

APRIL 26, 2026 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



I Am the Gate for the Sheep

Jesus often used examples from daily life to explain his teachings. Away from the Middle

East in the first century, his examples may not be as

compelling. Today's parable is a good example. Shepherds would have been common sights in his day. They literally gave up large portions of their lives for their flocks. Sheep are near-sighted and eat constantly. The shepherd has to live out in the wild, following them and protecting them from harm and from predators. At night he herded them into stone enclosures that were open only one side. Since there was usually no gate for these pens, the shepherd lay his body across the entrance. He became the barrier against harm, putting his life on the line for the sheep.

Vocation Sunday

"The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the Harvest."

Today Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. The Vatican Council documents speak at length on the ways in which God calls us to serve and work for the spread of the kingdom of God. Christ, the Good Shepherd continues to lead his people through his bishops and deacons, and calls many to follow him in this way. The whole Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering vocations. The first step is to live in a full Christian manner. Families with a lively spirit of faith, love and reverence contribute greatly to his work. Spiritually active parishes, where people take a full part, help to promote vocations also.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.

Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

BISHOPS APPEAL

To date 78 St. Alfred parishioners have donated to the Bishop's Appeal, and we have raised \$4850 for the appeal. We have \$8302.18 left to raise to reach our goal of \$13,152.18. Anything we raise over our target will go to fund our Youth Ministry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Cheques are to be made payable to St. Alfred Church. Please remember to put your name and address on the envelope for the Bishop's appeal not just your envelope number. Envelopes for the Bishop's Appeal are available at the main entrance of the church.

Holy Hour

Friday May 1st is the Holy Hour
from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

St. Alfred Pasta Dinners

Wednesday April 26th

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

\$15 includes:

Pasta and 3 meatballs (choice of white or red sauce),
salad, bun, dessert, and drinks

THANK YOU

"A big Thank You to everyone who contributed to the CWL blanket collection. Your generosity meant thirty-two blankets were delivered to Westview Centre 4 Women.

Join us in person at Hearts on Fire for a vibrant Catholic Conference--dynamic music, worship and renewal! Featuring CHRIS BRAY!

Chris is a prominent Canadian Catholic speaker, author, and award-winning musician.

Get ready for an inspiring in-person experience at the Hearts on Fire conference held at St Helen Catholic Church in Beamsville! Be refreshed through uplifting

worship music, engaging talks, Eucharistic

nourishment—come be transformed in Christ!!

Whether you're looking to deepen your faith or want to learn about God's love for you--you are welcome

here! Don't miss out on this chance to ignite your heart and spirit! <https://tinyurl.com/2yhkyyy2>

Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Apr 27	8:00 a.m.	Richeta Fratangelo/ Marlene Bortalussi
Tues	Apr 28	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving/ Ralph Biancaniello
Wed	Apr 29	9:00 a.m.	Antonio DiLeo/ Isopo Innocenzi & Family
Thu	Apr 30	8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving/ Renata Miketic
Fri	May 01	8:00 a.m.	Helen Choma/ Thanksgiving
Sat	May 02	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention/ Mary Madden
		5:00 p.m.	Annete Tran/ Peter Duke Nguyen
Sun	May 03	7:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo
		9:30 a.m.	Ida Fratangelo/ Adriana Limoncelli
		11:30 a.m.	Tony Arcaro/ Michael Siconolfi

SAVE THE DATE



SUNDAY JUNE 14TH 2026

1-4 PM

PASTORAL CENTER, ST ALFRED CHURCH
SERVING BEEF ON A BUN, COLESLAW, DESSERT
FOR ONLY \$15.00

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Dancers

FEATURING BRENYO IRISH DANCERS and much
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OUR SILENT AUCTION - (ONLY NEW ITEMS
ACCEPTED) CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT PARISH
OFFICE

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Religious Goods Store

This coming Sunday is known as Good
Shepherd Sunday. It is always the 4th Sunday of
the Easter Season. It focuses on Jesus as the
Good Shepherd who cares for his flock. We
have lots of merchandise that focuses on Jesus
as the Good Shepherd, come in and check it
out

4^a DOMENICA DI PASQUA

26 APRILE 2026

Io sono la porta delle pecore

Gv. 10:9

Domenica del «Buon Pastore»

Oggi si prega per le vocazioni in tutte le parrocchie della diocesi. Preghiamo perchè il Signore ispiri giovani di fede e di buone qualità a diventare sacerdoti o suore per proclamare al mondo la verità del Vangelo con la parola e con le opere e guidare il gregge del «Buon Pastore» verso i pascoli della vita eterna. Se conoscete un giovane o una giovane di buoni talenti e qualità date loro un buon consiglio e suggerite la possibilità di abbracciare la vita religiosa.

APPELLO DEI VESCOVI

Ad oggi 78 parrochiani di St. Alfred hanno donato all'appello del vescovo e abbiamo raccolto 4.850 dollari per l'appello. Ci restano \$8302,18 da rilanciare per raggiungere il nostro obiettivo di \$13.152,18. Tutto ciò che raccoglieremo oltre il nostro obiettivo andrà a finanziare la nostra Pastorale Giovanile. La tua generosità è molto apprezzata. Gli assegni devono essere intestati alla chiesa di St. Alfred. Ricordatevi di mettere sulla busta per l'appello del Vescovo il vostro nome e indirizzo e non solo il numero della busta. Le buste per l'appello del Vescovo sono disponibili all'ingresso principale della chiesa

PREGHIERA PER LE VOCAZIONI

O Padre Celeste, che nella pienazza dei tempi hai mandato il tuo unico Figlio Gesù Cristo ad inaugurare il tuo regno sulla terra, noi ti imploriamo di mandare degni sacerdoti a guidare e istruire il popolo cristiano. Manda il tuo Spirito a benedire e santificare la Santa Chiesa, tua famiglia sulla terra e a suscitare per essa capi di grande fede e carità: sacerdoti, religiosi, uomini e donne che si impegnino con generosità nell'opera dell'apostolato.

Fa che tutti sentiamo un profondo amore per la tua Chiesa. Esaudisci le preghiere che innalziamo a te insieme alle nostre famiglie e ai nostri fratelli e sorelle nella fede. Dona la tua grazia in abbondanza alla nostra comunità affinché possa guidare i suoi membri a riconoscere la loro vocazione. Concedi a tutti noi il coraggio e l'umiltà necessari a seguire la tua guida e le tue ispirazioni.

Te lo chiediamo in nome di Gesù Cristo Nostro Signore.

Amen