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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

**Christ, the Good Shepherd** - *I AM the good shepherd. I know my own* - by which I mean, I love them - *and my own know me.* In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it.

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love, not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that *anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar.*

(St Gregory the Great)

### FEAST OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

On this Feast Day of the Good Shepherd, let us pray to our Lord Jesus for grace and guidance. May He continue to bless us with fortitude and perseverance. May Jesus also watch over us in times of trouble and protect us from physical and spiritual harm.

*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me (Psalm 23).*

### OUR LADY OF THE EUCHARIST



At Lourdes, Pope Benedict XVI addressed those who had taken part in the procession. He spoke of **Mary** as a profoundly **Eucharistic soul**, who not only carried Christ in her womb, but also received Him in the Eucharist. He referred to the Visitation as the first Eucharistic procession and ended with the exhortation: "Dear Brothers and Sisters, let us follow and imitate

Mary, a deeply Eucharistic soul, and our whole life can become a Magnificat, praise of God."

### GOOD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Please help provide for people who are hungry and homeless. We welcome you to drop off a Shepherd Pie Casserole on:  
April 27/28    May 25/26    June 29/30

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the last week was \$7,403.00. We are grateful for your donation and support to our parish. A Pre-Authorize Giving plan is available. Please inquire or call the parish office.

### BRINGING OUR PARISH TO A SUPERIOR LEVEL

It is almost two years since I received the parish, truly time flies! It seems only yesterday when Bishop Ivan Camilleri came to celebrate my installation as the new pastor. I do remember that day very well ... with a humble spirit and full awareness of the challenge ahead, I felt, in a special way, that the community would support me, and the work needed to be done. You know, I came to realize that I was not wrong at all. We have progressed, we have grown, we are committed, both parishioners and the parish staff.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank God, Blessed Mary and all of you, my parishioners, for your support. The latest work accomplished was the new washroom for the women in the parish hall ... ladies, there will be no long line-ups during a big group gathering.

Nevertheless, there are still some necessary works to be done and I am not afraid because, God, Blessed Mary and you will be there to support me. A Big Heartfelt Thank You! Fr. Carlos, Pastor

### UPCOMING EVENTS & CEREMONIES

**Confirmation - Tour of the Church:** Tues., April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm

**First Holy Communion Rehearsal:**

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm & Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm

**First Holy Communion: (2 Ceremonies):**

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 am & Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am

**Confirmation Day of Reflection:**

Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 am

**Confirmation Ceremony:**

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 11 am

### OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

A Mass of special blessing from Our Lady of Good Counsel will be offered at 9:30 am on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. All members of the Catholic Women's League are encouraged to attend. Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall after Mass.

### SHARELIFE: APRIL 28 | JUNE 2

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 Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

This Sunday, April 21, we celebrate the 61<sup>st</sup> 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.

Next Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> is the second ShareLife Sunday. Thus far we have raised \$18,960.00 toward our goal of \$80,500.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

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### BUNDLE SUNDAY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding a Bundle Sunday on the weekend May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers and the truck will be in our church parking lot. We are accepting: all clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery/towels & new toys. We do not accept baby or other furniture, appliances, books, mattresses, dishes, construction materials or video tapes.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Spring Social & Donations Nights hosted by K of C is on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Menu includes lasagna, chicken, mixed veggies, salad, potatoes, and dessert. Ticket price is \$30 per person (on sale now). Cash bar. The Knights will be making donations to several local charities. Please come & support them. For tickets, contact the Grand Knight Romey Sebastiampillai at [romeysimon@hotmail.com](mailto:romeysimon@hotmail.com). Buy tickets before May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### COFFEE SUNDAY

Come and enjoy Coffee Sunday on April 28th after the 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 Noon mass. Coffee will be hosted by the Young Adults Group & the CWL. Meet the Young Adults & learn about the programs they are planning. We are grateful for your donations of baked goods to share with your parish community. We hope to see you there.

### MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm  
St. Benedict Parish Hall: 2194 Kipling Avenue, Etobicoke  
Guest Speaker: Mariela Sol Torroba Hennigen  
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### MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

**Con l'esempio e la grazia del buon Pastore, donare la vita -**  
Abbiamo tanti esempi e tante testimonianze di vocazioni belle e sane... E tutti possiamo imparare che ogni cosa, ogni scelta, ogni stato di vita è una vocazione a donarsi agli altri. Papa Francesco, nel suo messaggio per questa giornata, presenta la vocazione alla luce della vita e della testimonianza di San Giuseppe. Di San Giuseppe e di ogni vocazione presenta tre parole chiavi: il sogno, il servizio, la fedeltà. Conclude augurando la gioia a tutte le persone che con generosità hanno fatto di Dio il sogno della vita, per servirlo nei fratelli e delle sorelle allora affidati, attraverso una fedeltà che, già di per sé, è testimonianza, in un'epoca segnata da scelte passeggiere ed emozioni che svaniscono senza lasciare la gioia. Prega: "San Giuseppe, custode delle vocazioni, accompagni tutti con cuore di padre". (don Roberto Rossi)

### MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

<b>Sunday April 21</b>	Fourth Sunday of Easter
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am	† Lisa & Vittoria Mazzuca, † Ralph Carpino, † Santina & Silvio Covelli, † Girolama Cangemi
10:30 am	† Matthew & Wayne Dishart, † Souls in Purgatory, Special blessings for Angelo & Marsha Dias & Families
12:00 pm	† John & Lina Colosimo, † Ciriaco & Antonio Grieco, † Albert Debono
1:30 pm	IGBO Mass
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly, In Honour of Infant of Prague, St. Joseph & St. Anthony, Special healing for Domenico Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)
8:00 pm	Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)
<b>Monday April 22</b>	Easter Weekday
9:30 am	† Nicola Bombardieri, † Albert Debono, † Mario Panin, † Harriet Capalla, † Noel Shu
<b>Tuesday April 23</b>	Saint George Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr
9:30 am	† Matthew & Wayne Dishart, † George Mydlak, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, Special blessings for Anthony Falzon
7:00 pm	Confirmation: Tour of the Church
<b>Wednesday April 24</b>	Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Bishop & Martyr
9:30 am	† Domenico Cosentino, † Bogdan Zajac
<b>Thursday April 25</b>	Saint Mart, Evangelist
9:30 am	† Gianluigi Lijoi, A Special blessing for Albina & Amanda Lijoi
<b>Friday April 26</b>	Easter Weekday
9:30 am	† Andrew & Edward Shmakov, † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, Special blessing for Anthony Falzon, Special blessing from Our Lady Good Counsel
10:00 am	Rosary by the Catholic Women's League
<b>Saturday April 27</b>	Easter Weekday
9:30 am	† Franz Velez, † Michele & Nicolina Pallotta
11:00 am	Mass for ÉEC Notre-Dame-de-Grâce School
2:00 pm	Baptism
3:00 pm	First Communion Rehearsal
3:30 pm	Mass at Parkland Retirement Home
4:30 pm	Confessions
5:30 pm	† Franco Mancuso, † Antonio De Santis, † Kevin Fernandes, † Giovanna Corazzola
<b>Sunday April 28</b>	Fifth Sunday of Easter
7:45 am	All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am	† Mario Panin, † Rosalia Paron, † Nella Burella, † Rosa Zampella, Special blessing for Julianne Mary Bautista
10:30 am	† Joseph Valador, † Souls in Purgatory, Special blessing for Danzel Pinto & Rukko George and families
12:00 pm	Luis & Lourdes Sierra & deceased family members
7:00 pm	† Charles & Joan Kelly, † Anna Angela Gri
8:00 pm	Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Theresa Burns, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas, Lisa Petriglia, Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco, Gianfranco, Dana McGrath, Roman J. Zakrajse, Enzo, Domenica, Phyllis C. Teresa Pirrello, Margaret Speciale, Joe Simardone, Sergio Rea, Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Jose Vaz, Karen Radeczy, Carla Chiulli, Luis Inting, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Maria Bellissimo, Jane Delgado, Ramon Ortiz, Ines Granda, Bernice DeGrace, Joseph Borgerding

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