



Canadian Martyrs

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Sunday, April 22: Fourth Sunday of Easter (B) - white
 Monday 23: Ferial - white
 Tuesday 24: Ferial - white
 Wednesday 25: St. Mark, evangelist - red
 Thursday 26: Ferial - white
 Friday 27: Ferial - white
 Saturday 28: Ferial - white
 Sunday 29: Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) - white

Sunday Apr 22, 2018 – 4th Sunday of Easter

- Sat Apr 21** 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park For †Pauline Moyer
Sun Apr 22 9:00 am Mass in Arborfield For the people
11:00am Mass in Carrot River For Francis & Beatrice Baskey
 Mon Apr 23 *Fr Travis' day off*
 Tues Apr 24 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park For Actions de graces
 Wed Apr 25 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park For †Yvonne Smelt
Thurs Apr 26 no mass Prayer Group to meet at 7:00pm
 Fri Apr 27 10:00am Mass Arborfield Care Home
 7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park
 8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park For †Matthew Munson
 Sat Apr 28 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park For †Gilles Favreau
Sun Apr 29 9:00 am Mass in Arborfield For †Jack Lalonde
11:00am Mass in Carrot River For the people (Blessing of the seeds) Pot luck following mass

Mass Times for May/June
 Sat 7:30pm – Arborfield
 Sun 9:00am – Carrot River
 Sun 11:00am – Zenon Park

| Date | Commentator | Readers | Communion | Hospitality | Proc. Of Gifts | Welcoming |
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| Apr 22 nd 4th Sunday | Perry Mamer | Marguerite T Doug Senko | Bob Gagne Suzanne Gagne | Rene Loran Herb Baskey | Eva Loran Anne Mazurek | Volunteers |
| Apr 29 th 5th Sunday | Dan Oakes | Sharon Cross Perry Mamer | Allan & Aline Malfair | Milton Wood Larry Trew | Connie Wood Fredel Trew | Volunteers |

Collection: Apr 15, 2018 \$1165.00

Announcements:

As part of the **Forming Intentional Disciples initiative**, Fr. Richard Leonard, s.j., author, educator, and critic of our modern culture, has been invited to present in the Diocese on his latest work. From the inside front cover of the book: **What Does It All Mean?** A Guide to Being More Faithful, Hopeful, and Loving: Explores the grounds for faith, the challenges in believing, the problem of evil, and offers lifetime lesson for prayer and the spiritual life. The last **presentation** will focus on the presence of God in our suffering - Monday, April 23 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary High School in Prince Albert.

On Sunday, April 22, the World day of Prayer for Vocations, the Diocesan Vocation Commission is hosting Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Cathedral from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Please come, share your prayers, share fellowship, and help us make Vocations a priority in this diocese. If you are not able to get to PA for Adoration, please consider praying a Rosary on that Day for the increase of vocations.

Prayer intention: “For all those called to lay down their lives as priests, deacons, and in the consecrated life, that they will be faithful witnesses to the Good Shepherd in our midst, we pray to the Lord.”

April 29th - “In asking the Lord to bless our sowing and planting, we will be having a blessing of seeds and prayers for a safe seeding season. You are invited to bring seeds to be blessed or, if you like, there will be extra to take home after Mass.” We will have a pot luck following mass and the blessing.

St Lucy Parish is hosting a Youth/Family Retreat on **Saturday, May 5th** from 1:30-6:00pm. Brian Bauche and Dave McQuaid will be in attendance. Supper will be served at 6:00pm followed by mass at 7:30pm. Please plan to attend! Call Fr Travis for more information.

Labels – Does anyone have a machine to make labels for the kitchen cupboards? Please contact Shirley or Eva.

Wish List for the next 5-10 years! This does not mean we have to, but we might.

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| New boiler system (10 years) | \$50,000 |
| Flooring, linoleum (10 years) | \$7,000 |
| Retreat team (1 - 3 years) | \$2,000 |
| Steeple, finish painting (1-5 years) | \$5,000 |
| Stained glass windows for the steeple, 8 windows (1-3 years) | \$7,200 |
| Hymnals (1-3 years) | \$2,500 |

If you would like to add anything let us know! If you would like to donate to any of the items, thank you! And let us know.

Blessings,

Fr. Travis

Both Shepherds and Sheep



Christ said: *“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”* At first, Jesus’ comment seems somewhat exaggerated. Who would give up his life for his sheep? This statement is clarified when we refer to the Old Testament. In fact, the image of the shepherd is often used in reference to a king or leader of the Jewish people. God chose them to take care of, guide and nourish his people. When we listen to Jesus’ words that denounced the merchants

who were only concerned about their own interests and not of their lambs, Christ’s listeners could read between the lines. In fact, Jesus was inspired by Ezekiel’s words that sharply denounced unworthy shepherds. Here is a text from Chapter 34 of the Book of Ezekiel:

Thus says the Lord God: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. So they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and scattered, they became food for all the wild animals. Thus says the Lord God, I am against the shepherds and I will demand my sheep at their hand. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. (Ezekiel 34: 1, 4-5, 10-11, 15).

Jesus was in the Temple, in the presence of the Pharisees, when he declared he was the *Good Shepherd*. The Pharisees knew the Scriptures and understood the significance of Christ’s words and the reference to them as unworthy shepherds [Book of Ezekiel]. They were the shepherds who “used” their sheep instead of “serving” them. These unworthy shepherds only thought of their prestige and power. These same shepherds would enforce the law but considered themselves exempt. Christ said: *They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them* (Matthew 23:4).

In Christ’s eyes, being a good shepherd required a profound relationship between the shepherd and those in his charge. The shepherd must be close to his sheep, love them, and know them intimately. This is what Pope Francis asked priests throughout the world to do when he said to them: *Be shepherds who have the odor of their flock.* (Sermon Christmas Mass 2013) In other words, it is striking to see that Jesus’ first “pastoral act” was not to perform miracles or preach. It was to “be with” his flock: to “be with” the rich and poor, with sinners and the just, with the uneducated and the educated. The temptation of pastors – deacons, priests or bishops – will always be to isolate themselves far from their sheep whether in a presbytery, bishopric, or even behind a desk. *Being with* involves risks. We would not necessarily be in control and could face our own limitations. Yet at the same time, it is the most challenging of risks. It is the greatest risk of our lives and our community as we forge relationships that are true and profound.

Georges Madore, s.m.m

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli