

PAROISSE SAINT-FRANÇOIS-XAVIER PARISH



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS OF OUR PARISH:

John & Marguerite Peters, Joan Regnier, René & Lori-Ann & the future of our church. **St. François-Xavier, priez pour nous/pray for us. Lord, thank you for your constant watchful eye over us. Praise God!** Anyone wanting to add or remove a name please contact Odile (204-864-2367).

MINISTRY LIST:

April 21, 2024 – 4TH Sunday of Easter

Welcoming Ministry: **Stan Breland & Arthur Enoh;** English: **Elaine Senecal;** French: **Ray**

Vermette; Clean the church: **LeGras**

April 28, 2024 – 5TH Sunday of Easter

Welcoming Ministry: **Diane & Marcel McCaughan;** English: **Yvonne Wood;** French: **Elaine**

Senecal; Clean the church: **Enoh**

MASS INTENTIONS:

April 21, 2024: For deceased beloved Jim Houston requested by Bob & Léona Houston

April 28, 2024: For deceased beloved Ken Wood requested by Yvonne Wood & her family.

May 5, 2024: For deceased beloved Stan Coble (Diane's father) requested by the Kendalls

May 26, 2024: For deceased beloved Tony Yarema requested by the Kendall family.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION:

For the role of woman: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024:

In the evening of April 22, at sundown, the Jewish Passover, ***Pesach***, begins.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – APRIL 21ST:

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, 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, and calls many to follow Him in the way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

Ministries of the good shepherd.

The good shepherd dies for the sheep.

John 10:11 *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.* Shepherds are absolutely responsible for their sheep. In the OT, if anything happened to the sheep, he had to produce proof that it was not his fault due to the dereliction of duty or rustling of the sheep. **Exodus 22:13** *If it was torn to pieces by a wild animal, the neighbour shall bring in the remains as evidence and shall not be required to pay for the torn animal.*

Amos the prophet speaks **Amos 3:12**, *As a shepherd rescues from the lion's mouth only two leg bones or a piece of an ear.* The shepherd had to battle wolves, mountain lions, and even bears and protect his sheep. And if any animal is eaten, the shepherd had to carry proof out of the prey's mouth to his master. In the process, he had to risk his life.

David tells Saul how when he was keeping his father's sheep, he fought off a lion and then a bear. Shepherding was a very risky job. The shepherd stayed with the sheep the entire day because they had to be a protector. And when the thief or robber or the wild animal comes, the faithful shepherd has often put his life on the line to defend his flock.

The good shepherd loves his sheep.

This is, of course, what's behind the giving of his life – His love for his sheep. **John 10:14-15** ¹⁴*"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—* ¹⁵*just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.* The language here is love, rather than knowing. He has an intimate loving relationship with them. The motive behind giving Jesus' life is his love for us.

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* That's why the Father gave the Son; that's why the Son gave His life. He loves His sheep. Jesus loves you this morning.

THE LIGHTER SIDE:

1. *Why is sleeping "like a baby"; a good thing, when babies wake up every two hours.?*
2. *Where do pirates go to buy their hooks? At the second-hand store!*
3. *After a quarrel, a husband said to his wife: "You know, I was a fool when I married you." She replied: "Yes, dear, but I was in love and did not notice."*

THOUGHT TO PONDER DURING THE WEEK:

Act and God will act; work and He will work. (St. Joan of Arc)