

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish and St. Patrick's Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

LITURGICAL LIFE IN OUR PARISHES

*Sunday 10AM Mass will be live-streamed on our Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NL/>*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat.	May	10	5:00 P.M.	St. Pat's: Parishioners from both parishes and their needs
Sun.	May	11	10:00 A.M.	In Thanksgiving by a parishioner and Dallas Rostad by Carole Roy

Wed.	May	14	11:00 A.M.	St. Pat's: Bill Fraboni by Marilyn Fraboni
Thurs.	May	15	12:10 A.M.	Communion Service

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat.	May	17	5:00 P.M.	St. Pat's: Parishioners from both parishes and their needs
Sun.	May	18	10:00 A.M.	Maria Thiel by the Thiel Family and Giséle McLean & Holorama Niegas by Rick & Lucy McLean

BAPTISM: *Call the office to begin preparations. (A preparation course is required)*

MARRIAGE: *Contact the office at least eight months prior to your marriage date. (A preparation course is required)*

PRIESTHOOD: *If you would like further information about becoming a priest, brother or sister, please contact the office or visit www.vocations.ca*

SICK CALLS: *If you know of someone that is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the office.*

MISSION STATEMENTS

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish is a welcoming, vibrant, faith-filled community dedicated to living and communicating the message of the gospel by providing opportunities for spiritual growth, developing committed leaders, and reaching out to others with God's love.

St. Patrick's Parish is a welcoming Christian community reaching out to all who seek God. We joyfully live, renew and share our Catholic faith through worship, prayer and service, especially to those in need.

Teresa Wight - Coordinator of Programs
Anita Herd - Secretary

OFFICE HOURS: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays - 9AM to 4:30PM (Closed from 12PM to 1PM)

CEMETERY FUND COLLECTION: Our Parish is very blessed to have such a beautiful Catholic cemetery in which we can bury our loved ones. Each year our parish makes a financial commitment of \$2,500.00 to assist with the upkeep of the cemetery. A special cemetery envelope can be found in this month's offering box. We know that we can count on your continued support for our Catholic cemetery.

FIRST COMMUNION: A reminder to parents who have participated in the preparation process for First Communion this year: please call the office to notify us of the date and time your child will receive Jesus, the Bread of Life, for the first time. First Communions will be celebrated from **until Sunday, June 1st**.

FIRST COMMUNION: On **Sunday, May 11th** we will welcome **Mackenzie & Musashi Juaiting** to the Table of the Lord for their First Communion.

CWL BURSARY: OMPH CWL council is offering a \$300.00 bursary to a secondary school student who is graduating this spring and attending a post secondary institution in September or January. This person will have received the Sacraments of initiation, practise the faith, participate in Mass and in the life of the parish on a regular basis. Please reply to the Parish office before **May 31st**.

CWL MEETING will take place on **Wednesday, May 14th** beginning with a prayer service at **1:30 P.M.** with the meeting to follow at **2:00 P.M.**. All members are encouraged to attend.

TIME FOR YOU AND ME will take place on **Wednesday, May 21st** at **1:30 P.M.** in the parish hall. Everyone is invited to join them for some faith and social time.

YOUNG ADULTS GAME NIGHT: Calling all young adults ages 20 to 35! Join us for a fun-filled Game Night on **Friday, June 13th**, starting with pizza at **5:00 PM**. Bring your competitive spirit, your favourite games (if you'd like), and enjoy great fellowship and food. Babysitting will be available until 8:00 PM to give parents a chance to relax and connect. At **7:00 PM**, the fun opens up to all ages — everyone is welcome to join in the games! We'll have a variety of games available, but feel free to bring your favourites. Let's make it a night of laughter, strategy, and community! ***We are asking for volunteers to help babysit from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. contact the office if you can help out.***

PRAYER FOR THE POPE: O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on your servant Leo XVI, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen





"Peace be with all of you!" - the first words of Pope Leo XIV.

Leo XIV - Second Pope from the Americas

The first Augustinian Pope, Robert Prevost - now Leo XIV - is the second Roman Pontiff from the Americas after Pope Francis. However, unlike Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the 69-year-old Robert Francis Prevost is from the northern part of the American continent, though he spent many years as a missionary in Peru before being elected head of the Augustinians for two consecutive terms.

First Augustinian Pope

The new Bishop of Rome was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, to Louis Marius Prevost, of French and Italian descent, and Mildred Martínez, of Spanish descent. He has two brothers, Louis Martín and John Joseph.

He spent his childhood and adolescence with his family and studied first at the Minor Seminary of the Augustinian Fathers and then at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, where in 1977 he earned a Degree in Mathematics and also studied Philosophy.

On September 1 of the same year, he entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.) in Saint Louis, in the Province of Our Lady of Good Counsel of Chicago, and made his first profession on September 2, 1978. On August 29, 1981, he made his solemn vows.

He received his theological education at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. At the age of 27, he was sent by his superiors to Rome to study Canon Law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum).

In Rome, he was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982, at the Augustinian College of Saint Monica by Monsignor Jean Jadot, then Pro-President of the Pontifical Council for Non-Christians, now the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue.

Prevost obtained his licentiate in 1984; and the following year, while preparing his doctoral thesis, was sent to the Augustinian mission in Chulucanas, Piura, Peru (1985–1986). In 1987, he defended his doctoral thesis on "The Role of the Local Prior in the Order of Saint Augustine" and was appointed vocation director and missions director of the Augustinian Province of "Mother of Good Counsel" in Olympia Fields, Illinois (USA).

Mission in Peru

The following year, he joined the mission in Trujillo, also in Peru, as director of the joint formation project for Augustinian candidates from the vicariates of Chulucanas, Iquitos, and Apurímac.

Over the course of eleven years, he served as prior of the community (1988–1992), formation director (1988–1998), and instructor for professed members (1992–1998), and in the Archdiocese of Trujillo as judicial vicar (1989–1998) and professor of Canon Law, Patristics, and Moral Theology at the Major

Seminary “San Carlos y San Marcelo.” At the same time, he was also entrusted with the pastoral care of Our Lady Mother of the Church, later established as the parish of Saint Rita (1988–1999), in a poor suburb of the city, and was parish administrator of Our Lady of Monserrat from 1992 to 1999.

In 1999, he was elected Provincial Prior of the Augustinian Province of “Mother of Good Counsel” in Chicago, and two and a half years later, the Ordinary General Chapter of the Order of Saint Augustine, elected him as Prior General, confirming him in 2007 for a second term.

In October 2013, he returned to his Augustinian Province in Chicago, serving as director of formation at the Saint Augustine Convent, first councilor, and provincial vicar—roles he held until Pope Francis appointed him on November 3, 2014, as Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Chiclayo, elevating him to the episcopal dignity as Titular Bishop of the Diocese Sufar.

He entered the Diocese on November 7, in the presence of Apostolic Nuncio James Patrick Green, who ordained him Bishop just over a month later, on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in the Cathedral of Saint Mary.

His episcopal motto is “In Illo uno unum”—words pronounced by Saint Augustine in a sermon on Psalm 127 to explain that “although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one.”

Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, from 2015 to 2023

On September 26, 2015, he was appointed Bishop of Chiclayo by Pope Francis. In March 2018, he was elected second vice-president of the Peruvian Episcopal Conference, where he also served as a member of the Economic Council and as president of the Commission for Culture and Education.

In 2019, Pope Francis appointed him a member of the Congregation for the Clergy (July 13, 2019), and in 2020, a member of the Congregation for Bishops (November 21). Meanwhile, on April 15, 2020, he was also appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Callao.

Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops

On January 30, 2023, the Pope called him to Rome as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, promoting him to the rank of Archbishop.

Created Cardinal in 2024

Pope Francis created Prevost Cardinal in the Consistory of September 30 of that year and assigned him the Diaconate of Saint Monica. He officially took possession of his Titular church on January 28, 2024.

As head of the Dicastery, he participated in the Pope’s most recent Apostolic Journeys and in both the first and second sessions of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on synodality, held in Rome from October 4 to 29, 2023, and from October 2 to 27, 2024, respectively.

Meanwhile, on October 4, 2023, Pope Francis appointed him as a member of the Dicasteries for Evangelization (Section for First Evangelization and New Particular Churches), for the Doctrine of the Faith, for the Eastern Churches, for the Clergy, for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, for Culture and Education, for Legislative Texts, and of the Pontifical Commission for the Vatican City State.

Finally, on February 6 of this year, the Argentine Pope promoted him to the Order of Bishops, granting him the title of the Suburbicarian Church of Albano.

During the most recent hospitalization of his predecessor at the “Gemelli” hospital Prevost presided over the Rosary for Pope Francis’s health in Saint Peter’s Square on March 3.

May 11, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52 | Rev 7:9, 14b-17 | Jn 10:27-30

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

The spiritual riches contained in this line alone are enough to sustain us for a lifetime. First, we rejoice that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls us his own. We belong to him who, like the shepherds of bygone days, protects his sheep – capable of little in the way of self-defense – even at the cost of his own life. Also, among the distinctive marks of Jesus’ sheep are that they hear his voice and follow him. Thus, to be part of Christ’s flock involves not only being known by him, but knowing him and heeding his call. A sheep who has not attuned its ears to the voice of its shepherd is a lost sheep! Although the world’s fertile meadows may look inviting, *not* to attune our ears to the voice of Christ means exposing ourselves to the dangers of a life apart from God. On the other hand, if we make our pilgrimage of life with him, we abide within the protective confines of his love until the day we follow him into the pastures of eternal life.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Frequently, our free will (something we do not share with sheep) gets in the way of our ability to heed the Shepherd’s voice. For us, his voice is expressed in concrete ways: in his commandments, in the teachings and tradition of his Church, in the Scriptures, in our legitimate superiors, and in prayer. These are the means he uses to mark out the path he wishes us to follow. But this path always involves the cross, and our sheep-ish (pun intended) nature recoils at the sight of suffering. In today’s second reading, however, St. John’s vision offers the key to overcoming our resistance: “For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them.” In other words, Jesus, our Divine Shepherd, is also a lamb who has tread the difficult way of the cross. He is *the* Lamb of God who offered himself in a sacrifice of perfect obedience to his Father’s will. Thus, we do not embark along the way of obedience and suffering alone; Jesus walks before us to sustain and protect us along the way.

OBSERVE

Find an image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd online and spend 15 minutes praying about what you see. What is the Shepherd’s attitude toward his sheep, and the sheep’s attitude toward their Shepherd? What do we learn from this about *our* relationship with Christ?

