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4th Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations: April 26, 2026



Saturday, April 25, at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 26, at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann Manny and Mavic Galicia – Thanksgiving Wedding anniversary*

Sunday, April 26, at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Monday, April 27, at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, April 28, at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, April 29, at 8 a.m. Mass *St. Catherine of Siena (M)*

Thursday, April 30 at 8 a.m. **No Mass** *St. Marie De L' Incarnation (M)*

Friday, May 1, at 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour, 07 p.m. Mass

For all members of Galicia, Diego, Ignacio and Palanca families – I Anita Diego – +

Saturday, May 2, at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, May 3, at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, May 3, at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

4th Sunday of Easter

Reflection

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.” These are the beautiful opening verses of Psalm 23, which describe God as a

shepherd taking care of His people. One especially poignant attribute of shepherds is how hard they labour for the good of their flock. Faithful shepherds will journey with their flock, seek out the lost sheep and defend them from any ravaging predators. Jesus does this as well, labouring for us so that we may reach our eternal home, where we will rest in His love.

As Christians, we are called to imitate Christ in all things, including being a shepherd. We too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. To be a shepherd is essentially to be a good steward.

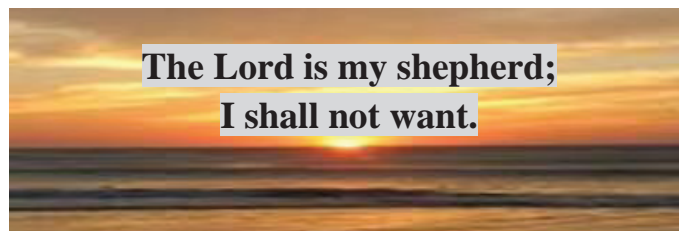
As stewards, we offer ourselves and our gifts for the good of others, especially our parish communities. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how he labours for us.

One practice we can adopt, especially on this World Day of Prayer for vocations, is to encourage and pray daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Cardinal Collins, in his *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship**, says that “stewardship parishes report an ... increase in religious and priestly vocations.” Let us play our part as stewards and begin to share our gifts for the good of the Church.

Summary

Faithful shepherds labour for their flock by journeying with them, seeking out the lost sheep and defending them from any ravaging predators. As Christians, we are called to imitate Christ in all things, including being a shepherd, which means we too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how he labours for us.

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Offertory Collection

Weekend of April 18/19

Envelopes (48)	\$ 769.00
Loose	\$ 329.00
PAG	\$ 524.25



ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday is this weekend, celebrating 50 years

Today is ShareLife Sunday, the second weekend of special collections. Since 1976, ShareLife has been rooted in our Catholic values of charity and in living the Gospel by caring for those in need. Over the decades, thousands of people across our archdiocese have come together through parish campaigns, school drives, workplace giving, and personal acts of kindness to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families.

ShareLife recognizes that all humans are created in the image of God, with a commitment to the dignity of the individual and the right to life, working on behalf of the poor and vulnerable. As we celebrate this milestone anniversary in 2026, we invite you to

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join us in honouring this legacy of serving the marginalized in our parish community and around the world.

With your support, ShareLife-funded agencies can continue to provide vital services—like counselling for families, support for isolated seniors, and care for those facing mental health challenges—for years to come. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Pope's Prayer Intention 2026

The Pope's prayer intention for 2026 addresses challenges facing humanity and assists the mission of the church. These intentions serve as principles guiding our lives and mission. In **April**, let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



Praise & Worship
ADORATION

Please join us this first Friday, May 1st at 6 p.m. for praise & worship and adoration, followed by 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist.

Women's Silent Ignatian Retreat

Women's Ignatian Retreat: When the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' disciples, it freed them from fear and filled them with a bold, loving purpose. This retreat is an invitation to enter that same movement from fear to freedom. Through silence and prayer, we will contemplate and seek the Holy Spirit's transforming gifts.

This SILENT retreat begins on Friday, **May 22, 2026, 06:30 PM - Sunday, May 24, 2026, 01:00 PM** at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre. The suggested offering is \$280 per person, which includes two nights' accommodation, meals, spiritual direction and retreat program. Facilitated by: Fr. Chris Llanos, SJ. Register at manresaregistration@outlook.com or call 905-8392864

Archdiocese World Youth Day Mass

Join the OCY for the Archdiocese World Youth Day Mass 2026, open to all young adults ages 19–39.

Gather with young adults from across the Archdiocese for a powerful evening of faith, prayer, and community as we celebrate the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Mass will be

celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Frank Leo on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 7 p.m. at Saint Thomas More Parish, 2234 Ellesmere Rd, Scarborough, ON, M1G 3M9.

The 2026 World Youth Day theme is: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Chosen by the Vatican for the 40th World Youth Day, this theme calls young adults to place their confidence in Christ, who brings hope, strength, and victory. This celebration also serves as a spiritual preparation for the international World Youth Day in Seoul in 2027. Come and be encouraged in your faith, strengthened by Christ, and united with other young adults in this joyful celebration. Bring your friends and be part of this grace-filled evening.

Pre-Planning Seminar

Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options.

Learn about:

- Funeral and burial options
- Planning in advance to ease the burden on loved ones
- Catholic teachings on cremation
- Flexible payment options (*including 0% financing options*)

Date & Location: Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 9:00 AM, Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home, 211 Langstaff Rd E, Thornhill. You must RSVP to attend at 905-889-7467 ext. 1 or by email at holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca

Dinner and Dance



St. Ann Parish and the Native People's Mission invite you to "**Let the Good Times Roll**" on **Saturday, June 20, 2026, at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy an evening of good food, music, and dancing. Bring your family and friends as we gather together in unity and celebration. You can purchase your ticket now. Tickets are **\$25.00** and include a chance to win raffle prizes. Let's celebrate, connect, and create beautiful memories in our parish.

Coffee Sunday

Come together! Please join us this coming Sunday, May 3, 2026, for a coffee and fellowship with our parish community immediately following the 10:30 a.m. mass at the back of the church. All are welcome.





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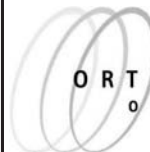
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