



ST. PATRICK OF THE ISLAND – BULLETIN WEEK OF MAY 3, 2020– 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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This Week's Readings:

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

ACTS 2: 14a, 36b-41 – Follow the Lord who has not only shown you the way but is the way.

1 PETER 2: 20b-25 – Peter calls Jesus the ‘shepherd’ and the ‘guardian’ of your souls.

JOHN 10: 1-10 – Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.”



IS ISOLATION GETTING TO YOU?

Do you need to talk to someone? In these difficult times, some days can be stressful and your faith tested. If you need to talk, we are here to listen. You can call Deacon Nic at 514-703-3736 or Anne Coulter at 514-453-8634.



LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Jean & Joseph Gabriel, Edward Bertrand, Maria Linck, Jacques R., Bob Forest, Tom Law, Heather Coulter, Anthony Hulse, Paule, Theresa Hannan, Noah & Bailey Santos, Jean Clifford, Gordon Hincks, Kayla Cordeiro, Helen Lalonde, Helene Larose Pullin, Allison Latham, Caron Rothwell, Caiti Dore, Andria MacDonald, Karen Descoeurs, Mary & Marian Lapchak, Betty, Gerry & Mary Guy, Elaine Kerr, Claude Bourbonnais, Catherine Shea, John Battaglia, Frank McCluskey, Virginia Camus, Antanas, Nadia Lombardi, Cathy Good, Molly Gillette, Michel Leclerc, Ralph Jenkins, Kathleen Guy. Anyone affected by the virus.



THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS FOR:

- Fr. Pierre & Deacon Nic



REFLECTION FOR 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

John 10: 1-10

In today's Gospel, Jesus said, "I am the gate." What does a gate do? What is its purpose? A gate allows someone to go on the other side of a fence. A fence protects but a gate is a doorway – you can go in or out. This means Jesus gives us a choice. We can follow his voice home, or we can choose to ignore it. We can also go through the gate and leave again, as we so often do. Our life seems to be going along smoothly and although we may hear Jesus calling us, we don't think we need Him. Until we do.

If these past 7 weeks have taught us anything, it is that we are not masters of our lives. We don't have the control we so desperately cling to. But we can draw comfort from the knowledge that we are not alone. We as a community can lean on each other to get through the ups and downs that are to come. God will use this difficult time to bestow grace on us so that we can face the uncertainty and fears of the future.

Jesus tells the disciples, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." What does abundantly mean? The thesaurus gives us synonyms like 'plentiful' and 'overflowing'. What does it mean to have an "overflowing" life? Full of ups and downs, good and bad, joy and heartache, an abundant life is all that life has to offer. Do you have an abundant life, even in these times of social distancing? Approach the gate and you will see.

- *Melissa Wiebe*

THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING YOUR COLLECTIONS

Many have dropped off their collections and we would like to take this opportunity to thank those who, through this difficult time, have reached out to support their parish. Our prayers go out to those who are struggling during this time and we pray that we will soon be back together.

God Bless you all.



Pope Francis' Prayer For These Times:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

*At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.*

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

*We are certain that you will provide, so that,
as you did at Cana of Galilee,*

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

*to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:*

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

ST PAT'S OUTREACH

In the coming days, volunteers from the parish will be calling your homes to see how you are doing, if you need anything or if we can help in any way.

Prayer for the Sick

Jesus our Lord,
we ask you to have mercy on all who are sick,
Give them your strength and love,
and help them to carry this cross with faith.
May their sufferings be one with yours,
overcome the power of evil,
and lead others to our Father in heaven.
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer,
for you are Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.

(Excerpt from *Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family*,
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GOOD SAMARITANS



To celebrate “Earth day” – some grandchildren decided to help clean up the grounds at the Saint Patrick of the island.