

April 26th, 2026: 4th Sunday of Easter

Background on the Gospel Reading

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

SSVP POOR BOX COLLECTION:

Will be held during **this weekend** April 25-26. Society Of Saint Vincent de Paul members will be at the entrances to accept your donations. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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Diocesan website: rcchurch.com

Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 10:00a.m.

BAD WEATHER – please call the office to verify if mass is cancelled & office closed.

Lohnes Complex* First Friday of each month at 2pm.

Reconciliation: ***Before Mass or by request.***

Marriages: Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections: At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

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April 18 & 19, 2026

Regular Sunday	2197.00
Loose Offering	120.10
Building Fund	50.00
Votive Candles	69.00
Mass Stipends	30.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	20.00
Good Friday (Holy Lands)	10.00
Easter Flowers	25.00

MASS INTENTIONS

April 28 – May 3, 2026

Apr. 28 -Tues	The Late Stella Cave
Apr. 29 -Wed	The Late Ruby & Walt Barry
Apr. 30 - Thurs	The Late Brian Griffin The Late Mary Wheeler
May 1 - Fri.	Lohnes Complex – 2pm only The Late Kimberly Ann Perrett
May 2 - Sat.	The Late Michael Buckle
May 3 - Sun.	The Late Rochelle Hayes Dennis

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 2 – Saturday

Reader	Eucharistic Minister
John Noseworthy	Don Gallant

May 3 – Sunday

Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Jerome Dicks	Marie Pennell
Communion to the Sick – Tony Griffin	

IN MEMORY - EASTER FLOWERS:

In Memory of: Joyce Family Members
From Von Hickey

SACRED HEART BINGO:

Our bingo is **this Sunday April 26th, 2026** at Sacred Heart Elementary School. Doors open at 1pm and **bingo starts at 2pm**. All are welcome. Remember this is a Scent Free area.

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

Location Change:

The Corner Brook and District Labour Council will hold a National Day of Mourning **Wreath-laying Ceremony** this year. It is now being held at the **St. John Anglican Cathedral, Main Street** across from Bank of Montreal. **Tuesday, April 28th at 2:00 P.M.**

The National Day of Mourning Monument with engraved names on it, will be provided to accompany those wishing to lay a wreath. It is open to the public. For further information, or if you wish to lay a wreath on behalf of a loved one or organization, please contact Jim O’Neill at (709) 634-3695 or by email: jloneill@nf.sympatico.ca

ANONYMOUS DONATION:

During the month of April, the Parish was the recipient of an anonymous donation in the amount of \$15,000. We are so very appreciative of this kind gift and send warm regards out to the family who donated it.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE MEETING:

The next meeting of the committee will be on **Tuesday May 12, 2026 at 6:30pm** in the church meeting room. Anyone wishing to join are more than welcome to attend.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE:

A movement of solidarity

Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We address the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change.

Our transformative work is possible **thanks to the generosity and support of our members** and Canadians who stand by us.

Join the movement of over 13,000 members and help us bring our campaigns to life in your community. Visit devp.org/joinus.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER:

St Basil Indian Orthodox Church is holding a cultural day fundraiser (Harvestia 2026) at St Michael’s Anglican Church – 22 Park Drive on Saturday, May 2nd from 4 to 10 pm, on a drop-in basis. Please come and enjoy the cultural food, entertainment, games and activities (entry is free – games, activities and food are available through a coupon system). If you would like to add to the musical, theatrical or artistic programming, please contact the organizers at 1 709-216-9151 or 1 709-216-6228.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:30pm** in the church meeting room.

TICKETS - WORK OF ART DRAW:

There are **NO** tickets left in the office for sale. **Please return** all tickets that are sold with the monies and any unsold as soon as you can, so we may get an accurate count of how many are left to sell. There are still parishioners looking to buy tickets. Thank you to everyone who helped with this endeavour.

REFLECTION: *Compassion and Healing*

Compassion is not learned without suffering. Unless we have suffered and wept, we really don’t understand what compassion is, nor can we comfort someone who is suffering.

Unless we have walked in darkness, we can’t help wanderers to find their way. But if we have suffered, we become pathfinders for others. And it is by reaching out to others that we ourselves are healed.

Jesus bore the marks of our violet world on his body. Those wounds were the proof of his love. They were the mortal wounds the Good Shepherd picked up in caring for his sheep.

The wounds of Jesus are a source of consolation, courage and hope to us in our sufferings.

By his wounds we are healed.