April 19th, 2026: 3rd Sunday of Easter

CONFÉRENCE DES ÉVÊQUES CATHOLIQUES DU CANADA
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Reflection on the Holy Father's Call for Peace, Human Dignity, and Moral Responsibility in Public Life

16 April 2026, Ottawa — In light of recent public commentary surrounding the Holy Father's appeals for peace, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' (CCCB) Communications Service wishes to reiterate several principles of Catholic teaching that remain especially relevant in times of war and international tension.

Pope Leo's witness in such moments is moral and pastoral, not partisan. His words remind the world that peace is never advanced by contempt, that leadership requires restraint, and that the suffering of innocent people should always be avoided as much as possible.

Catholic teaching holds that war is subject to strict conditions of moral legitimacy. The use of force cannot be presumed to be just *a priori*; it must satisfy grave and demanding criteria, and may be considered only as a last resort. Even where force is judged permissible, the protection of civilians remains a fundamental obligation. The destruction of essential civilian infrastructure and the resulting suffering of non-combatants are to be avoided.

It is also important to recall that imagery or rhetoric presenting political leaders in terms that belong uniquely to Christ and His saving work is wholly unfitting. In addition to being disrespectful, such representations blur the proper distinction between faith and political power, distorting the meaning of both.

As a Catholic institution with a national mandate, the CCCB does not intervene in the internal political affairs of other countries. At the same time, recent events make it opportune to underscore the moral principles that should inform public life everywhere, including truthfulness, humility, reverence, and concern for the innocent.

The faithful in Canada are encouraged to continue praying for the Holy Father, for peace among nations, and for all who suffer because of war.

Additional resource: Catechism of the Catholic Church: Safeguarding Peace

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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 11& 12, 2026

Regular Sunday	1650.00
Loose Offering	112.00
Building Fund	105.00
Lenten Folders	60.00
Sunday Missals	15.15
Mass Stipends	60.00
Development & Peace	25.00
Good Friday (Holy Lands)	170.00

MASS INTENTIONS
April 21 - 26, 2026

Apr. 21 – Tues	Special Intentions: Gerry & Sandy Buckle & Family
Apr. 22 – Wed	The Late Ruby & Walt Barry
Apr. 23 -Thurs	The Late Annie Griffin The Late Doris Moore
Apr. 24 – Fri.	The Late Jack & Veronica Pike
Apr. 25 – Sat.	The Late Bud Dunphy The Late Marie C. Byrne
Apr. 26 – Sun.	Mass Intentions for Parishioners

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

April 25 – Saturday	
Reader	**Eucharistic Minister**
John Carroll	Art Hall
April 26 – Sunday	
Reader	**Eucharistic Minister**
Calvin Gillis	Donna Mitchell
Communion to the Sick – Joan Penney	

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
The next parish council meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 21st, 2026 at 6:30pm** in the meeting room at the church.

SACRED HEART BINGO:
The next bingo will be **April 26th, 202**6 at Sacred Heart Elementary School. Doors open at 1pm and **bingo starts at 2pm**. All are welcome. Remember this is a Scent Free area.

REFLECTION 1: Jesus: life's companion

All through life's day, you walk with us, Lord.
But often we don't recognise you,
for we are blinded by work and worry,
doubt, confusion and fear,
and so you remain a stranger to us.

Before the day's end we will ask many
questions, experience many sorrows
and disappointments.

And then, suddenly, whether we
are young, middle-aged or old,
we will find that night is approaching.

In that moment we pray, that, like the
disciples on the road to Emmaus,
our eyes will be opened
and that we will recognise you.
And you will not vanish from our sight,
but stay with us to guide us to the Father's
house.

Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year A, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.117

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING:
The Corner Brook and District Labour Council will hold a National Day of Mourning **Wreath-laying Ceremony** this year. It will be held at the Holy Redeemer Cathedral, Mt. Bernard Ave. **Monday, 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

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE, AN INVITE:
Our Regional Assembly is scheduled for **April 24 – 26, 2026 in Grand Falls-Windsor**. We bring together members throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. Our sessions will be held at the Lionel Kelland Memorial Hospice.

During the Assembly we will have an opportunity to learn about the work of our partner Justico nos Trilhos in Brazil. Bishop Bart van Roijen and Sister Mary Tee will also be participating.

Please consider participating in the Regional Assembly personally or you may know of a parishioner or community member that would be interested to participate.

There is funding available for travel related expenses for members to travel to Grand Falls for the Assembly. Also available is the option to join meetings virtually. You can contact me, Patricia Walsh-Warren at **pwalsh@devp.org**

TICKETS - WORK OF ART DRAW:
We have about ***100 tickets left*** for sale on the lovely blueberry painting that was donated by our parishioner Anna House (value $300).
Ticket **cost is $1.00** each and you can contact the office or leave a note in the collection requesting tickets. Please note there will be no selling in the stores of these tickets as we just don't have enough left. Thank you.

SSVP POOR BOX COLLECTION:
Will be held during the weekend **Masses of 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.

REFLECTION 2: How to recognise the Lord

If you wish to have life,
do what the disciples did.
They offered him hospitality.

The Lord looked set on continuing his
journey, but they detained him.
At the end of their journey, they said to
him: "Stay with us, for the day is far spent."

The Lord revealed himself
in the breaking of bread.
Hospitality restored to them what
lack of faith had taken away.

So, if you wish to recognise the Saviour,
take in the stranger.
Seek the Lord in the Sharing of bread.
(St. Augustine.)

Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year A, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.118