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# ST. ISIDORE

## Roman Catholic Parish

*Sunday Bulletin • Fourth & Fifth Sundays of Easter  
April 26 & May 3, 2026*

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### *Pastor's Message*

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as “Good Shepherd Sunday” when we hear the Gospel from St. John describing Jesus as the one who knows the sheep, and the sheep recognize his voice. Some of the images of Jesus from Christian antiquity, such as those found in the Catacombs, are those of the Good Shepherd (see image to the left). In 1964, St. Pope Paul VI established the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to coincide with this Sunday. We are invited to reflect on the meaning of God’s call and to pray for vocations. Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through the ministry of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. Encouraging priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be our constant concern, shown by prayer and action. The recent letter from Archbishop Damphousse on the number of seminarians in formation, and potentially entering this fall, give us reason to be optimistic about the future well-being of our local church. The new foundations in Ottawa of women in religious life are also a sign of God’s blessings. May the Good Shepherd continue to inspire men and women to consecrate their lives in the service of the People of God!

In the Office of Readings of last Sunday, there was text from St. Justin Martyr (+165) which reminds us that the celebration of Sunday Eucharist became a central act of faith and practice of Christians: “No one may share the Eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ. We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Saviour became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.”

The apostolic journey of Pope Leo XIV to four countries in Africa has given us a greater appreciation of his gifts as universal pastor, and the pastoral orientations of his ministry. In addition to English, the Holy Father preached and gave addresses in French, Portuguese and Spanish. As for his pastoral orientations, faithful to his namesake Pope Leo XIII, he has shown that social justice will be a major focus. He spoke forcefully, and prophetically, about the need for peace, and against corruption which is a major problem in Africa. As Pope Leo approaches the first anniversary of his election as Bishop of Rome, let us pray for God’s blessings on him and his ministry.

As I will be away next week, there will be no weekday Masses. I am thankful to Fr. Ross Finlan who will preside at the Lord’s Day Masses on the weekend of May 2 & 3.

**The Good Shepherd gives us abundant life**

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## Sunday Readings

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### Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Acts 2.14a, 36b-41

*God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah.*

Psalms 23

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

1 Peter 2.20b-25

*You were going astray, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

John 10.1-10

*I am the gate for the sheep.*

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## Liturgies

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### Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Confessions 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

4:30 pm For the intentions of the living and deceased members of St. Isidore Parish

### Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am + Mark Foley by the Foley family

11:00 am For the deceased members of the Bochard family by Anne Seniuk

+ Franco Micucci by Rita Bowie

Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

No scheduled Mass

### Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – St. Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church

No scheduled Mass

### Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – St. Marie de l'Incarnation, religious

No scheduled Mass

7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

No scheduled Confessions nor Mass

### Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Easter

No scheduled Confessions

Fr. Ross Finlan Presiding

4:30 pm + Irene Potvin by Stephen Potvin

+ Pauline Fernandes by Dora Goveas

+ Emmanuel Fernandes by Dora Goveas

+ Bill McBride by Mary Jane Donohue

+ Norm Reid by Mary Jane Donohue

### Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Fr. Ross Finlan Presiding

9:00 am + Tom and Dianne Murphy by Susanne White

11:00 am For the intentions of the living and deceased members of St. Isidore Parish

Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am + Kuriakose Mekkunnel by Al and Mary Mekkunnel

### Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – St. François de Montmorency Laval, bishop

9:00 am In thanksgiving for wedding anniversary blessings of Anil and Bendu Mekkunnel by Al and Mary Mekkunnel

Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am For the intentions of Gabriel-Guy Petit by Suzanne Petit and Yves Bellemare

7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

Confessions 9:00 am – 9:45 am

10:00 am Mass with St. Isabel School

For the living and deceased members of the Beach family by Irene Kibel

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## Parish Announcements

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❖ **Night of Prayer, Worship and Healing on Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 pm.** Theme: “Ready? Made for Mission” – Sharing the Love of Jesus through the Power of the Holy Spirit. Guest speaker: Sr. Melinda Schenher, S.C., Encounter School of Ministries (ESM) Ottawa Campus Associate Director. For more information, please contact Geralyn at (416) 500-5341.

❖ **Help Olivia Make Jesus Known in Wales!** Olivia Crummer, a fourth-year student at the University of Ottawa, has been actively involved with **Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO)**, a campus movement dedicated to evangelizing young adults. **This June, Olivia has been accepted to participate in a mission to Wales**, where she will give training in leadership and faith-sharing to young adults in Cardiff to start a movement similar to CCO. To take part in this mission, she is raising \$4,000 to cover costs. Donations are tax-deductible. If you wish to contact Olivia to hear more, you can reach her at [olivia.crummer@gmail.com](mailto:olivia.crummer@gmail.com). If you wish to make a financial contribution to the mission, you can do so [here](#).

❖ **Vocations Appeal – Special Collection** God has answered our prayers for vocations in a remarkable way. **After a time with no seminarians, our archdiocese now has six men in formation, and we expect up to twelve next year. Through this Vocations Appeal, we seek to raise \$500,000 this year to support their formation, which costs approximately \$65,000 per seminarian annually.** Envelopes for this special collection are available this weekend in the pews and at the Welcome Centre and are due by this Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. You may also donate online [here](#). Please give generously and continue to pray for our future priests.

❖ Congratulations and blessings to **Deen and Nathaniel Garcia** and their family on their Baptism this Sunday, April 26. We also offer our prayers and joy to **William Conte** and his family as he is baptized next Sunday, May 3. May Deen, Nathaniel, and William grow in the light of Christ's love, and may God's grace always guide their families.

❖ **Congratulations to our 49 First Holy Communicants**, who will receive Jesus for the first time with great joy in their hearts during the Lord's Day Masses on the weekends of May 2-3, and May 9-10.