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Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41* and if taken together with that of the following Sunday provides an alternative theme in exploring the preaching of the early Church in the persons of Paul and Barnabas. The mission first to the Jews is now to be placed second to the mission to the Gentiles,—a theme which the reading for next Sunday also explores with the warning of the preachers that those who follow the Lord will necessarily have to endure trial and sufferings. —*A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary—Cycle A* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of Peter 2:20-25*. In these verses today, St. Peter is giving advice to Christians who were slaves. He tells them to be submissive to their masters with all respect.

The **Gospel** is from *St. John 10:1-10*. One of the oldest paintings of Christ, in the Roman catacombs, represents Christ as carrying the injured, straying sheep gently on His shoulders back to the sheepfold. This is an image of Christ which has always appealed to Christians. We have Christ as our shepherd—He tells us so himself in today's gospel—and we do not resent being called sheep in this context. There is something guileless about a sheep, and at the same time a lot of foolishness! But with Christ as our shepherd and the "good shepherd" who is sincerely interested in the true welfare of His flock we have reason to rejoice.

The leaders of the Jews, the Pharisees and Sadducees, were false shepherds who tried to prevent the people from following Jesus, but they failed. They then killed the shepherd but in vain. He rose from the dead and His flock increased by the thousands and will keep increasing until time ends.

We surely are fortunate to belong to the sheepfold of Christ—His Church. We surely are blessed to have the Son of God as our Shepherd, who came among us in order to lead us to heaven. Do we fully appreciate our privileged position? Do we always live up to our heavenly vocation? We know His voice, we know what He asks of us, but do we always listen to that voice, do we always do what He asks of us?

There are many among us today who foolishly think they need no shepherd. They think they know all the facts of life while they are in total ignorance of the most basic fact of all, namely, the very purpose of life. Not that the thought of it does not arise disturbingly before their minds time and time again. But they try to smother that thought and ease their consciences by immersing themselves deeper and deeper in the affairs and the passing pleasures of this temporary life. Alas for them, a day of reckoning lies ahead, a day that is much nearer than they would like to believe. What will be their fate when they meet Christ the Judge, whom they had refused to follow and acknowledge during their days on earth?

This is a misfortune that could happen to any one of us, unless we think often of our purpose and our end in life. We have a few short years, but short though they be, we can earn for ourselves an eternity of happiness during this life. Let the straying sheep boast of their false freedom and of the passing joys they may get in this life—this freedom and these joys are mixed with much sorrow, and will end very soon. We know that if we follow the shepherd of our souls, we are on the way to the true life, the perfect life, the unending life which will have no admixture of sorrow, regret or pain. Where Christ is, there perfect happiness is, and there with God's grace we hope and trust to be.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Schedule of Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

SJB

4:00 PM

***Special Intention**

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

(No 9:00 AM Mass at SP)

SJB

Mass of Christian Burial

+ Leo George Bouchie

11:00 AM

Friday, May 1, 2026

HGA

11:00 AM

+ Glenna Burke

Saturday, May 2, 2026

SJB

4:00 PM

+ Special Intention

SP

5:30 PM

+ Claire LeBlanc

Sunday, May 3, 2025

SH

9:00AM

HGA

11:00 AM

+ Heather Slade

Receipts

St. John the Baptist

April 18, 2026

Envelopes & Loose \$ **845.00**

Total \$ **845.00**

St. Peter's

April 18, 2026

Envelopes & Loose \$ **689.00**

Candles **2.00**

Good Friday **10.00**

Total \$ **701.00**

Holy Guardian Angels

April 19, 2026

Envelopes & Loose \$ **760.00**

Candles **50.05**

Total \$ **810.05**

Please Note: Arranging Mass Intentions:

Please refer, as usual, to the weekly bulletin for the dates/times of Mass Intentions. Please allow for previous arrangements to be changed due to liturgical celebrations: Easter, Christmas, HGA festival, funerals, and the tradition that pastors take the week free of Masses after Christmas and Easter, etc. The office secretary tries to accommodate scheduled Masses. Please call the office to rearrange new dates for Mass Intentions in such cases.

Community News

Richmond/Inverness RTO Members & Partners:

Wed. April 29th 1:00 - 3:30

Meghan MacGillivray Case - Guest Speaker - Refreshments.

Wills, Estate Planning: Property Transfers, Power of Attorney's & Directives, Celtic Music Interpretive Centre in Judique.

Holy Guardian Angels Cemetery Clean Up

Help keep our cemetery neat and clean. Sunday, May 3 at 1:00 PM. Garbage bags & gloves will be provided. "Many hands make light work." Your continued support is appreciated.

Lakeside Community Association Spring gift card bingo

Foodland & Esso gift cards Sunday, April 26, 2026 2:00 PM \$7.50 book or 3 for \$20.00 2 special games \$1.00 each Canteen available 8598 West Bay Hwy. Sampsonville

From Rocío D'Angelo and the CitizenGO team.

Inside the (unelected) United Nations, radical Leftist partisans are advancing a treaty that equates traditional values with some of the gravest crimes known to humanity. And the key vote is happening this Thursday, April 30th. If they're not stopped, your stance on life, family, and the male and female genders could be labeled a UN Crime Against Humanity! But the UN's growing obsession with gender ideology, abortion, and radical agendas has reached a point where simply disagreeing could be treated as a crime.

If they have their way, you and I could all face persecution backed by law if we dare to question radical leftist gender dogmas or express pro-life views. And the process is already underway. The UN's Sixth Committee is meeting as you read this. Your signature will arrive today at a critical moment in the voting process, just in time to press delegates to reject this proposal.

[Sign now asking Canada's Foreign Minister Anita Anand and your government's delegates to firmly reject this dangerous treaty.](#)

Let me be clear about what's at stake:

- The simple act of protecting your children or grandchildren from premature sexualization or disagreeing with the ideological indoctrination in schools might turn you into a criminal.
- Our faithful pastors and priests are facing the threat of persecution just for delivering God's message.
- And those on the front lines, like politicians, journalists, lawyers, teachers, and doctors, could be attacked just for standing firm in defense of life, family, and truth.

Because this decision will help define the boundaries of international law, and the space for legitimate disagreement for years to come. Together we can send a clear message: fundamental beliefs should not be treated as crimes.

From Rebel News

Canada's "free" health-care system is facing a disturbing reality, one that more and more families are only discovering when it's too late. Seniors are going to hospitals looking for help, and instead, *they're being offered death*. Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) was supposed to be a last resort — **a compassionate option for the most extreme cases**. But today, frontline workers and patients alike say it's becoming something else entirely.

I recently spoke with anti-euthanasia advocate Amanda Achtman, who you may remember from our **[documentary on Canada's MAiD program](#)**. Amanda regularly hears from seniors seeking medical care, who are then met with suggestions that they may be better off dead, even in cases where treatment is possible. And in places like Vancouver Island, this isn't rare. It's routine.

Amanda shared a story about Miriam Lancaster, an 84-year-old woman who went to the hospital in severe pain, just looking for answers. Like many others, she was offered MAiD almost immediately. Not after exhausting treatment options, but right at the beginning. What makes her

story so important is that *she refused*. When she did receive proper care, she recovered and went on to travel the world and live her life again. The "*compassionate last resort*" she was offered was never necessary!

That story is a rare glimmer of hope in a country where one in 20 deaths now happens by lethal injection. And Amanda told me many of those decisions aren't driven by pain, but by loneliness, loss of dignity, and fear of being a burden.

There are signs of pushback. [Alberta has started to draw clearer boundaries on access to MAiD.](#) And internationally, some countries are rejecting similar policies altogether.

Unfortunately, in much of Canada, that trend continues to move in the wrong direction. If you want to help us push back, please sign our petition www.HelpNotHomicide.com

Tamara Ugolini

P.S. Counselling someone to end their life is a crime. *Unless it's the government*. If you believe a person's darkest hour shouldn't be their last, and you oppose rebranding suicide as health care, sign our petition at www.HelpNotHomicide.com.