

MASS SCHEDULE
WEEK OF APRIL 26TH, 2026

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2026

4 :30 P.M. All Parishioners

SUNDAY APRIL 26TH, 2026-FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9 :00 A.M. Joe Zako

The Maenz Family

11 :00A.M. Aurora Sagritalo

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MONDAY, APRIL 27th, 2026

TUESDAY, APRIL 28th, 2026

7:00 P.M. Erika Kipper

The Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29th, 2026-ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

9:15 A.M. Jean (John) Gauthier

The Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 30th, 2026

9:00 A.M. All Parishioners

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST, 2026

9:00 A.M. All Parishioners

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 2026

4 :30 P.M. Irene Coleman

Linda

SUNDAY MAY 3RD, 2026-FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9 :00 A.M. Steve Gonzalez

Alison Friemann

11 :00A.M. Memorial Society



4th Sunday of Easter (Year A): 26 April 2026

"I Am the Good Shepherd"

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church gives us the comforting and powerful image of Jesus as the **Good Shepherd**—the one who knows His sheep, calls them by name, leads them to safety, and lays down His life for them.

The Good Shepherd is not distant or indifferent. He walks with His flock, guides them, protects them, and never abandons them. His voice is one of trust, mercy, and faithful love. He came that we might "have abundant life."

As we contemplate this image, we also remember Pope Francis, who left this world and returned home to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, on April 21st last year. Pope Francis was truly a shepherd who sought to reflect Christ's own heart in his ministry.

Throughout his life, he reminded the Church what it means to shepherd as Jesus does:

- to be close to the people, especially the poor and the vulnerable,
- to lead with compassion and humility,
- to go out in search of those who feel lost or forgotten.

He often spoke of pastors as those who should "smell like the sheep"—a striking image that echoes today's Gospel. It is the image of a shepherd who does not lead from a distance, but who walks alongside his people.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we give thanks for the gift of his life and witness. We pray that the Lord, the true Shepherd, has welcomed him into the eternal pasture.

And we are reminded that the call to follow the Good Shepherd is also a call to **imitate Him**. Each of us, in our own way, in our own vocation and state of life, is invited to listen for His voice and to reflect His loving care in our families, our communities, and our world.

As we pray for all vocations in the Church on this Good Shepherd Sunday, may we hear the voice of Christ, trust in His guidance, and bring His compassion and peace to those entrusted to our care.



Reflection for 4TH Sunday of Easter

Jesus describes himself as a gate- ideal for letting people into a state or place they desire to be, or for keeping people out. In a way, Lord, you tell us that you are the gateway or a maker of a route through yourself, which will open up a path to the kingdom and to your Father. You promise that if we regularly interact with you, we will find true life not only in our daily living but also at the end of time.

Fr. Raymond Lafontaine E.V. will be leading a **Video Divina** evening at St. Luke's Parish, DDO, on Friday, May 8th : doors open at 6:00 PM, film begins at 6:30. We will be watching **Babette's Feast**, a delightful parable about the healing power of food, faith, and community, in which an unexpected banquet becomes a source of grace for all who participate in it. It won the 1988 Academy Award for best international film – and it is the favourite movie of both Pope Francis and Fr. Ray! Stimulating conversation and a delicious snack will follow! Bring a cushion – and a friend! Space is limited, so please register at: <https://stl.breezechms.com/form/babette> All are welcome to the Eucharistic feast!



The **Spring CWL Book Sale** will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and on Sunday, May 24th, between the 9:00 and 11:00 am masses. Thanks to a donation, we have a great selection of children's books. Anyone wishing to donate books, please drop them off **no later than Wednesday, May 13th**. For more information, please call Huguette at 514-428-9835.

