

# SAINT PATRICK'S

## THE COMING WEEK

Mass Intentions at St. Patrick's for the week of May 9 - 15, 2022

Monday, May 09	<i>No Mass at St. Patrick's Church</i>		
Tuesday, May 10	7:00pm	† CWL Members	† deWit Family
		† Louise Tinney	† Visitacion Mallari & Fernando Que
		† Chandler Mallari	
Wednesday, May 11	9:00am	† Vinca & Matilda Uzdravis	† Adoma Kalnena
Thursday, May 12	9:00am	† Betty Thomson	† Rita Clark
* <i>The celebration of First Communion this weekend at St. Patrick's Church</i>			
Saturday, May 14	5:00pm	Int of Parishioners	(1 <sup>st</sup> Communion @ St. Patrick)
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	10:00am	Int of Parishioners	(1 <sup>st</sup> Communion @ St. Patrick)
Sunday, May 15	12:00Noon	Int of Parishioners	(1 <sup>st</sup> Communion @ St. Patrick)

### ● World Day Prayer for Vocations - Sunday, May 8

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, can calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people. The purpose of World Day Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into His harvest".

### ● 2022 Annual Parish Appeal for St. Peter's Seminary

Every year in the Diocese of London around the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter when we traditionally pray for Vocations our Seminary in London is asking all the parishes to support the Seminary through the Annual Appeal. Brochures and other material is available at the entrance to the church.

● Congratulations to Bishop R. Fabbro - On April 27, 2022 Bishop Fabbro marked the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of being the Bishop of London. Thank you for your leadership in our Diocese.

● Thank you for your prayers - General Chapter of the Michaelite Fathers in Poland was very successful and at the end of their two week meetings, they elected Fr. Dariusz Wilk, the Superior General of the Michaelite Fathers and his council for the next six years. Thank you for your prayers.

### ● First Communion at St. Patrick's Church:

The celebration of First Communion is upon us. At St. Patrick's Church, 25 children will be receiving the Holy Communion for the first time. Communion will be celebrated in 3 groups at our weekend Masses on May 14/15; 5pm Mass 12 children, 10am Mass 7 children and 12Noon Mass 6 children. The children will be wearing their white First Communion gowns and will be sitting with their families in reserved pews. We ask our parishioners to support them with prayers.

● Canada Health Day, May 12 - is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country and also there is the national march for life on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

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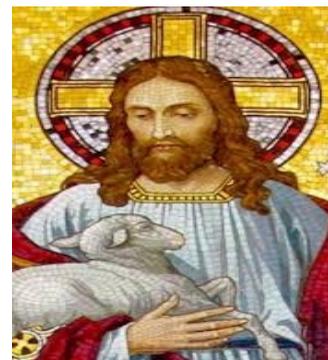
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### Good Shepherd Sunday - May 7/8, 2022

### The World Day of Prayer for Vocations



Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. What a beautiful image: Jesus as a loving shepherd who cares for us and leads us to good pasture and safety! It's also comforting to know that we are his sheep; he knows each of us by name and calls out to us. And we, his sheep, hear his voice and follow him (John 10:27).

But do you know that our Good Shepherd also has a destination for each of us in mind? He is leading us to heaven! He is always with us—through thick and thin, through the dark, sorrowful valleys and the high, joyful mountaintops—all so that he can lead us to our eternal home. He does not want any one of his sheep to perish (John 10:28). He will "shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water" (Revelation 7:17).

So trust this Good Shepherd! He always has you in his sights, even in your difficulties, and he will lead you through them. He may even use those struggles to bring you to that place where he wants you—with him, face-to-face in heaven. This is why he suffered and died. And this is why he rose from the dead, all so that one day you too could rise with him and live with him forever.

No matter what happens to you, you can always count on the Good Shepherd to walk beside you. He will carry you on his shoulders if you are too weak to keep walking. Throughout your journey, he will nourish you with his own Body and Blood in the Eucharist and refresh you with the water of his life-giving Spirit. And when your days on earth have ended, he will usher you into his heavenly kingdom. He will present you to his Father and say, "Here is my beloved, the sheep of my flock. I have brought him safely home."

*"The Harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into the harvest". Luke 10:2*

### Mother's Day - Blessing

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your Church. Bless the women as we celebrate this day in their honour. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect. May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith. Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life. Amen.

*Happy Mother's Day*

