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4th Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations: April 21, 2024



Saturday, April 20 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 21 at 10.30 a.m. Mass *for the Intentions of the Parishioners*

Sunday, April 21 at 12.30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Sunday, April 21 at 6 p.m. Mass

Monday, April 22 at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, April 23 at 8 a.m. Mass
St. George (OM)
St. Adalbert (OM)

Wednesday, April 24 at 8 a.m. Mass

Thursday, April 25 at 8 a.m. No Mass
St Mark (F)

Friday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour, 07 p.m.
Mass

Our Lady of Good Counsel (OM)

Saturday, April 27 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 28 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioner of St. Ann*

Sunday, April 28 at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Sunday, April 28 at 6 p.m. Mass

4th Sunday of Easter



This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Jesus shepherds us, His flock, by protecting us from any ravaging dangers, helping us stay in the fold and seeking us

when we're lost. We as sheep must listen to and obey His voice. There is a familiarity and closeness between a shepherd and his sheep, and so too, there is an intimacy between Jesus and us.

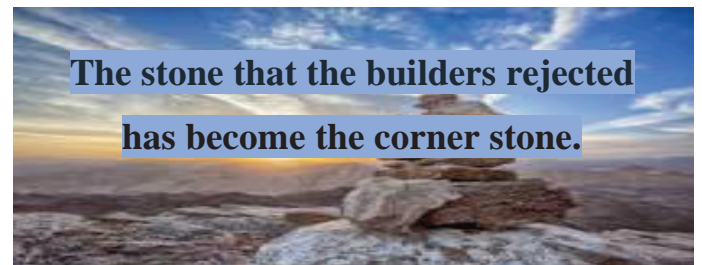
As stewards, we are called to imitate Jesus in all ways, including His role as shepherd. We all have people in our lives we are called to look out for, whether it be our families, friends or fellow parishioners. The most important step in effectively shepherding others is to

first become a holy sheep in Jesus' flock. We must seek to grow in prayer and virtue, and through that flows the grace to journey with others heavenward. Within this call for all of us to be shepherds, God gives a special grace to particular men to more closely imitate the Good Shepherd through the vocation of priesthood. In regards to vocations, Jesus gives us only one instruction: "to pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He may send more labourers" (Matthew 9:38). Therefore, all of us have a role to play in fostering vocations. God continues to call priests, and through our prayers we can help young men answer the call. One great practice we can adopt is praying one Hail Mary every day for an increase in vocations.

Summary

As stewards, we are called to imitate Jesus in all ways, including His role as the Good Shepherd. The most important step in effectively shepherding others is to first become a holy sheep in Jesus' flock. God also calls many people to more closely shepherd His people in the priesthood and through our prayers, we can help young men answer the call.

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Offertory Collection

Weekend of **April 13/14**

Envelopes (59) \$ 2,235.00

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Sharelife: Invest in our Church's future by giving to ShareLife

Your kindness and devotion enable St. Augustine's Seminary, along with the Office of Vocations and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, to provide an excellent formation for our seminarians as they pursue a life of service. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptorist Mater



4th Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations: April 21, 2024

Missionary Seminary. This Sunday, April 21, we celebrate the 61st **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. There has never been a better time to support and pray for our seminarians, wherever they may be on their journey. Please give the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



Join us in the ShareLife Speaker Series event, "Sowing Seeds of Hope: Investing in our Future Priests," on Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. This special gathering of prayer and conversation will feature Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director of the Office of Vocations at the Archdiocese of Toronto. Fr. Matthew will guide us in exploring the profound significance of vocations and our collective responsibility to nurture them within our faith community.



Pope's Prayer Intention 2024

The Pope's prayer intention for 2024 addresses challenges facing humanity and assists the mission of the church. In April, we pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. – Pope Francis

Hospitality of The Heart: facilitated by Sr. Mary Rowell, csj

Day of Reflection – "Hospitality of the Heart" facilitated by Sr. Mary Rowell, csj - Monday, April 29, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre. During this Day of Reflection, we will be invited to enter deeply into the value and practice of hospitality, shared at many levels of culture and faith, and at the very centre of the Christian life. We will look anew and contemplatively at the dynamic of hospitality. Drawn beyond common and limited understandings of

hospitality our reflections will focus on God as the source of hospitality, receiving the gift of Divine Love, hospitality to the self, the expanding love of neighbour and hospitality to an unknown future. The day will include opportunities for communal and personal prayer, presentations and reflections to accompany us on the day's journey. This day of reflection open to men & women begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. The suggested offering is \$65.00 per person which includes lunch, coffee/tea break, talks as well as mass and an opportunity for confession. **REGISTER:** Email registration@manresa.ca OR visit <https://manresa-canada.ca>

Support Sharelife Campaign

ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as a Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Over 40 ShareLife agencies serve tens of thousands of people locally and countless more around the world, regardless of religious affiliation. Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others.

Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need. **Please give generously. Our Sharelife Sunday Special Collection is on April 28, 2024.**

Spring Dance & Dinner



St Ann Parish will be holding an event **Spring Dance and Dinner** on **Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall downstairs. Please come and join us to a fun evening to create good memories! All we request is your presence as we celebrate the night with our visitor/guest and our parish community. Tickets are already available for **\$25.00**. Those who want to help or donate to this event please contact the office at **416-466-2127**.

Sunday Funny

A man is angry because he has it in his head that someone stole his wallet. He walks into a church to steal someone else's wallet, but he has a change of heart during the service. He confesses to the priest afterwards about what his intentions had initially been. The priest asks, "What made you change your mind?" The man says, "In your sermon on the Ten Commandments when you got to 'Thou shall not commit adultery,' I remembered where I left my wallet!"



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