

# Paroisse St. Louis de France Parish

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## Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. English  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Alternates Eng/French

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
First Friday - After the 6 pm Mass till 7:30 pm

Apr 26 2026



## Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9:00 am  
Wednesday: 10:30 am Hospital  
Thursday: 9:00 am Bonnylodge  
Friday: 6 pm  
Last Friday : 10:30 am Extendingcare

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
By appointment or 30 minutes before Mass

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter

## The Good Shepherd

Jesus often illustrated his teaching by referring to shepherds and sheep. He sees himself as the Good Shepherd foretold by the prophets. Today's gospel considers the relationship between the Good Shepherd and the sheep. The imagery is old. The message is topical. It is relevant to us. By faith we accept Jesus, Our relationship is a deeply personal one. The bond of love uniting us is based on the love that unites the Father and Jesus. Our new existence is founded on God's unbreakable love and faithfulness.

In order to enter eternal life we must listen to Jesus and obey him. The alternative opening prayer puts this in practical terms. We have to tune our minds to the sound of his voice. Self-centredness can make us deaf to the voice of Jesus. Easy options can draw us into easier paths than the one he has traced. Pressure to abandon Christian principles is inevitable. But God is faithful and will not let us be tempted beyond our strength. No one can drag us away from him, The Father has entrusted us to his Son. The same God who kept faith with Jesus by raising him from the dead will also raise us by his power.

Excerpt from:  
<https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/19-april-2026-easter-sunday->



Paul and Barnabas 'spoke out boldly', and made an impact. A courageous proclamation of the gospel to our contemporaries can be as fruitful now as it was in apostolic times. All the baptized, particularly those who are confirmed, are bound to spread the faith. Laity as well as priests and religious are in the service of the Risen Lord. Our faith urges us to take personal part in the work of evangelisation. Are we doing so? How many evils persist in our society just because good people say nothing and do nothing? A breviary hymn of Eastertide (no.25) spells out what is expected of us by the Risen Lord: Now he bids us tell abroad/How the lost may be restored/How the penitent forgiven/ How we too may enter heaven.

"Good Shepherd Sunday" is a good occasion for us to think and pray about how the catholic church will fare for priests in the future. In Ireland right now it appears that the average age of ordained priests is about sixty five, a statistic that demands significant change in how to recruit priests for the future, and what is to be expected of them. Padraig McCarthy made this point thus, "there is no such thing as a priestless parish. There may not be an *ordained* priest there, but the parish is a *priestly people*. How will this priesthood of the baptised take flesh in the coming decades? What factors which had value in the past are now hindering the mission of the church? What new model of ministerial priesthood is needed?" These are questions worth pondering by us all, bishops, priests and laity.

4e dimanche de Pâques

*The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.*

**John 10:2-5**

## Pope's Vocations Day Message

### The Interior Discovery of God's Gift

*Pope Leo XIV's message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Sunday, April 26*  
*"Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy."*

By Deborah Castellano Lubov



*The 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, on April 26, the fourth Sunday of Easter, is also called "Good Shepherd Sunday". The Pope called the day "an occasion of grace in which we share some reflections on the interior dimension of vocation, understood as the discovery of God's free gift that blossoms in the depths of our hearts." He also called it an opportunity to "explore together the truly beautiful path of life along which the Shepherd guides us."*

### His Beauty makes us Beautiful



Recalling that in the Gospel of John, Jesus describes Himself as the "Good Shepherd," ready to give His life for His sheep, thus revealing God's love, Pope Leo emphasized, "He is the Shepherd who draws us to Himself, whose gaze reveals that life is truly beautiful when one follows Him."

The Pope noted that contemplation and interiority are required to recognize this beauty, observing that only the one who pauses, listens, prays, and welcomes the Shepherd's gaze can say with confidence, "I trust Him; life with Him can truly be beautiful."

"What is most extraordinary," Pope Leo observed, "is that, in becoming His disciple, one truly becomes 'beautiful'; His beauty transforms us."

### An Adventure of Love and Happiness



On the basis of caring for the interior life," he said, "we must urgently recommence our vocational ministry and renew our commitment to evangelization."

In light of this, the Pope invited everyone, "families, parishes, and religious communities, as well as bishops, priests, deacons, catechists, educators, and all the faithful," to commit themselves more fully to creating conditions that allow this gift to be embraced, nourished, protected, and accompanied so that it may bear abundant fruit.

"Only when our surroundings are illumined by living faith, sustained by constant prayer and enriched by fraternal accompaniment," the Pope said, "can God's call blossom and mature."

### St. Joseph trusted even when shrouded in uncertainty



Pope Leo noted that to know the Lord means above all learning to entrust oneself to Him and to His providence, and observed that life reveals itself as a continual act of trusting in the Lord and abandoning ourselves to Him, "even when His plans unsettle our own."

In a special way, he cited St. Joseph, who, despite the mysterious and unexpected pregnancy of the Virgin, trusted the divine message revealed in a dream and welcomed Mary and her child with an obedient heart. Pope Leo recalled that the Lord does not abandon us in our darkest hours, but comes to dispel every shadow with His light.

### Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church



For young people to come to know the Lord, the Pope urged them to make time for Eucharistic adoration; to meditate faithfully on the Word of God, so that they may put it into practice each day; and to participate actively and fully in the sacramental and ecclesial life of the Church. Through the intimacy of friendship with Jesus, the Pope said, they will discover how to give of themselves, whether through marriage, the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, or consecrated life.

"Every vocation," he said, "is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy."

### We are to be with Jesus in every circumstance of life



The Pope said that a vocation is not a fixed point, but a dynamic process of maturation sustained by intimacy with our Lord. We are to be with Jesus, the Pope said, allowing the Holy Spirit to act in our hearts and in the circumstances of life, and reinterpreting everything in light of this gift.

"Like the vine and the branches," the Pope said, "our whole lives must be rooted in a strong and vital bond with the Lord, so that we may more wholeheartedly respond to his call through our trials and necessary 'pruning.'"

### Nourished by a daily relationship with Him

A vocation, therefore, he explained, is not "an immediate possession—something 'given' once and for all," but rather a path that unfolds much like life itself. "The gift we have received must not only be protected but also nourished by a daily relationship with God in order to grow and bear fruit."

Thus, the Pope called for everyone to cultivate their personal relationship with God through daily prayer and meditation on the Word.

"Pause, listen, and entrust yourselves," he said. "In this way, the gift of your vocation will mature, bringing you happiness and yielding abundant fruit for the Church and the world."

Finally, Pope Leo implored the Virgin Mary, model of the interior acceptance of divine gifts and expert in prayerful listening, to "always accompany you on this journey!"



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Day	Time	Place	Mass Intentions		Feasts / Solemnities
Saturday samedi April 25	5:00 pm	Church	+Leo Strzepek	Bruce & Dawn Keyowski	
Sunday dimanche April 26	10:00 am	Church	+Raoul & Christine Lapointe	Ralph & Barb Lapointe	Good Shepherd Sunday
Monday Lundi April 27			No Mass		
Tuesday mardi April 28	9:00 am	Church	+Alice Sawchuk	Grace & Georges Lambert	Saint Peter Chanel
Wednesday Mercredi April 29	10:30 am	Hospital	+Anne Dugas	Dugas & Family	Saint Catherine of Siena
Thursday jeudi April 30	9:00 am	Bonnylodge	Thanksgiving & Blessing for the Birthday of Millie Pietrusik		Saint Marie of the Incarnation
Friday Vendredi May 1	9:00 am	Church	+Jacques & Marguerite Beauchemin	The Family	Saint Joseph the Worker 
Saturday samedi May 2	5:00 pm	Church	For Parishioners		St Athanasius
Sunday dimanche May 3	10:00 am	Church	+Ronald & Anne Coleman	Terry & Paulette Coleman	Saints Philip and James

COLLECTIONS		QUÊTES
Apr 19 Offering	\$3173.00	Offrandes 19 Apr
Building Fund	255.00	Remplacement du toit
Vocations & Seminarians	30.00	
*Does not include e-transfers Thank you for your generosity! Merci!		


**Next Week's Reading  
May 3**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 6:1-7  
*They chose seven men who were full of the Holy Spirit.*  
**Responsorial Psalm:**  
 Ps 33.1-2, 4-5, 18-19  
**R:** Let your love be upon us, Lord, even as we hope in you.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1Peter 2:4-9  
*You are called to be a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*  
**Gospel:** John 14:1-12  
*I am the way, and the truth and the life.*

**April 2026  
Pope's Prayer Intention /  
Intention de prière du Saint-Père**


**For priests in crisis:**  
 Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**Pour les prêtres en crise**  
 Prions pour les prêtres qui traversent des moments de crise dans leur vocation, afin qu'ils trouvent l'accompagnement dont ils ont besoin et que les communautés les soutiennent par la compréhension et la prière.

Please pray for the grace of healing for all those who are suffering from all types of Cancer, and illnesses and autoimmune diseases.

**Prayer for Vocations** 

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, Send your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serve others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



*Blessings & Congratulations on your Baptism*



**MORGAN HAN  
PHILIP HAN**

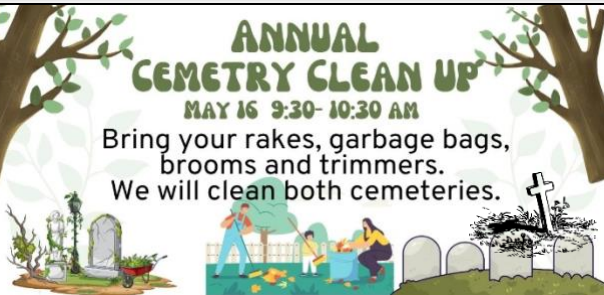
Marked by the sign of the cross  
May you discover the joy of being loved by God

**Music Ministry Schedule 10 am**

May 3 – French  
May 10 – English  
May 17 – French  
May 24 – Youth  
Eng Choir  
May 31 – Youth  
Fr Choir  
June 7 – English  
June 14 – French  
June 21 – English  
June 28 – French

**ANNUAL CEMETERY CLEAN UP**  
MAY 16 9:30- 10:30 AM

Bring your rakes, garbage bags, brooms and trimmers.  
We will clean both cemeteries.



**Join the Choir**

APPROACH ANY CHOIR MEMBER

EXPERIENCE **PENTECOST**  
3-DAY RETREAT  
NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

**MAY 22-24, 2026**

SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTRE  
4809 - 47 st, St. Paul, AB

Register by May 10th:  
\$70/person (including lunch Saturday)

Please RSVP to  
**LANA@NOVUM.LOVE**  
or call (780) 201-5262



More Details at **NOVUM.LOVE**  
MUSIC by NOVUM

Initiative of Bishop Gary of the Catholic Diocese of St. Paul

**Community Rosary Night**  
May 13, Wednesday 6:30 pm  
*feast of* **FATIMA**



*Devotion to Mary is one of the most important parts of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother.*


**Lakeland Live-In**  
Come and get to KNOW Jesus

**May 1 - 3, 2026**  
**Dr. Brosseau School, Bonnyville**

The Live-In is a weekend retreat rooted in the Catholic faith and supported by the Bishop of St. Paul. The Live-In welcomes everyone 18 yrs and older of any denomination to come and experience a wonderful weekend encounter with Jesus.


All registrants must have a sponsor.

For information, to register or to find a sponsor, please contact:  
Monique Morgan 780-812-5879  
Robert Lambert 780-826-0905



**Strawberry Tea**  
**BONNYVILLE HEALTH CENTRE AUXILIARY**  
May 13, Wednesday 1 pm - 4 pm  
Senior's Drop In Centre

**WE ARE IN THE LARGE HALL \$8.00**



All proceeds to go towards purchase of hospital equipment.  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**PARISH CONTACTS**

Fr. Rene Realuyo, *Pastor*  
Dave Scott, *Maintenance* – part-time  
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Parish Office Tel: 780-826-3010  
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Monday to Friday  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Parish Council Elected Members**

Dave Sharun – *Chairperson*  
Members -----  
Vince Spila - Knights of Columbus  
Joe Marion - Dr. Bernard Brosseau  
Rachel Reid - Notre Dame Elementary  
Vince MacDonald      Wayne Marks  
Leona Bonneau      Marie Southcombe  
Audrey Campbell      Gerarda Germain  
Jason Morgan      Nathan Gumangan  
Maria Shea      Lise Medford  
Sheldon Germain

**Family Committee**  
Regimbald Family \* Taylor Family

**Finance Committee**  
Russ Yamuch \* Luc Vincent \* Lorian Lafrenière \*  
Stacey Taylor \* Carrie Goldsmith \* Isabelle Hetu

**Safe Parish Committee:**  
Audrey Campbell \* Germaine Prybysh.

**Cemetery Committee**  
Germaine Prybysh \* Annette Schultz  
Robert Albert \* Paul Husereau \* Yvonne Primeau

**Adoration** - Janet Anctil – 780 826-1085  
**Adult Servers** - Dan Dugas  
**Baptism Preparation** - JoJo Policarpio  
**Bldg & Maintenance Concerns** –  
Roger Lafreniere  
**Camp St. Louis:** 780-645-3277  
**Collections** - Joanne Coulombe & Joyce Cervinski

**Communion in the Homes** - Call the Parish Office.

**Sacramental Preparation** – Mel Poulin

**Knights of Columbus** -  
Vince Spila

**Liturgical Scheduling**  
Fran Kusch – 5 p.m. Mass  
Audrey Campbell – 10:00 a.m. Mass

**Marriage Preparation** – Call Fr. Rene  
6 months in advance.

**Music Ministry**

Saturday:	Patrice MacDonald
Sunday:	Margaret Borders
Dimanche:	Anna Laplante

**Pastoral Care** – Call Parish Office  
**RCIA** – Call Parish Office  
**Sacristan** - Janet Anctil  
**Sunday School** – Natasha Miller  
Suzanne Antoniuk