

St. Patrick's Parish

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May 3, 2020 - 4th Sunday of Easter

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Daily Mass and Sunday Masses are broadcast live
on the Diocese website: <https://www.catholicyc.ca/> or on their Facebook page.

Daily Mass is shown at 8:30am (with a replay at 10:00am)

Sunday Mass celebrated by Bishop McGrattan is shown at 10:00am

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Closed on Weekends & Statutory Holidays

Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me

A Million Thanks to our Staff.

I take these moments to thank Jeanne our secretary, Vicki our music coordinator, Qaed our janitor, Romain our custodian and Sally the sacrament coordinator for their wonderful service to our parish but sadly they have to be temporarily laid off.

Due to the suspension of the Holy Mass, our parish like any other parish, has also suffered financial shortage. Although many of you are supporting continually even at this time with monetary help, we are unable to meet our expenses with the revenue we receive because of your generosity. We are trying our best to minimize our expenses. Taking the recommendation from the Diocese of Calgary, we have decided to lay off our parish staff temporarily from May 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. We acknowledge and appreciate their dedicated service as they have been contributing to the best of their abilities for our parish. We are grateful for their understanding and cooperation, and our prayers are with them. We will be looking forward to having them return as quickly as possible when we open the church once again for public worship.

At this time I am also looking for our parishioners to generously share their time and talents to help us clean the church and also to help me at the office to answer the phones from 9 am to 1pm on Tuesdays to Fridays. May God Bless you all.

-With a grateful heart, Fr Tomy Manjaly

New Office Hours starting May 1st: 9am to 1pm Tuesday to Friday

Readings:

1st Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 36b-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Psalm: Ps 23

℟. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 20b-25

Now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

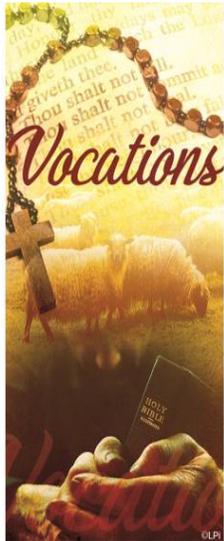
Gospel: John 10: 1-10

I am the gate for the sheep.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations - May 3

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 this way.

Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

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To Father Tomy and all Parishioners

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to say:
we will miss you, and we look forward to seeing you again soon!

- Jeanne



Reflection for 4th Sunday of Easter by Fr. Tomy Manjaly

It is since one month that I have celebrated the Holy Mass with you physically at St Patrick's church . I really miss you but by celebrating the daily mass ,I do remember and am praying for you and I am sure you are praying for me..

The 4th Sunday of Easter is the Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus says " I am the good shepherd ; I know my sheep and my own know me" . Jesus calls each one of us to be his sheep listening to his voice at all times even when we face those difficult moments. Jesus our Good shepherd knows each of us by name and therefore we are precious and will not be abandoned when we call upon Him. He recognizes our voices and we hear His voice. His voice is familiar and trustworthy, like the voices of those who have spoken words of encouragement, love, and faithfulness all along our way. Our parents, grand parents , siblings, teachers, spiritual leaders, and mentors have brought us up in the faith, and in their good words and example we first recognize the voice of Christ guiding us to wholeness and holiness. We might take this opportunity to thank these people today perhaps with a phone call or e-mail or at least praying for them both who are alive and deceased.

Jesus also calls us to be the shepherds to the flock entrusted to us.

Perhaps these questions might help us to reflect our role as shepherds:

Do our words and example lead family members, neighbors, and friends to the heart of Christ?

Do my sheep know me? Can I call my sheep by name?

How confident am I that I'm leading them toward God and to the green pastures?

What more could I do to make myself worthy to lead them?

Who shepherds me in my work? Do I trust that person? What could I, he/she, or we do together to improve our relationship?

Do I really believe Christ knows my name? When do I hear him calling me to be a shepherd?

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want" Ps 23 . Alleluia!