



The sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

JOHN 10:3

SHEPHERD/ISTOCK

Matters of Life and Death

Sheep are a lot smarter than some people think. They recognize the voice of their particular shepherd and follow that voice alone. However, that is not the point of Jesus' teaching today. Because most of us don't raise sheep or know much about them, we don't realize that the situation described in the Gospel passage is a matter of life and death.

It's similar to the relationship between a military squad leader and the troops he leads, another life-and-death matter. In both, unquestioning obedience is required, and absolute trust in the other is presumed.

That's what Jesus is describing. He's suggesting: "Listen to me. Follow my lead. Trust in me. I want only what is good for you, so I will be your sure protection."

It sounds so easy, as parables and metaphors usually do. What does it mean to follow this Shepherd? In the first reading, Peter announces the answer in one word: "Repent!" There is that challenging word—the word

we might associate with Lent, not with Easter. If we do so, we miss the point of following the Shepherd, for to follow him means to be like him. It means: "Repent! Stop taking advantage of other people. Open your minds and hearts to newcomers. Respect those who observe different religious traditions. Help those less fortunate than you." All of this is captured in the final words of the Gospel reading: do what you can so that all "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Clearly, that's smart.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ On what path might the Shepherd be leading you?
- ★ In what area is he calling you to repent?

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH

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OFFICE HOURS:

By Ontario government decision

Due to COVID-19 virus

The office is closed

You may call the office and we will get back to you as soon as we can

SUNDAY MASSES

No masses

At this time

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

none

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Paul Conway

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Walter Morrow (retired)

Diocesan Order of Women: Raymonde Brant

Secretary: Sue Solomon

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dan Drazanovich

Vincent LaRue

Outreach Member

Christian Formation Member

Randy Johnson

Finance Member

Liturgy Member

ADORATION CHAPEL

Closed until further notice

Adorers needed....

Please call either Raffaella Medaglia 942-7891

Susanne Quinn-Perron 450-7732

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

to place a prayer request, please phone:

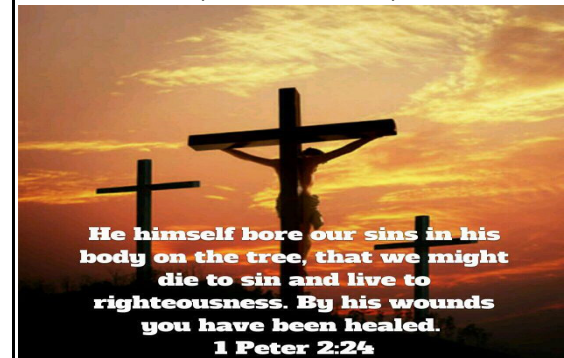
Laverne..... 942-7630 (ans. machine)

Betty.....649-3611 (ans. machine)

CHURCH ENVELOPES

If you would like to begin using parish donation envelopes, please contact the parish office.

4th Sunday of Easter—May 03, 2020



He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.
1 Peter 2:24

E-MAIL: olgoodcoun@shaw.ca

WEBSITE: olgoodcounselssm.com

RECONCILIATION

(At this time by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF INITIATION

(Baptism) REGISTRATION FORMS are available for pick up in the foyer of the church.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office. A MINIMUM OF **SIX MONTHS NOTICE** IS REQUIRED.

ANointing of the Sick

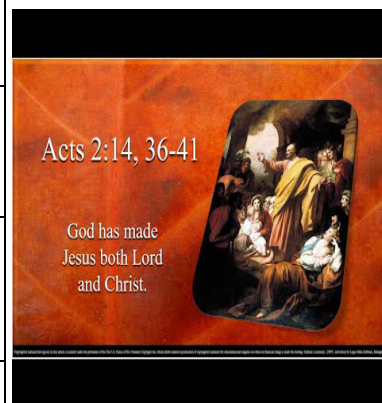
If you are sick and go to the hospital, please call the parish office 705-942-8546. This will allow us to arrange that you have the Sacrament of the Sick and a Pastoral Visit. Also, Eucharist is brought once a week to those in the hospital by a Pastoral Team member.

"ON CALL" PRIEST

A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7. You can notify the chaplain, nurse or nursing home coordinators to contact the priest ON CALL.

Date	Readings
May 04 Monday	Acts 11.1-18 Ps 42.1-43.4 John 10.11-18
May 05 Tuesday	Acts 11.19-26 Ps 87.1-7 John 10.22-30
May 06 Wednesday	2 Timothy 4.1-5 Ps 96.1-10 John 10.11-16
May 07 Thursday	Acts 13.13-25 Ps 89.2-27 John 13.16-20
May 08 Friday	Acts 13.26-33 Ps 2.6-11 John 14.1-6
May 09 Saturday -----	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 6.1-7 Ps 33.1-19
May 10 Sunday	1 Peter 2.4-9 John 14.1-12

*Readings for the week
of Monday May 04 to
Sunday May 10, 2020*



"But God has put it on my heart to be part of another ministry here at home—that of active intercession. The words of Mother Teresa come to mind:

"Do something beautiful for God." So my focus is not on what I **can't** do, but on what I **can** do."

Algoma Public Health is asking our community members and leaders for help to amplify two important messages:

(a) all returning travelers to Algoma must stay home and avoid going out for 14 days; city services are available to help with groceries, etc..

(b) everyone must practice social distancing by staying 2 metres apart and avoiding close contact with others outside of their immediate family.

People who are elderly, or who have underlying medical conditions should also stay home as much as possible.

Algoma Public Health - We are all in this together

<http://www.algomapublichealth.com/news/we-are-all-in-this-together/>



FOOD FOR ST. VINCENT de PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul Society is accepting food donations.

Parishioners who still want to donate, can drop food items off on Albert St

between 10am and 3pm Monday to Friday.

The doors are locked but there is a buzzer beside the door that they can ring. If no one appears within a five minutes, they can either leave the food there, or bring it to the far door, which is the door to the men's shelter.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED especially for

***John Nogalo, husband of Airi Nogalo
Louis Panico, brother-in-law of Patricia Dufresne
and
ALL OUR DECEASED FAMILY & FRIENDS.***

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: ALL THE SICK & SHUT-INS IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY.



"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" - the psalm response for today.

This Psalm has always brought me comfort in times of despair, loneliness or helplessness.

"....He restores my soul; even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil for you are with me; your rod and your staff--- they comfort me..." These words speak to me of the God who loves me. He only wants me to be embraced in his light and love. May you find some solace in the readings of this week-end. The Good shepherd comes that we have life and have it abundantly.

Stay safe

Stay focused

Stay strong

Fr. Paul



**Consecration of Canada to the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
in time of pandemic**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
in this time of pandemic, we turn our gaze to you, and in Christ consecrate to you *the faithful of Our Lady of Good Counsel family together with all the people of Canada.*

At the Annunciation,
fear gave way to trust as you embraced the mysterious and loving plan of God, who through his providence, care and concern brought about newness of life in you and through you.
Intercede, we pray, on our behalf as your children, *Virgin most faithful.*
Grant us faith, hope and perseverance, as we strive to serve and bear witness to all persons, responding to the needs of those affected by this virus.

Standing at the foot of the Cross at Calvary,
you united yourself with the sufferings of Christ and so uniquely contributed to the mystery of our redemption.
We beseech you as *Health of the sick*, draw to yourself in maternal compassion the brothers and sisters of your Son Jesus and all those who are grieved by this pandemic.
Strengthen the dying and comfort those who weep so that all may experience the healing grace of Christ our Divine Physician.

At the Cenacle, after the Resurrection,
you accompanied the Apostles with prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
In your maternal care as *Consoler of the afflicted*, accompany healthcare professionals, all who minister to the sick and those who seek a cure to end this pandemic, that the Holy Spirit may renew the face of the earth.

To all of us, dearest Mary, *Mother of all the living*,
be present and show forth your tenderness, as we raise our eyes to you who shines forth before the entire community as a merciful and compassionate companion on our journey. Time and time again, with burdens weighing heavily on their hearts and in their many necessities, the Christian faithful have sought refuge under your mantle of protection.

Come quickly to our aid at this time, *Mother of Mercy*, and deliver us from the dangers that surround us in our hour of need; watch over especially the elderly, the weak and the infirm, our children and the unity of our families, and all those who give of themselves selflessly in pastoral care to those in need until in your arms and in your gentle embrace we all find safety and solace.

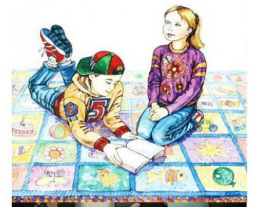
R. Amen.

We extend our ***PRAYERS & BEST WISHES***
to ***Mel & Sue Stanghetta*** as they celebrate their
66th Wedding Anniversary on May 5th
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

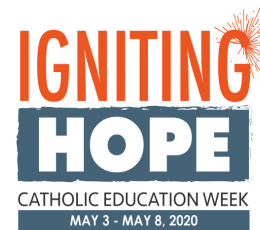


Please keep in your prayers our young people preparing for first communion.
Their hearts have been somewhat saddened as they have to wait to receive Jesus in Eucharist.
May our hearts yearn to celebrate Eucharist, as they wait to start to receive Jesus in communion with all of us.

Getting Ready
for my
First Holy Communion



Pray for DELANEY ANDRESS, ALEXA D'ORAZIO, JUAN LANDRIAULT, BRIELLA SECONDI, MIA SLUKYNSKY, REMI TOMBARI AND LEILA VINETTE and for ***Nicole Vinette-Slukynsky*** who is helping the families to prepare their child.



PROVINCE-WIDE MASS Catholic Education Week 2020 It has been announced that His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, will be celebrating the Catholic Education Week Mass scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. EST. All students, families, board staff, trustees, and the broader Catholic community are invited to participate “virtually” in this celebration of the Eucharist by visiting the following website at the scheduled time:

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live>

Televised Mass on Shaw Cable Channel 10 - **Every Sunday at 9:00 AM**
Televised Online Mass Website: **veronica.church** *check website for times

Laudato Si’ Tips of the Month for May

- ♦ **Turn off your ignition if you're waiting more than 10 seconds.** Contrary to popular belief, restarting your car does not burn more fuel than leaving it idling. In fact, idling for just 10 seconds wastes more gas than restarting the engine.
- ♦ **Consider buying a battery powered lawnmower**
- ♦ **Buy local meats and vegetables, when possible**



*Brought to you by Our Lady of Good Counsel
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PRAY FOR



VOCATIONS



God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.
We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to
the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.
Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached,
the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted,
and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Vocations Office

Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie,
Ontario, Canada

www.beapriest.ca

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – MAY 3

This Sunday, the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life for our Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie? Take this opportunity to pray for the priests and religious who have ministered to you in your life, and consider encouraging your children, grandchildren or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious sister or brother. Pray that those that the Lord is calling to serve the Church will overcome their fear, and allow God to shape them into who he has made them to be.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

- On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray for a new openness to priestly and religious vocations among our Catholic young people, we pray to the Lord.
- For all Catholics, struggling to discover their own vocation, that they may find strength in the Holy Spirit, and courage through our own Christian witness, we pray to the Lord.
- That those who God is calling to serve as priests from our own community, that they may overcome their doubt and fear and respond with courage to God's call, we pray to the Lord.
- That the Lord will bless our Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie with new priestly and religious vocations, we pray to the Lord.
- For all of our priests and religious, who continue to faithfully shepherd God's flock, that their own witness may draw others to respond to God's call, we pray to the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2020 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/papa-francesco_20200308_57-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni.html