

Saint Lawrence O'Toole Parish

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✠ Fourth Sunday of Easter ✠

April 26, 2026

TODAY IS ALSO KNOWN AS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: This celebration is a liturgical tradition rooted in the early Church's Easter readings, formally fixed to the Fourth Sunday of Easter after Vatican II. Its meaning centers on Christ's identity as the Shepherd who knows, loves, and sacrifices Himself for His people—and it calls the Church to pray for and foster vocations that continue His pastoral mission.

On this day, the Church invites us to contemplate the tenderness and strength of Christ the Good Shepherd, who not only guides His flock but lays down His life for them. The early Christians cherished this image, seeing in it both the intimacy of Christ's care and the depth of His Paschal sacrifice. By placing this celebration in the heart of the Easter season, the Church reminds us that the Risen Lord continues to shepherd His people with living, active love.

Good Shepherd Sunday is also the annual **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, a moment for the whole Church to pray that those whom the Lord is calling may hear His voice and respond with generosity. We are encouraged to pray for priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women, and to support a culture in which vocations can be discerned, nurtured, and joyfully embraced. May Christ the Good Shepherd strengthen our faith, deepen our trust in His care, and inspire many to follow Him in lives of dedicated service.

*The Good Shepherd has Risen,
Who laid down His Life for His sheep
and willingly died for His flock, Alleluia!*

~ **Fourth Week of Easter** ~

April 27 – May 2

Tuesday	SLO	9:00 a.m. + Alicia Coulas <i>by Jeannette & Conrad Cybulski</i>
Wednesday	HCM	9:00 a.m. Intentions of Frank & Tammy Lee <i>by Lois LoSole</i>
Thursday	HCM	9:00 a.m. + Anthony Pierroz <i>by Greg and Mary Doyle</i>
First Friday	SLO	9:00 a.m. Intentions of Susanna Wadsworth <i>by Robert & Agnes Nick</i> Intentions of Fr. John (May 1; Anniversary of Ordination) <i>by David & Mary Yantha</i>

+ **Fifth Sunday of Easter** +

May 3, 2026

Saturday	SLO	4:00 p.m. + Edmund Yantha <i>by B.W. Madigan</i>
Saturday	SFds	6:00 p.m. + Dean Foster <i>by Erin Crecelius</i> + Doug & Margaret Abbott <i>by B.W. Madigan</i>
Sunday	HCM	9:00 a.m. + George Cadieux <i>by Dennis & Sylvia Stamplecoskie</i>
Sunday	SLO	10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

SLO May 2

Lorraine Flynn

Neil O'Reilly

Bruce Sullivan

Barry Dombroskie

SLO May 3

Paul Rivett-Carnac

Terry Recoskie

John Jeffrey

Jamie Prince

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SFds May 2

Linda Madigan

HCM May 3

Joseph Baklinski

Joseph Hamon

Kenneth Golka

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for parishioners and friends who are sick: Carmel Rumleskie

- for those who have died, especially: Dennis Edward Palbiski, Deacon Daniel Dauvin,
Tony Joseph Yantha, Anthony Pierroz.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

SLO: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy. Weekdays – before/after weekday Masses
in the sacristy.

HCM: Before all weekday and weekend Masses.

SFds: After Mass

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Tuesday - St. Peter Chanel, priest, martyr and St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, priest
Wednesday - St. Cathrine of Siena, virgin, doctor
Thursday - St. Marie de L'Incarnation, religious
Friday - St. Joseph the Worker and St. Pius V, pope
Saturday - St. Athanasius, bishop, doctor

HCM WEEKLY EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST - ADORATION CHAPEL:

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m.

HCM SUNDAY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP: every Thursday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass for about one hour. Animator-Moderator: Lois LoSole; Pastoral Resource: Fr. John Burchat. Come and prayerfully reflect upon the Gospel for the coming Sunday.

HCM: “THE SEARCH” begins and you and your friends are invited!

When and where: Wednesdays, April 29th to June 10th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at George Vanier Catholic School, Combermere.

This innovative video series and discussion time will tackle the key questions of every human heart. You may be reassured by some parts and challenged by others. Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about. There is no cost.

The seven topics are: *What Do You Seek? Who Are You? Why A God? What's Our Story? Who is Jesus? Am I Saved? Why A Church?*

For information, contact Greg or Mary at 613-756-6643, gmdoyle39@gmail.com

SLO PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR: Fridays at 9:45 a.m., following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOUSE IN COMBERMERE is a mission house of the Madonna House Community. Their thrift shops are open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, offering affordable, good-quality household items to people in the local area.

They would gratefully accept donations of pots and pans, baking dishes, silverware, kitchen utensils, comforters, pillows, towels, art supplies, and toys to help stock the shops. If you would like to help by donating any of these or other items, please call St. Joe's at 613-756-6267 to arrange an appointment for drop-off. Thank you, and God bless.

2026 MAY 14TH MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA ON PARLIAMENT HILL: All are invited to participate in this important event to show support for life at all ages and stages. For a full schedule of the week's events, including the Candlelight Vigil and youth summit, please visit the National March for Life website: marchforlife.ca.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

SLO: Total: \$2,005.00 (Envelopes: \$1,617.00; Loose: \$128.00; Visitors: \$40.00; Building Fund: \$70.00; E-transfers: \$80.00; Easter Offering: \$50.00; Easter Flowers: \$20.00).

HCM: Total: \$1,031.00 (Envelopes: \$786.00; Loose: \$70.00; E-Transfers: \$175.00)

SFds: Total: \$390.00 (Envelopes: \$280.00; Visitors: \$20.00; Loose: \$90.00)

PARISH OFFICES will be closed from Tuesday, May 5 to Friday, May 8.

DECORUM IN OUR 5 CEMETARIES: Because our cemeteries are sacred places where we commend our loved ones to God, we strive to keep the grounds dignified, prayerful, and safe for all who visit. We gently remind all families and visitors that, in keeping with our cemetery by-laws, flowers, ornaments, candles, and other devotional items should be securely affixed to the monument. Items that are not attached may need to be removed by our caretaker so that the grass can be cut and the cemetery maintained with the reverence these holy resting places deserve. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us care for the graves of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

FUNERAL MASS SCHEDULING: Funeral Masses can be arranged Monday through Friday, but NOT on Saturdays or Sundays. Because of my pastoral responsibilities across our three parishes and the ongoing decline in active clergy, I am already committed to celebrating two Masses on both Saturday and Sunday. Church law does not permit a priest to celebrate a third Mass (a practice known as trination) on these days ~ *Fr. John Burchat*

HCM CWL: To date, no one has stepped forward to provide leadership as Madame President. This position is essential for the continued life and mission of our CWL council.

HCM GARDENS: To date, a new Gardener-Coordinator to lead the care of our church flower gardens has not yet stepped forward. With the growing season approaching, this role is becoming urgent.

*****NEXT WEEKEND *** CHURCH YARD AND GARDEN SPRING CLEANUP**

AT SFds: Saturday, May 3rd, weather permitting. Start time between 8:30/9:00 a.m. Please bring your rakes. *This year we are again asking for the help of all able-bodied parishioners.*

AT HCM: Saturday, May 3rd, weather permitting. Start time 8:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed. Please bring your rakes. *Please call Paul Shulist or Ray Pastway if you need info. The cemetery can be raked anytime during this week too, especially if you can't make it on Saturday.*