

Good News Reflection: The tap of the Good Shepherd's staff

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. We are the sheep for whom he has laid down his life. He put everything aside for our sake -- his human desire for an easy life, the security and familiarity of a home of his own, his time, his sleep, his tiredness, and his natural preference to avoid persecution, torture and death.

We are the sheep who recognize our Shepherd's voice and willingly follow him to better pastures. We want him to be our Good Shepherd. We want his protection, his guidance, and his love.

However, sometimes we forget to listen for his voice. This usually happens when life doesn't go as planned, the way we want it to. In frustration and fear, we assume that Jesus has left the sheepfold. We think he's gone after the lost sheep and left us behind to fend for ourselves, and -- oh no! -- this is surely when the wolves attack! Doesn't he realize that? How could he do this to us if he really cares as much about us as he says he does? Why is he more concerned about the sheep who strayed than he is about us who are good sheep?

However, no matter how busy Jesus gets and no matter how far he has to go to rescue lost sheep, he never leaves our side. He is always with us. When the path of life takes us to dead ends or dangerous cliffs, it's not because he's abandoned us. The pain we feel is his shepherd's staff tapping and prodding us to get us to move in a different direction, and we just haven't understood.

We don't want to go in that other direction. We like the familiarity of this old pasture. We're getting annoyed at the tap-taptapping of the staff on our heads. And we won't discover the blessing of this discipline until we turn again to Jesus with eyes of trust and ears that are attentive to everything he says, even if at first we don't like what he's saying.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

In what areas of your life do you feel lost and alone or abandoned? What activities can you do that will restore your vision and your hearing so you can recognize the presence of your Good Shepherd?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Name some of the ways that the Good Shepherd's voice calls out to us. Share the story of a time when he prodded you but at first you didn't realize it was him. When did something feel painful until you realized that you were going in the wrong direction? What helped you recognize the voice and the staff of the Good Shepherd?

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Upcoming Celebrations					
Mon.	Apr. 26	No Mass			
Tues.	Apr. 27	7 PM	Special Int		
Wed.	Apr 28	9 AM Mass	Mary Janeczko Int		
Thur	Apr. 29	9 AM Mass	Special Int		
Fri.	Apr. 30	12:10 PM	Elsie Callan +		
Sat.	May 01	4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM @ SVDP 7 PM @ St. Marys	SAFF Cole Crooks + Napoleon Madridejos +		
Sun.	May 02	8:30 AM Rosary 9 AM SVDP 10:30 AM Rosary 11 AM SVDP	SAFF Lilliane Kot + SAFF Blaize Messer +		

The new regulations for attendance at Mass; As of 3:00 PM April 13, the province of Saskatchewan issued a revision of its current guidelines for places of worship which come into effect Friday, April 16th.

With this announcement we are back to 30 people attending Masses. This means we are back to phoning the office from Tuesday -Friday, 8:30-4:30pm, to register for mass once a week. We will start with registering for one week at a time until we are sure everyone has a chance to attend a mass once a week.



<u>CWL Sunday is the Sunday closest</u> to The Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel, April 26th.

St. Vincent de Paul CWL supports many local, provincial, national and

international charities.

We meet the third Monday of each month from September through June. Involvement with the Catholic Women's League is both rewarding and enjoyable. We invite all Catholic women over the age of 18 to share their gifts and make a difference by joining us. If you are interested in becoming a CWL member, please contact Judy Van Betuw at 306-861-3241. We will be hosting a Reception of New Members in May and would love to include you.



Knights of Columbus Scholarship:

Bishop Klein Assembly of the Knights of Columbus will be offering a \$1000.00 scholarship again this year. Contact the church office for information on the application forms.



Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-28, 30-32 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8

God of love and hope be with us as we ask for your blessing on those who are in need of our prayers; Ernie Schenher, Sabrina Mainil, Allison Johnson, Gloria Pajota and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles. Our condolences to the family and friends of Arnott Williams, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sleeping St. Joseph Listen to our prayers;

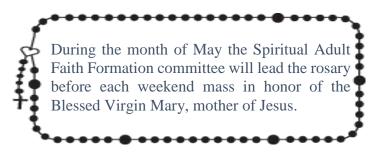


You will notice the statue of sleeping St. Joseph on the altar, and feel free to write your

problems, requests and prayers to St. Joseph on a small piece of paper and put it under him, throughout the year and he will answer your prayers.

A Moment with St. Joseph;

Watch the new pamphlet holder by the front doors of the church for an information sheet called "A moment with St. Joseph." Sheets will be updated monthly and will contain brief prayers, facts, Bible verses, and other interesting information related to St. Joseph. Please take one! Over the coming months we hope to grow in knowledge and devotion to this amazing Saint who was the foster father of Jesus and chaste spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A project of the Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation committee



Your God is ever beside you – indeed, he is even within you. – Saint Alphonsus Liquori.



<u>This Weeks Bible Corner:</u> –April 24/25: Revelation IV - Conclusion

While God has nothing more to reveal to us, there is much more to say about

Scripture. We may even explore the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Prior to this, critics claimed that Christians altered the Suffering Servant passages of Isaiah (42:1-4, 49:1-7, 50:4-11, 52:13-53:12) to make them more closely resemble the sufferings of Christ. However, a complete scroll of Isaiah was found in 1949, which was substantially unchanged from the text of our Bible. Further, this scroll was definitively carbon-dated to the early first century, before Christ - it is always gratifying when science confirms some aspect of the faith. Nevertheless, before we continue talking about Scripture it is time to evaluate this series. Let the office know if the Bible Corner is helpful or could be improved upon.

Signs of Life in the Local Church: May 2021 Webinar Series; Join in this series to explore signs that new missional perspectives are bringing life to local congregations. Each Thursday in May, starting May 6 at 3:00 PM (Saskatchewan) on Zoom. Free registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqfytqzosGdVoDhE6gNcveFr2JjU4-WCd

For further information, contact Archdeacon Cheryl Toth at stewardship@sasktel.net

ArchRegina Workshops;

The Archdiocese of Regina Pastoral Services Department is pleased to offer a new online series to support parishes.

These webinars are for clergy, parish staff and volunteers who are involved within key ministry areas in your parish. Feel free to invite your volunteers to these webinars as appropriate for their ministry or role in the parish. The workshops will be one hour from 12:00 - 1:00 PM each Thursday. Bring your lunch and join in the conversation..... Upcoming Workshops:

April 29: Nick Jesson - Ecumenical Officer -Ecumenism Part 2, Exploring Parish Ecumenism May 6: NO WORKSHOP

May 13: Brett Salkeld - - Archdiocesan Theologian -What would you ask a theologian if you had the chance? Well, now you do! Catholic faith is not afraid of good questions, but welcomes them. Join us for our Thursday workshop on April 15th, and ask Archdiocesan Theologian Dr. Brett Salkeld any theological or moral question where your own faith is seeking better understanding. You'll be glad you did!

Stewardship Bulletin Bit: 4th Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times, Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

Arise Catholic Women's Retreat: Arise Catholic women's retreat will be launched online Saturday, May 1. "Arise: Put On the Amour of Light" will feature speakers Heather Khym, Debbie Herbeck, Mary Bielski, Rachel Herbeck, and Bishop Scott McCaig. Register on the website at:

https://arisecatholicmovement.ca

Glasses Collection Box: Thank you to all who have donated glasses! We recently had 96 pairs of glasses which have been brought to Weyburn Eye Care and will be sent off to the Canadian Institute for the Blind. The donation box is located near the front door of the Church. A project of the Social Justice Committee

<u>Young Adult Small Groups</u>; Come together around a shared interest (jogging, relationship enrichment, hiking, board games, learning to pray and more!) to meet new people and grow in faith. The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will be launching a new round of young adult small groups in mid-April. Registration opens on Monday, March 29th at https://archregina.sk.ca/youth-ministry/young-adult-small-groups. Join us!

My Gen Rally Update: March is always the month that our diocesan young church comes together to celebrate the "My Gen" Youth Rally. This year, My Gen will happen on Saturday May 29th and will be a hybrid of a live streamed event AND a gathered (in person) event at multiple host sites around the diocese. We are looking for communities interested in hosting approx. 15 young people and leaders at their parish facilities and grounds. The My Gen committee will provide leadership support for all rally sites. As always, all of these plans are contingent on health guidelines at that time. If your parish is interested in being a rally host site, please contact the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry further for information. oyyam@archregina.sk.ca or call 306-352-1651.

Stewardship of Time & Talent April 24 & 25, 2021 CWL SUNDAY						
	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 9 AM			
Readers	Janice Seitz	Wendy Pitre	Shirley Mondor			
Eucharistic Ministers						
Power Point	Roberto Roman	Vacant	Val Wing			
Hospitality	Camille Goski Mary Ann Flaaten	Theresa Istace Eveline Porte Ev Corbin	Judy Van Betuw Fran Messer Marilyn Schuck			
Counters	Sherry Dreis, Kerry Dolter, Richard Wick					
Stewardship Time & Talent May 1 & 2, 2021						
	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM			
Readers	Camille Goski Connie Regier	Delores Herring Theresa Istace	Ingri Roman Marga Cugnet			
Eucharistic Ministers						
Power Point	Fingler Family	Pat Wolensky	Jennifer Woodard			
Hospitality	Dorothy Gaab	Yvonne Kerr Omar & Chris Marcotte Richard & Celine Wawro	Terry Lonoway Charleen Keen Ron & Josie Klein			
Counters	Wendy Pitre, Joanne Babiarz, Christie McKenzie					

 Parish Pastoral Council Members: Fr. Francis Plaparampil, Marga Cugnet (chair), Pat Wolensky, Sarah Ayeri, Brenda Kosior, John Tuchscherer, Vic Messer, Jim Wanner, Val Wing, Wendy Sidloski Parish Finance Chairperson –Pam Haupstein
 Parish Pastoral Council Meetings - the last Thursday of each month.

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> **CWL President**: Fran Messer (842-6259) **CWL Meetings**: (Sept. – June) Executive Meeting – 2nd Mon. of month General Meeting – 3rd Mon. of month

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Sacraments: Baptism and Reconciliation – Contact the parish office Matrimony – Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior

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