need around us, adhering to all social distancing guidelines, are the first steps to "Nurturing Hope" in our homes, neighbourhoods and school communities. **Catholic Education Makes the Difference.**

The CEW biblical quote is, "***Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.***" (Isaiah 40:31)

The NCDSB family will continue to keep you and your parishioners in our prayers.

PRAYER DURING PANDEMIC

Loving God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At His command the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, God of all life.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health.

Be with those who have died from the virus. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. Defend them from illness and despair.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers, first responders, essential workers, and all who seek to heal, serve, and help those affected. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern.

Jesus Christ, stay with us. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace, comfort, and love.

Gentle and Loving God, heal us and come to our aid.

Amen

