

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11, 2025



**WELCOME TO
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GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday 10:30 am – 1:00 pm Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Archdiocesan Statement regarding the election of Pope Leo XIV

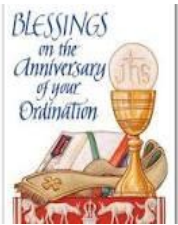
It is with great joy that we have heard of the election of Pope Leo XIV as the 267th Bishop of Rome. We are grateful to God for his election as the Vicar of Christ and we ask that all join with us in praying for God's blessings and guidance upon his pontificate.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Wednesday May 14	11:00 am	St. Joseph's	Eucharistic Celebration In Thanksgiving <i>Fr. Nelson's 10th Anniversary of Presbyteral Ordination</i>
Saturday May 17	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	Alec Gibbons; Catherine Hayward; Leonard Hayward
	5:30 pm	St. Mary's	Gertrude Bradley; Keith Ghaney Kenneth, Betty, Paul & Wayne Walsh
Sunday May 18	9:30 am	St. Joseph's	"Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners Living and Deceased
	11:15 am	Mount Carmel	Marie Gregory; Eleanor Nolan; Douglas Nash In Thanksgiving (M.B.)

MINISTRY LIST

Saturday May 17	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	Cross Bearer: Theresa Lewis Reader: Angela Fleming Collectors: Dan St. Croix, Pat Tobin Gift Bearers: Dan & Jose St. Croix Eucharistic Minister: Mary Fleming
Saturday May 17	5:30 pm	St. Mary's	Cross Bearer: Des Yetman Reader: Thelma Stamp Collectors: Pat Butler, Ron Molloy Gift Bearers: Hubert & Shirley Kielly Eucharistic Minister: Bill Breen
Sunday May 18	9:30 am	St. Joseph's	Cross Bearer: Jerry Ryan Reader: Lucille Gambin Collectors: Jerry Ryan, Benny Furey Gift Bearers: Pat & Joanne Singleton Eucharistic Minister: Theresa Williams
Sunday May 18	11:15 am	Mount Carmel	Cross Bearer: Hugh Lawlor Reader: Joan Downey Collectors: Iggy Philpot, George Critch Gift Bearers: Marie Bonia, Joan Downey Eucharistic Minister: Carmel Patey



REV. FR. NELSON PILAPIL BOREN

*In celebration of the Anniversary of your 10th Anniversary of Presbyteral Ordination,
may God reward you and bless you for your caring and dedicated service.*

Congratulations



Baptized this week at Good Shepherd Parish

Sacred Heart Church, St. Vincent's

SPENCER JOSEPH FLEMING

Congratulations and God's blessings on you and your family!

SANCTUARY LIGHT (May 11 – 17): In memory of Elizabeth and Darrin Bowen – Our Lady of Assumption Church

FINANCES ACKNOWLEDGED WITH SINCERE THANKS:

May 3, 4th: St. Vincent's/St. Mary's/St. Joseph's/Mt. Carmel

Weekly Offering: \$1347.60

Easter Offering: \$5.00

Papal Charities Offering: \$133.50

Mass Card Print Cost: \$10.00

Certificates: \$15.00

GRAND IN YOUR HAND WINNERS (April)

1st Prize Winner: Pauline Kielly Ticket No. 0250

2nd Prize Winner: Rita Ryan Ticket No. 0285

Grand In Your Hand tickets for sale in support of Good Shepherd Parish. Two chances to win \$1000.00 per each month draw. The ticket price is \$10.00 monthly or \$120.00 annually. If you like to support Good Shepherd Parish through this initiative, please contact Shirley 709-687-7057 or Sheila 709-699-9503. Thanking you in advance for your support.

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: Couples can register using the following link: [Marriage Preparation Registration | Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's \(rcsj.org\)](http://MarriagePreparationRegistration|RomanCatholicArchdioceseofSt.John's(rcsj.org)) . Once registered, couples will receive additional information.

**GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
CEMETERY MASS & WEEKEND SCHEDULE
JULY – AUGUST 2025
SCHEDULE NO SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CEMETERY / WEEKEND</u>
SATURDAY July 5, 2025	4:00 pm 5:30 pm	ST. VINCENT'S ST. MARY'S	WEEKEND MASS WEEKEND MASS
SUNDAY July 6, 2025	11:00 AM	O'DONNELL'S	NEW CEMETERY Sacred Heart Cemetery
Saturday July 12, 2025	4:00 pm 6:00 pm	ST. MARY'S ST. JOSEPH'S	WEEKEND MASS WEEKEND MASS
SUNDAY July 13, 2025	11:00 AM	MOUNT CARMEL	OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CEMETERY
SATURDAY July 19, 2025	4:00 pm 5:30 pm	ST. VINCENT'S ST. MARY'S	WEEKEND MASS WEEKEND MASS
SUNDAY July 20, 2025	11:00 AM	ST. JOSEPH'S	ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY
SATURDAY July 26, 2025	4:00 pm 5:30 pm	MOUNT CARMEL ST. JOSEPH'S	WEEKEND MASS WEEKEND MASS
SUNDAY July 27, 2025	11:00 AM	ST. VINCENT'S	SACRED HEART CEMETERY
SATURDAY August 2, 2025	4:00 pm 5:30pm	MOUNT CARMEL ST. JOSEPH'S	WEEKEND MASS WEEKEND MASS
SUNDAY August 3, 2025	11:00 AM	ST. MARY'S	NEW CEMETERY Our Lady of Assumption
SATURDAY August 9, 2025	4:00 pm 6:00 pm	ST. MARY'S ST. JOSEPH'S	WEEKEND MASS WEEKEND MASS
SUNDAY August 10, 2025	11:00 AM	NORTH HARBOUR	SACRED HEART CEMETERY
SATURDAY August 16, 2025	4:00 pm 5:30 pm	MOUNT CARMEL ST. JOSEPH'S	WEEKEND MASS WEEKEND MASS
SUNDAY August 17, 2025	11:00 AM	RIVERHEAD/ MALL BAY	ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CEMETERY
WEDNESDAY August 20, 2025	5:00 PM	ST. MARY'S	OLD CEMETERY Our Lady of Assumption
SATURDAY August 23, 2025	4:00 pm 6:00 pm	ST. MARY'S ST. JOSEPH'S	WEEKEND MASS WEEKEND MASS
SUNDAY August 24, 2025	11:00 AM	COLINET	OUR LADY OF GRACE CEMETERY
WEDNESDAY August 27, 2025	5:00 PM	O'DONNELL'S	OLD CEMETERY St. Anne's Cemetery

In the event of inclement weather, each cemetery mass will occur on the same date and at the same time in a designated church community.

LIVING FAITH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER- MAY 11
MOTHER'S DAY
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR
VOCATIONS AND NATIONAL FAMILY
LIFE WEEK



The Gospel for today John 10: 27-30

I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

The Father and I are one.'

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully to mothers. The work of a mother is a lot like the work of a shepherd, isn't it? Mothers love their children, try to keep them safe from harm, try to show them good paths to follow throughout their lives, and pray that God will guide them.

Today is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. A vocation is a call from God. Most people are called to the married life. Some are called to a single life. Some people are called to religious life, and choose to take vows and live in a religious community. Some are called to the priesthood, and are ordained for service in the Church.

There are many pathways that people can follow in response to God's invitation and call to service. How are you called to serve?

TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- How do people discover their vocation? How do people hear the voice of God in their lives?
- How did you discover your vocation or calling in life?
- How can we help people to discover where and how God might be calling them? What ideas would you have about this?



A Mothers' Day Reflection

What can we say about Mothers that has not already been said in poems and prayers, in songs and in tributes? What gift could we give them that would ever express the gratitude Mothers deserve? What gesture could we make that would reflect the honour and love that is worthy of them? It is the thoughts and feelings deep in our own hearts that can best delight our Mothers. It is the gift of our respect and admiration of the woman who is our Mother that can most adequately thank her. And it is the warmth of our presence and selfgiving to her that can most truly affirm and honour her.

In whatever way Mother's day is celebrated in your family, take some time to thank and bless your Mother and all those who act in motherly roles in our lives. Perhaps at the end of the day, gather round a meal and name what it is that you value and appreciate about your Mother. Having done so, give a family blessing to your Mother.

The blessing that would most deeply touch your Mother would be the blessing that you write as a family. Use the following as a guide:

May you be blessed Mom, with God's loving support as you give yourself to us in all that you do for us.

Response: Amen

May you be blessed Mom with the wisdom and strength of God's Spirit as you faithfully do what you know to be good and right for us your children.

Response: Amen

May you be blessed Mom with joy and laughter, wonder and delight in our family life together.

Response: Amen

May you be blessed Mom with our support, understanding and love in those times when you are tired, stressed and in need. May God always bless you, protect you and be gracious to you.

Response: Amen

A Prayer for those without their Mothers

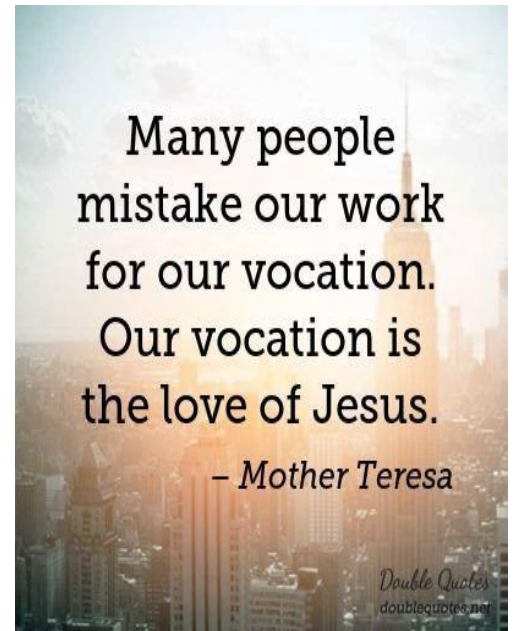
God of compassion and of tender mercy, we remember today our Mother who is no longer with us. We ask you to bring comfort and healing to us as we grieve and pain at the loss and separation of our Mother. May time bring us, through your grace, peace and understanding of all that we struggle to accept in our lives. We make this prayer in your name, O God of Love. Amen.



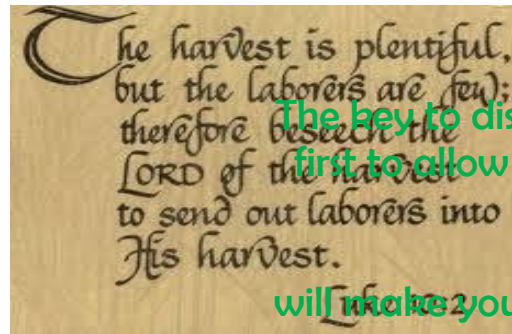
THE CHURCH TEACHES

WHAT IS A VOCATION?

A vocation is all about love. It is a life of love in a concrete, particular form that comes from God. Each vocation begins with God's love for us. In that love for you, God speaks to your heart, and calls you to a particular form of life. Your response is your total gift of self to God.



"You did not choose me, but I chose you"
(Jn 15:16)



The key to discovering your vocation is first to allow Jesus to show His tender love to you. This love will make you capable of loving Him in return.

TAKEN FROM THE MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 62nd
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

[11 May 2025]

Pilgrims of Hope: the Gift of Life

Every vocation, once perceived in the depths of the heart, gives rise to an impulse to love and service, as an expression of hope and charity, rather than a means of self-promotion. Vocation and hope go together in God's plan for the happiness of each man and woman, all of whom are called by name to give their lives for others (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 268). Many young people seek to know the path God is calling them to take. Some find, often to their surprise, that they are called to the priesthood or to the consecrated life. Others discover the beauty of the call to marriage and family life, to the pursuit of the common good and to a life of witness to the faith among their friends and acquaintances.

Every vocation is inspired by hope, marked by confident trust in God's providence. For Christians, hope is more than mere human optimism: it is a certainty based on our faith in God, who is at work in each of our lives. Vocations mature through the daily effort to be faithful to the Gospel, and through prayer, discernment and service.

Rome, Policlinico A. Gemelli, 19 March 2025



A Prayer for Family and Life

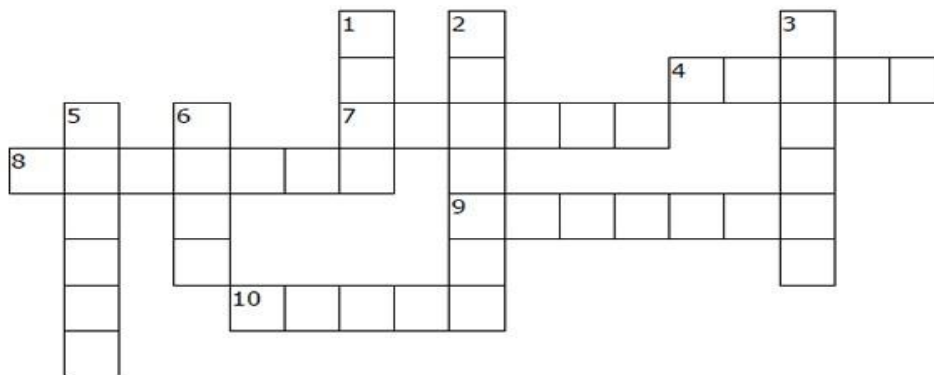
Heavenly Father, we place our trust in you. You have given us the precious gift of life and entrusted us to care for, nurture, and sustain it. Help our families to be sanctuaries of joy and light, where both young and old are cherished and embraced, and where your gifts of faith, hope, and love may flourish. May your tender loving care inspire all families to abound in hope so that we may live out our call to holiness as missionary disciples in the service of life and peace. 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.

Take time to celebrate the joy of family and friends in a special way this week!

In the Palm of His Hand

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. John 10:28 (NIV)

Based on John 10:22-30



ACROSS

4. Wooly animal similar to goats
7. To move behind someone or something and go where they go
8. Something that cannot be explained by the laws of nature
9. Lasting forever, never ending
10. Sounds that come from the throat when people speak or sing

DOWN

1. The period between birth and death
2. To think that something is true
3. A building used for religious ceremonies or worship.
5. The season between autumn and spring
6. The body part used for holding things

ETERNAL	LIFE	MIRACLE	FOLLOW	WINTER
BELIEVE	HAND	VOICE	TEMPLE	SHEEP