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“To transform the world by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice”

- Parish Mission Statement

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

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Living Waters Columbarium - Director of Sales, Marketing & Promotions

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Mass Intentions for Holy Week

MONDAY, April 23, 2018

No Mass

TUESDAY, April 24, 2018

6:00-6:45 p.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 p.m. Liturgy – Novena Mass in Honour of St. Gianna

Intention: + Ely Ortiz / Villeda-Antontio Family

WEDNESDAY, April 25, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Feast - St. Mark

Intention: + Mercy Estacio / Lionel Soriano

THURSDAY, April 26, 2018

9:30 a.m. Funeral Mass - Susana Pagdato +

1:30 p.m. Liturgy at Lindenwood Manor - Ferial

Intention: In Thanksgiving / Florentina Ilag

FRIDAY, April 27, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Ferial

Intention: + Juliet Dizon / Lorna Aquino

SATURDAY, April 28, 2018 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. Liturgy

Intention: + Mary Barnes / Darlene Thorgilsson

SUNDAY, April 29, 2018 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: + Bill McCallan / Adel & Tish

11:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners



**Remembering Those Entombed or Memorialized
in Living Waters Columbarium:**

April 28 - T. Fraser Gelley



"Today's Gospel occurs in the middle of Jesus' ministry. At first, Jesus' words seem to be about the value of self-sacrifice in a leader. *"I am the Good Shepherd ... I will lay down my*

life for the sheep." The Apostles likely would have accepted these words easily enough. But then comes something more strange. *"I lay down my life in order to take it up again ... I have power to lay it down and power to take it up again."* Only later, when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them after his resurrection, would the Apostles understand his words. Only then would they understand why such an act was necessary for the salvation of the world.

Even now, we may struggle with the necessity of Holy Week. How often do we hear complaints against the silence of God, as if He is the "hired man" who "runs away" from suffering? Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is our redemption in fact. God himself bears the full weight of sin's consequences. The Paschal Mystery is also a sign that happens in full view of the human experience. We have seen Jesus lay down his life. We have seen him accompany others. *"I know mine and mine know me."* We have seen him reach those outside the traditional flock, *"sheep not of this fold."* Jesus is the Good Shepherd, not only in Scripture but in our daily lives.

While we can't experience physically walking alongside him like the Apostles did, the grace of our redemption continues through the Church. We are shepherded by the sacraments, by faith formation, by good mentors. At the same time, we are not only the sheep. In imitating Jesus, we, too, are invited to lay down our lives for others. We can be the hands, feet, and shepherd's crook of Christ.

CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

"What did not lie in my plan lay in God's plan... from God's perspective - nothing is accidental."

- St. Edith Stein

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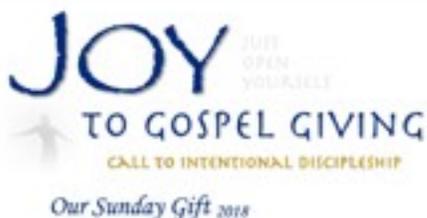
In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus

compares himself to a good shepherd who knows and cares for his sheep. The Good Shepherd cares for the world and demonstrates how everyone can care for the earth and its people. Jesus demonstrates healing, reaching out, calling others and putting his life out on the line. Jesus reminds us just how important we are to him - so important that he died and rose again so that eventually we could be with him in Heaven.

How do recognize when Jesus calls you?



- Pflaum Gospel Weeklies



Thank you to all parishioners who have renewed their Stewardship of Treasure Commitment for 2018.

Sunday's Offertory - April 15, 2018

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| Pre-Authorized Giving: | \$ 14,000.00 |
| Noah's Buddies / Youth | \$ 2.00 |
| Loose: | \$ 1076.65 |
| Votives: | \$ 261.85 |
| Novena Mass | \$ 268.60 |
| TOTAL: | \$ 15,609.10 |

Our minimum weekly offertory income requirement: \$20,000.00



Parish Feast Day - Tuesday, April 24

The Feast of our parish patroness Saint Gianna, will be celebrated on Tuesday, **April 24th**, within the context of our **7:00 p.m. Novena Mass**. This year,

Archbishop Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg, will join our feast celebrations. A light reception will follow.

Kerygma - April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Narthex

What You've Always Wanted to Know, But Were Too Embarrassed to Ask.



This Adult faith formation opportunity will take the form of a question and answer event. Through either verbal question or anonymous written submission, various topics will be addressed. Bring your most "burning curiosities", those that you always wanted to know, but were too embarrassed to ask.



We Value Your Opinion!

An online survey has been sent to all registered parishioners via email. The focus of this survey is *Mission Matters: Reaching Out to the Margins*. These surveys are anonymous and are very easy to complete. If you did not receive the email, printed copies will be available at the parish office or contact us to update your email: stgianna@mymts.net. We look forward to receiving your important input! **Please complete by May 7.**

Parish Photo Directory



The completed parish photo directory will be ready for distribution in a few short months. Now that the additional content regarding our exciting, young history has been collected, we are ready for publication. All households who participated will receive a complimentary copy of the directory.



Infant Baptisms at St. Gianna's Parish

The celebration of Infant Baptism is always an extraordinary event at St. Gianna's. Celebrated within the context of the Sunday liturgy, it is truly a transformative event. If you are a registered parishioner of St. Gianna's and wish to celebrate your baby's Baptism in this community, you are asked to participate in a baptismal formation session in preparation for the baptismal event. Below are the upcoming celebrations planned for 2018, along with their formation sessions. To request baptism, please contact the parish office or see Fr. Darrin in person.

The next celebration of Baptism:

Sunday, June 3rd - at the 11:00 a.m. liturgy

- *Baptismal formation for this celebration will be held on May 26th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

*****All baptismal preparation sessions will be held in the lower level meeting room of the church.**

New Parishioners Orientation Session - May 6

Our next New Parishioner Orientation Session has been scheduled for **Sunday, May 6th** in the narthex, immediately following our 11:00am liturgy. This 90 minute session provides a wonderful way to learn more about our parish community, the opportunities for faith formation and ministry involvement, as well as to learn about the unique charism that we hold as a community of Christian disciples under the patronage of St. Gianna Beretta Molla. To pre-register for this event, please fill out a membership request form at the visitor's information table and hand it to one of the ministers of hospitality or include it in the Sunday Offertory. We are eager to welcome and count those who worship with us as registered members of our parish community.

Registration at St. Gianna's is a two part process:

1. (*Step one*) Complete the "Request for Parish Membership" form and submit it either via the Welcome kiosk box in the narthex, by including it in the Sunday offertory basket or by returning it directly to the parish office.
2. Once submitted, you will be invited to a **New Parishioner's Orientation Session** to learn more about our parish community and the call to parish membership. At that time, those who wish to proceed to full parish membership may complete the registration package (*Step two*) and officially join our faith community. New member orientation sessions take place on the first Sunday of every month immediately following our 11:00 a.m. Sunday Liturgy.
3. Once the registration process is completed, we will joyfully count you as a full member of our parish community, sharing in the ministry and mission that makes us all a part of something Great!

Mark Your Calendars!



As Catholics, we know that the season of Lent is an important time in our overall faith development. During Lent, we deepen our life in Christ as we revisit the Christian disciplines of facing, praying and almsgiving. Through exercise of Lent, we become more perfectly disposed to Christ's Risen presence in our life celebrated at Easter. In 2019, **Ash Wednesday** will be celebrated on **March 6th**, **Palm Sunday** will be on **April 14th**, **Holy Thursday** on **April 18th**, **Good Friday** on **April 19th**, **Holy Saturday** on **April 20th** and **Easter Sunday** on **April 21st**.

Please add these dates to your calendar now so that you can make good choices when considering scheduling other events during this sacred time.

Knights of Columbus Gift Cards Program:



Sobeys, Safeway, Superstore, Foodland gift cards are available for purchase every weekend at the Knights table. We accept cash, debit or cheque.

FROM THE MINISTRY OF

Global Awareness and Social Action



The National March for Life in Ottawa, the largest annual protest on Parliament Hill, has been set for May 10, 2018, and the theme for this year's march is 'PRO-LIFE ALL.IN.' In light of recent politics associated with the Canadian Summer Jobs Program attestation of values and other "attacks on freedom of speech, expression and conscience from the highest levels of [Canadian] government...The National March for Life theme 'PRO-LIFE ALL.IN.' encourages Canadians to stand up for life without compromise, no exceptions and no excuses." <https://marchforlife.ca/>

As in past years, regional Marches for Life have also been organized to provide those who cannot attend the March for Life in Ottawa an opportunity to "stand up for life" closer to home. This year's **March for Life (Manitoba)** will take place on **May 10**. This community-based social action begins with an opportunity to come together for communal prayer, with Mass being celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral at 10:30 AM. Those participating in the March are encouraged to gather at the Manitoba Legislative Building – North Entrance, 450 Broadway, at 11:30 AM. The March for Life, which involves walking a designated route, is scheduled to begin at 12 Noon. Following the March for Life, at approximately 12:50 PM, there will be testimonials, speakers and closing prayer.

Interestingly, Pope Francis, in his *Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete Et Exsultate: On the Call To Holiness in Today's World*, released March 19, 2018, provides additional, and rather timely, encouragement for all of us: "Our defence of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development." Pope Francis encourages us to enlarge our pro-life "anti-abortion" stance, adopting a lens through which we view and defend at all times all human life from the very beginning of life to its end.

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html

Let us prayerfully consider the words of Pope Francis and the opportunity for social action we have before us and ask ourselves. Are we willing to take time out of our busy schedule to, "stand up for life from the very beginning of life to its end"? If the answer is "yes", then let us also consider joining together, supporting and encouraging one another as parish family, to engage in the Walk for Life in our community on May 10.

Parishioners of St. Gianna's are invited to meet at the church on the morning of May 10. We will depart St. Gianna's Church at 9:30 AM, travel to St. Mary's Cathedral to attend Mass at 10:30 AM, and then participate in the March for Life at 12 Noon. Please sign up online at www.stgianna.ca (click on March for Life under "Parish News") or email Kristi Stubbings at kstubbings@stgianna.ca to let her know of your intentions should you wish to participate. Why bother to sign up? Signing up will give you the chance to receive additional information and updates.

Perhaps you will already be in the Winnipeg downtown area on May 10 and would like to join with us for some, or all, of the activities associated with the March for Life; that's great too! We hope you do.

March for Life
Thursday, May 10th, 2018

Activities:
10:30 AM Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Winnipeg
11:30 AM Gather for the March at the Legislative Building
12:00 PM March begins
After the March - Testimonials, speakers and closing prayer

Interested in participating?
Sign up by contacting Kristi Stubbings at kstubbings@stgianna.ca.
For more information also visit our website at www.stgianna.ca.



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