

Christ the King Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21st, 2024.
Christ Jesus is risen, as He said! Alleluia! Alleluia!

EXCERPTS from the MESSAGE of HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS for the

61st WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
[21 April 2024]

Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace.

Dear brothers and sisters!

Each year, the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.

... the World Day of Prayer for Vocations has a synodal character: amid the variety of our charisms, we are called to listen to one another and to journey together in order to acknowledge them and to discern where the Spirit is leading us for the benefit of all.

... to be pilgrims of hope and builders of peace, then, means to base our lives on the rock of Christ's resurrection, knowing that every effort made in the vocation that we have embraced and seek to live out, will never be in vain. Failures and obstacles may arise along the way, but the seeds of goodness we sow are quietly growing and nothing can separate us from the final goal: our encounter with Christ and the joy of living for eternity in fraternal love. This ultimate calling is one that we must anticipate daily: even now our loving relationship with God and our brothers and sisters

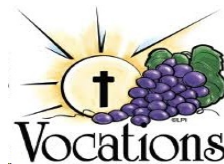
is beginning to bring about God's dream of unity, peace and fraternity. May no one feel excluded from this calling! Each of us in our own small way, in our particular state of life, can, with the help of the Spirit, be a sower of seeds of hope and peace.

In this light, I would say once more, as I did at World Youth Day in Lisbon: "*Rise up!*" Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life, and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live. Let me say it again: "*Have the courage to commit!*"

Rome, Saint John Lateran,
21 April 2024,
Fourth Sunday of Easter.
FRANCIS



This Fourth Sunday of Easter is often referred to as "**Good Shepherd Sunday**". Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call, and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons.
O Lord God, our Good Shepherd, may your Holy Spirit powerfully inspire and enliven men and women to continue Jesus' mission of Love in a life of ordination in faithful priesthood, and diaconate; and the faithfulness and commitment in religious life, married life, and single life. May we all work diligently together as Christ's Church in the active service of sacerdotal, and lay ministry, making disciples who love the Lord, our Good Shepherd.



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As we enter into this fourth week of our Easter Season, let us continue our Easter joy with exuberant Alleluias! Easter is our one long 50-day Feast, fifty days of intense consciousness, of **mystagogy**, continuing to faithfully break open the experience of death and resurrection. The Easter Season will culminate with the Solemnity of Pentecost on May 19th. May these 50 days of our wondrous and joyous Solemnity of Easter unfold its mystery and reveal to each of us the promise of new life and truth through, with, and in our Risen Christ. May we humbly and joyously offer our hearts, full of praise and humble thanks to Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord and Savior for his great love, sacrifice, and the gift of salvation offered to all. May our hearts feel Christ Jesus' Easter joy each day of this year of new life.

FIRST READING (Acts 4:7-12) ~ Peter and John are arrested for witnessing to the people about Jesus' resurrection. Filled with the Power of Holy Spirit, Peter continues to give the glory to Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom God raised from the dead. Jesus is the stone which the builders rejected, but Who is indeed the cornerstone, the One who saves.

SECOND READING (1 John 3:1-2) ~ This Letter of John brings comfort, beyond understanding, that all people are children of God. Each person is called to live in the world, but not of the world. When Christ is revealed in his glory, all will be like him, for we will all see Him as He is. Christ endured suffering and death out of great love for his beloved people, promising healing and wholeness of life.

GOSPEL (John 10:11-18) ~ Jesus declares that He is the Good Shepherd and the shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. He knows his people, and calls all people to Himself. Anyone who listens to his voice knows Him, and through him will have the fullness of life.



Parish Schedule

Saturday, Apr. 20th, 2024 *Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter*
4pm Mass ~ For her husband Leo Gagnon+. By Louise Gagnon
7-9pm Musical Concert Fundraiser - In CTG Gym

Sunday, Apr. 21st *Fourth Sunday of Easter*
9am-10:45am Catechism Classes
9am Mass ~ For Heinz Herold (perseverance & health).

By his daughter Monika Dueck & Family
11am Mass ~ For John Gmitrowski+. By Bob & Josephine Mots

*There will be a Special Blessing for the young children preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Eucharist.
Children, we hold you in our prayer.*

Monday, Apr. 22nd **Easter Weekday**
No Mass in our Parish on Mondays.

Rosary is prayed ½ hour before Mass - Tuesday to Friday.

Tuesday, Apr. 23rd **Easter Weekday**
10am Mass ~ For Jakob Lehmann+. By Monika Dueck & Family
4:30pm Parish Pastoral Council ("PPC") Meeting

Wednesday, Apr. 24th **Easter Weekday**
10am Mass ~ For the intentions of Amanda Mark. By Jolene Allen
7pm Knights Executive Mtg.

Thursday, Apr. 25th **St. Mark**
10am Mass ~ For Blessings in the Marriage of Jaqueline & Benny. By Monika Dueck & Family


Friday, Apr. 26th **Easter Weekday**
10am Mass ~ For her sister Mary Elizabeth Wingrowth+. By Cathy J. Topp

Saturday, Apr. 27th *Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Easter*
4pm Mass ~ For brother & brother-in-law Gilbert Daigneault+. By Marcel & Velma Daigneault & Family

Sunday, Apr. 28th *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
9am-10:45am Catechism Classes
9am Mass ~ For her cousin Norma Johnston+. By Gayle Fiori
11am Mass ~ For John Gmitrowski+. By Bob & Josephine Mots
12-3pm Young Adults Potluck & Party - Lennox Hall

May we unite our hearts together in prayer for: Arlette, Jean, John, Harold Abs, Valerie Armstrong, Bernie Bourret, Cam Dueck, Meaghan Dueck, Orval Everett, Linda Fulmore, Julien & Joanne Gerard, Gerry Grossman, Lisa Hackett, Heinz Herold, Catherine Holmes, Catherine Hyska, George Kucera, John Laplante, Lois Lecuyer, Olga & Walter Majola, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerleile, Charlene Ottenbreit, Fr. Edmond Paradis, Pamela Rebello, Norbert Remer, Priyantha Subasinghe, Makenna Stratton, Marie Viallet...for all who seek healing and comfort in body, mind or spirit...for a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness among all peoples and nations... for peace between Ukraine and Russia, Palestine and Israel, and all peoples at war...for victims of violence and injustice...for vocations - priesthood, religious, single & married life...

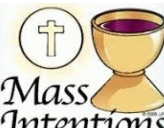
Continued Blessings & Prayers to the Baptized and Confirmed Parishioners who celebrated the Sacraments at this year's Easter Vigil - Kirk, Mosh, and Anthony, Gabriel, Michael, Shaun, and Brandi. May your hearts continue to be stirred and guided by the Risen Lord, our gentle Shepherd, every day of your lives. Be open and patient with your Selves as you continue your journey of faith.



CTK Sick Visiting Ministry ~ Members of the Team would be happy to arrange with you to bring to your home / care facility / hospital a share of Eucharist and the prayers of our Parish Family. Please phone or email the Parish Office.

HOLY WATER ~ During this holy Easter Season, Parishioners & Friends are invited to take a vial of Holy Water home, along with the accompanying prayer-blessing sheet, to bless your homes and your family. May our eyes and hearts be opened to the generous grace of our Risen Lord, showering abundant blessings of new life upon us all, all the time.

WEEKDAY MASS NOTE: Fr. Chrys & brother Priests will be participating in their **Annual Priests' Retreat** from Apr. 29th to May 3rd. There will be NO morning Mass that week. Let us hold them in our prayer as they pause and pray. (NOTE: Mass & Anointing is re-scheduled to May 10th.)

 **Mass Intentions** ~ If you would like our Parish Family to join with you in prayer for a special Mass Intention, you are invited to phone / email the Parish Office, and request your intention on an open available date & time. A suggested stipend is \$10.00.

**25th ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION
of Our Pastor FR. CHRYS AGU.**



Fr. Chrys expresses graciously his invitation to Parishioners & Friends to celebrate the joyful 25th Anniversary of his Ordination with him. Book the Date: **Sunday, July 21st, 2024**. Come to celebrate Mass at 1:00pm at CTK Parish, followed by a reception in CTK Gymnasium. You are welcome to direct any enquiries to contact@ctkp.ca or 204-257-3300 ext. 2. *Fr. Chrys, we hold you in our prayers with thanksgiving and blessings!*
The Lord is good, all the time!

FOOD BIN for the NEEDY ~ Thank you for your most generous and faithful donations of non-perishable food items for the needy. Items may be placed in the bin at the parking lot entrance when you come to Mass, or during open Office hours.

CTK KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS Council #8124

> **Meat Draw** ~ Tickets are available for the Meat Draw for *Miller's Meat* products. Draw will be held on Monday, June 17th. There will be 3 (three) x \$500.00 prizes. Tickets are \$5 each, or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Available online, or see one of the Knights after Mass for assistance. Proceeds will go to CTK Parish & the Knights various charities.
> **Parish BBQ** - Save the Date: June 22nd, 2024.

CTK C.W.L. NEWS

- 1/ NEXT CWL Meeting ~ Wednesday, May 1st at 10:30am downstairs in Lennox Hall.
- 2/ On Friday, Apr. 26th, Members of The League honour their Patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. God honoured Mary by making her the Mother of His Son. May He guide us to imitate Mary, to give; to serve; and to foster peace throughout the world.
- 3/ With *Mother's Day* coming up in May, Members of The Catholic Women's League are planning a sale of jewelry and other items after each Mass on Saturday and Sunday, May 4th and 5th. These items would make a lovely gift for Mother on her SPECIAL DAY.

Stewardship Offerings received: Apr. 13th & 14th:

- + Sunday White Envs. \$2,347.25
- + Building (Blue box & pew envs.) \$ 632.00
- + Donation toward Washroom Project \$1,000.00

Thank you for your faithful generosity and support.
If you wish to receive an Income Tax Receipt for your monetary offerings this year, please clearly & legibly write your name (at least) & address on your envelopes.

As members of the human race, *we live together on this earth, drawn from many different origins, tribes, backgrounds, faiths, rites, and traditions. We are urged to seek unity by our common threads in our love of God. It does not matter so much 'how' we worship and celebrate God, or the prayers we pray, or the order of the prayers we pray... but rather, how we love God and love our neighbor outside the four walls after our worship. As we gather together as a Christian community to worship as the Good Shepherd's flock, may we be strengthened in our conviction to nurture one another and all people of the world, guided on our pilgrim journey by Jesus the Good Shepherd. May we live His image in our daily lives by reverencing and respecting, communicating, accepting, and loving one another as much as we are loved.*



CHURCH SPRING CLEANING ~ Saturday, May

4th, 9am-12noon (or even just a portion of that time). 'May the forth' be with you, as you consider coming to help spring clean our church, worship space & property. If you would, bring gloves, a pail & a couple of rags. Meet at the parking lot entrance. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



Today's Gospel mentions 'wolves' scattering and snatching up the sheep. Let us think about the prevalent and insidious wolves in our world today: poverty, illness, inconvenience, racism, sexism, evil, selfishness, narcissism, complacency... What is our response when we encounter these wolfish woes? Do we protect like a good shepherd? Are we like the 'hired hand' who runs away because we don't care? Do we get involved to bring justice, or avoid these unjust situations? Are we indifferent to others' sufferings? How can we brace for these known and unknown wolves and dangers that threaten to separate, scatter, devour, and destroy our communities?



~ Adapted from Sourcebook, Liturgy Training Publ.

We are called to live the joy of the Gospel every minute, every second, every picosecond (one trillionth of a second) throughout these 50 days of the Easter Season, and beyond. Known in the early church as "the Great Sunday", or "the Fifty Days", we continue to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of the Lord - Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We commemorate His Ascension, and Pentecost, the promised coming of Holy Spirit, and his infinite revelations.

May we live in the joy of the Risen Lord, listening for the Good Shepherd's voice to guide our steps on our pathway. While there is nothing wrong with being ready by preparing and anticipating upcoming events, it is important to be consciously aware of the time we live now... waiting and watching in joyful hope for the infinite revelations of the Risen Lord, our Good Shepherd in our daily living, enjoying each moment as gift. May we look for the promise of new life through Christ, and not allow regret or the sins of our past to deaden our days.

We are the Church of this day and age... How are we doing? How are we sharing and passing on the Good News of our Risen Lord and Shepherd? We are the Lord's flock, and each one of us is part of His sheepfold. Let us allow the Spirit to inspire us to practice discernment. Let us believe that the mighty life-giving breath of God that so transformed the early Church has not dwindled away over the centuries. We too, have been filled and empowered with gifts, talents, and charisms, time, and treasure. As we reflect upon this truth, the Risen Lord and Shepherd gently encourages us to 'be not afraid'... 'let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.'" Jesus promises us a help-mate. May we consent and co-operate with Holy Spirit moving with and within us (and without us). The power of Love Incarnate cannot and will not be stifled anyway.



○ God of all life, it is You who loved us first. It is You who invite and encourage us to deepen our relationship with You. Open our hearts to recognize Your Holy Presence. Challenge and transform us, mold and guide us, surprise and excite us, inspire and awaken us, as we celebrate Your everlasting Presence within us and surrounding us with Love today. Thank you, Good Shepherd.

Children's Corner

Dear Girls & Boys, Alleluia! Jesus our Lord is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Never forget that your true identity is that you are a beloved child of Abba God, and God wants good things for you. Turn to God. Always remember that our Risen Shepherd Jesus deeply loves you, and you are a 'little lamb' who belong to His flock that He protects. Turn to Jesus. Never doubt that Holy Spirit is with you to guide, help and inspire you. Turn to Holy Spirit. Be full of courage as you share this Good News of the promise and love of God with everyone you meet.



**ALLELUIA BELONG BELOVED BLESSED CARE
CHILDREN COMMAND DAYS DEEPLY DWELL
FATHER FEEDS FLOCK FOLD FOLLOW GOD
GOOD GUIDES HEAR HELD KNOW LAMBS LAY
LIFE LISTEN LOOK LORD OWN PATH POWER
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Lj'i Shepherd Tidbit: In Palestine, the shepherd brought the sheep into the sheepfold every night. It was a circular stone wall, with an opening/door where the sheep entered. Once the sheep were inside, the shepherd slept in that doorway opening, blocking, protecting and keeping watch all night. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the sheep-gate... He protects, guides, feeds and watches over us... and has ultimately saved and redeemed us.

Faith Formation News

> **Blessing for First Eucharist Candidates** ~ THIS Sunday, Apr. 21st at 11am Mass. Children, we hold you in our prayer as you prepare to celebrate and receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist, Jesus' Most Holy Body and Blood. May your hearts hunger and thirst deeply for our Lord.

> **Catechism Rosary Fundraiser:** You may have noticed by the parking lot entrance, that we have crafted a rosary on the wall beside the Cross. This initiative has 3 main goals: to provide an opportunity to bring together our children and our parish, to fundraise for our church, and for the children to learn how to pray for others.

By donating \$5.00 to our parish fundraiser, you can write your name or the name of someone you know onto a bead. Once we have filled out all 60 beads, our class will take the time to pray the rosary together interceding for you and your loved ones.

We are very excited to do this and hope that you will prayerfully consider participating in this project with us. May God Bless you and thank you!
 ~ Ms. Suzette, Catechism Co-ordinator

> **Young Adults Potluck Party** - Sunday, Apr. 28th, 12-3pm.

> **Children's Mass & Choir:** Children's Masses are back! Join us on Sunday, May 5th at 11 am. Children and youth of our parish will be offering their service in various ministries throughout the Mass. If your child(ren) is interested in greeting at the door or singing in the choir, please email suzette@ctkp.ca
 ~ Ms. Suzette

> **Sacramental Preparation Classes** - Saturdays from 1:00-3:00pm. Please refer to your schedule for Saturday dates.

For questions or concerns for any of the above, please email suzette@ctkp.ca or phone 431-373-0572.

Follow your vocation in our Catholic Schools! Are you currently attending university with the intent of becoming a teacher? Do you know someone who is? Why not consider bringing your faith and work together by teaching at a Catholic School? Just starting out? We are always looking for substitute teachers! A new graduate? Check out our website for employment opportunities. www.mbcatholicsschools.ca Join our team today!

CHRIST THE KING PARISH MISSION

Christ the King is a Roman Catholic Parish called to share generously our time, talents and treasures in the making of disciples of Christ.
 (Matthew 28:18-20)

VISION

To be an inclusive and caring community of service where everyone is invited and welcomed to be nourished fully through word, witness and worship.

VALUES

Inviting, Welcoming and Outreach
 Building Relationships
 Faith and Worship
 Compassion and Generosity