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Second Sunday after Easter

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St. Edmund's Parish ♦ 13120 - 116 Street NW



For you were as sheep going astray, but you are now converted to the shepherd and bishop of your souls. (1 Peter 2:25)

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St. Thomas Aquinas on Christ, the Good Shepherd

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. Surely it is fitting that Christ should be a shepherd, for just as a flock is guided and fed by a shepherd so the faithful are fed by Christ with spiritual food and with his own body and blood. The Apostle said: You were once like sheep without a shepherd, but now you have returned to the guardian and ruler of your souls. The prophet has said: As a shepherd he pastures his flock.

Christ said that the shepherd enters through the gate and that he is himself the gate as well as the shepherd. Then it is necessary that he enter through himself. By so doing, he reveals himself, and through himself he knows the Father. But we enter through him because through him we find happiness.

Take heed: no one else is the gate but Christ. Others reflect his light, but no one else is the true light. John the Baptist was not the light, but he bore witness to the light. It is said of Christ, however: He was the true light that enlightens every man. For this reason no one says that he is the gate; this title is Christ's own. However, he has made others shepherds and given that office to his members; for Peter was a shepherd, and so were the other apostles and all good bishops after them. Scripture says: I shall give you shepherds according to my own heart. Although the bishops of the Church, who are her sons, are all shepherds, nevertheless Christ refers only to one person in saying: I am the Good Shepherd, because he wants to emphasise the virtue of charity. Thus, no one can be a good shepherd unless he is one with Christ in charity. Through this we become members of the true shepherd.

The duty of a good shepherd is charity; therefore Christ said: The good shepherd gives his life for his sheep. Know the difference between a good and a bad shepherd: the good shepherd cares for the welfare of his flock, but the bad shepherd cares only for his own welfare.

The Good Shepherd does not demand that shepherds lay down their lives for a real flock of sheep. But every spiritual shepherd must endure the loss of his bodily life for the salvation of the flock, since the spiritual good of the flock is more important than the bodily life of the shepherd, when danger threatens the salvation of the flock. This is why the Lord says: The good shepherd lays down his life, that is, his physical life, for his sheep; this he does because of his authority and love. Both, in fact, are required: that they should be ruled by him, and that he should love them. The first without the second is not enough.

Christ stands out for us as the example of this teaching: If Christ laid down his life for us, so we also ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

Announcements

Development & Peace donations withheld - Archbishop Smith has announced that donations to Development and Peace through the annual Together We Serve appeal will be withheld pending investigation of questions raised in a recent review of partner organisations that receive funding from D&P. See his letter to all the faithful, included in this bulletin.

March for Life, May 10th - Archbishop Smith, together with his brother bishops of Alberta and the NWT, have issued an invitation to everyone to join them at the 2018 Alberta March for Life in Edmonton on Thursday, May 10. Mass at St. Joseph's Basilica at 10:00 a.m., march starts at noon in front of the Alberta Legislature.

Summer Youth camps:

☞ *In Edmonton:* Summer registration is open online for Camp Encounter and Our Lady of Victory Camp. Programs are available for campers and youth aged 8-14 with leadership opportunities for youth aged 14-18. Register online at www.olvc.ab.ca or www.campencounter.com.

☞ *With the FSSP:* call the District Headquarters of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP), tel. 570 842-4000, or write to info@fssp.com

Summer Retreats with the FSSP - Please contact the District Headquarters of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter tel. 570 842-4000, or write to info@fssp.com

Announcements and activities on the website of the Archdiocese of Edmonton, www.caedm.ca.



The Good Shepherd!

For a long time Israel was a people of shepherds, and the tradition from the time of the patriarchs and subsequent generations is reflected in the texts of the Old Testament. The shepherd, the one who watches over his flock and leads it to fertile pastures, became the image of the man who guides and heads a nation, ever mindful of its concerns. This is how the shepherd of Israel is depicted in the Old Testament.

In his preaching, Jesus refers to this image but introduces a completely new element: the shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep (cf. [Jn 10:11-18](#)). Indeed, he presents himself as the prototype of the good shepherd who is able to give his life for his flock. The Father has sent him into the world so that he will not be the shepherd of Israel alone but of all humanity.

It is especially in the Eucharist that the work of the Good Shepherd becomes sacramentally present; after preaching the "Good News" of the kingdom, he offered his own life in sacrifice for his sheep. Indeed, the Eucharist is the sacrament of the Lord's Death and Resurrection, of his supreme act of Redemption. It is the sacrament in which the Good Shepherd makes his sacrificial love for all constantly present.

St. John Paul II, 3 May 1998

| DAY | DATE | TIME | FEAST DAY |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday | 15 April | 4:00 p.m. | 2 nd Sunday after Easter (2 nd cl.) <i>Fr. Creurer meets with 1st Communion & Confirmation Candidates after Mass</i> |
| Monday | 16 April | No Mass | Feria in Paschaltide (4 th cl.) |
| Tuesday | 17 April | 7:30 a.m. | Feria in Paschaltide (4 th cl.) |
| Wednesday | 18 April | 7:30 a.m. | Feria in Paschaltide (4 th cl.) |
| Thursday | 19 April | 7:30 a.m. | Feria in Paschaltide (4 th cl.) |
| Friday | 20 April | 7:30 a.m. | Feria in Paschaltide (4 th cl.) |
| Saturday | 21 April | 8:00 a.m. | St. Anselm, <i>Doctor & Bishop</i> (3 rd cl.) |
| Sunday | 22 April | 4:00 p.m. | 3 rd Sunday after Easter (2 nd cl.) <i>Fr. Creurer meets with Confirmation Candidates after Mass</i> |
| Monday | 23 April | No Mass | Feria in Paschaltide (4 th cl.) |
| Tuesday | 24 April | No Mass | St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, <i>Martyr</i> (3 rd cl.) |
| Wednesday | 25 April | No Mass | St. Mark, <i>Evangelist</i> (2 nd cl.) |
| Thursday | 26 April | No Mass | Sts. Cletus & Marcel, <i>Popes & Martyrs</i> (3 rd cl.) |
| Friday | 27 April | No Mass | St. Peter Canisius, <i>Confessor & Doctor</i> (3 rd cl.) |
| Saturday | 28 April | 8:00 a.m. | St. Paul of the Cross, <i>Confessor</i> (3 rd cl.) |
| Sunday | 29 April | 4:00 p.m. | 4 th Sunday after Easter (2 nd cl.) (Fr. Adrian Debow) |
| Monday | 30 April | No Mass | St. Catherine of Siena, <i>Virgin</i> (3 rd cl.) |
| Tuesday | 1 May | No Mass | St. Joseph the Worker (1 st cl.) |
| Wednesday | 2 May | No Mass | St. Athanasius, <i>Confessor & Doctor</i> (3 rd cl.) |
| Thursday | 3 May | No Mass | Feria in Paschaltide (4 th cl.) |
| Friday | 4 May | No Mass | St. Monica, <i>Widow</i> (3 rd cl.) |
| Saturday | 5 May | 8:00 a.m. | St. Pius V, <i>Pope & Confessor</i> (3 rd cl.) |
| Sunday | 6 May | 4:00 p.m. | 5 th Sunday after Easter (2 nd cl.) (Fr. Kris Sanetra) |
| Monday | 7 May | No Mass | St. Stanislaus, <i>Bishop & Martyr</i> (3 rd cl.) |
| Tuesday | 8 May | No Mass | Feria in Paschaltide (4 th cl.) |
| Wednesday | 9 May | No Mass | Vigil of the Ascension (2 nd cl.) |
| Thursday | 10 May | No Mass | Ascension of Our Lord (1 st cl.) <small>Note: not a holy day of obligation in Canada</small> |
| Friday | 11 May | No Mass | Sts. Philip & James, <i>Apostles</i> (2 nd cl.) |
| Saturday | 12 May | 8:00 a.m. | Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, et al. (3 rd cl.) |
| Sunday | 13 May | 4:00 p.m. | Sunday after Ascension (2 nd cl.) - Mothers' Day <i>Fr. Creurer will meet with Confirmation candidates after Mass</i> |
| Monday 14 May to Saturday, 19 May (inclusive): No Mass – Jasper Assembly of Priests | | | |
| Sunday | 20 May | 4:00 p.m. | Pentecost - Confirmations |