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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



4th Sunday of Easter ~ 21 April 2024

World Day of Prayer for Vocations/Good Shepherd Sunday

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. "For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again." John 10:16-17

First Reading + Acts 4:7-12
Second Reading + 1 John 3:1-2
Gospel + John 10:11-18

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 22

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, April 23

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+ (*Multiple Intentions Mass-RIP*)

Carlo SPEZIALE, Joe DEMARIA, Lou BIFFIS,
Josie CALTABELLOTTA, Dan LOLATO,
Vincenza TOTA, KUZMICZ Family, Stanislaw KOSLA

Wednesday, April 24

8:00am+ Sam Lee, Per. Int.– J/C Orr

Thursday, April 25

8:00am+Nadine BELL, RIP – P. Murray

Friday, April 26

(*Mass at Immaculate Conception Church*)

12:10pm+Jackie Lemay, Per. Int.

Saturday, April 27

(*Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

9:00am+Fr. Norberto Eyule, Per. Int.-J/C Orr

5:00pm+Doug HORAN, RIP- M/F Horan

Sunday, April 28

9:00am+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Doug HORAN, RIP- L/C Laciak

12:00N+Children Receiving Sacrament of FHC, Per.Int.-CWL

2:30pm+Teresa SO, RIP-J/C Orr

Dear Parishioners,

As we gather together on this sacred Sunday, we are reminded of the profound love and guidance of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Good Shepherd Sunday is a beautiful opportunity for us to reflect on the role of Christ as our shepherd and our call to follow him faithfully.

This Sunday, we also celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, a day set aside to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It is a day to recognize the importance of discerning and answering God's call with courage and openness.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus proclaims, "***I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep***" - (*John 10:11*). These words resonate deeply with us as we contemplate the sacrificial love of Christ, who willingly gave his life for us. As our shepherd, Jesus leads us with compassion, tenderness, and unwavering dedication. He knows each of us by name and lovingly guides us along the path of righteousness.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, let us take a moment to reflect on the ways in which Jesus, our Good Shepherd, cares for us. Just as a shepherd watches over his flock, Jesus watches over each one of us, guiding us through the ups and downs of life, providing comfort in times of sorrow, and rejoicing with us in times of joy. His love knows no bounds, and his mercy is endless.

As we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we are reminded of the vital importance of vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the life of the Church. Vocations are not just a personal decision but a response to God's call to serve His people. They are a gift from God, given to build up the Body of Christ and to spread His love and truth throughout the world.

In our modern world, the call to priesthood and religious life can sometimes be overshadowed by the distractions and pressures of society. However, it is precisely in these times that the need for dedicated priests and religious is greatest. Our world is hungry for the message of hope, love, and salvation that only Christ can offer, and it is through the ministry of priests and religious that this message is proclaimed.

Therefore, let us join together in prayer, asking the Lord to send laborers into his vineyard, to raise up men and women who are willing to dedicate their lives to the service of God and His people. Let us pray for our seminarians, novices, and all those who are discerning a vocation, that they may have the courage to respond generously to God's call.

As members of the Body of Christ, each one of us has a role to play in fostering vocations within our Church. We can support vocations through our prayers, by encouraging young people to consider a vocation, and by fostering a culture of discernment within our parish communities. Let us be attentive to the signs of God's call in our own lives and in the lives of those around us and let us respond with openness and trust.

Today, let us entrust ourselves and our intentions to the loving care of our Good Shepherd, who knows us intimately and desires only what is best for us. May we continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, trusting that God will provide for the needs of His Church. And may we always be ready to answer His call with faith and joy. God bless us all.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Norberto A. Eyule
Pastor

April 28 -O Catholic faith, how solid, how strong you are! How deeply rooted, how firmly founded on a solid rock! Heaven and earth will pass away but you can never pass away. From the beginning the world opposed you but you mightily triumphed over everything.

- St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1577-1622) Martyr, Patron of the poor, Feast Day April 24

Collections for – April 14, 2024

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering	\$3879.05
Other collection	\$ 2562.95

	\$6442.00



645-9pm Mondays.
Bi- weekly. Check schedule.

Apr 27- Pasta Dinner
Apr 29- L/T Social
May 8-L/T Mtg, 7-9pm



Grades 6 - 8. Mondays
645 - 830pm
Bi-weekly. Check schedule.

Apr 27- Pasta Dinner
May 1-Edge Mtg, 7-9pm
May 6- Edge-Pinky promise



Or



PASTA DINNER
Saturday April 27, 6:15pm onwards

Penne - with choice of Italian Sausage cooked in onions and Sweet Peppers

or

Meatballs with tomato sauce

Plus

Garlic Bread, Fresh Garden Salad & Dessert

Coffee, Tea and drinks

12 years and up - \$25

Under 12 - \$20

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Tickets will be available after weekend masses or from the office during the week.



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Catholic Education Week – May 5-10, 2024,
“We Are Called To Love.”

During Catholic Education Week (May 5 – 10, 2024), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God’s love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca.

Introduction of new Mass

We would be introducing a **6:00PM Mass** on **experimental basis** for a period of **one year**, beginning **July 7, 2024**, at St Paul’s. We will closely monitor attendance and gather feedback from parishioners and evaluate the impact. At the end of 1 year, we will assess whether the mass has effectively served the congregation and whether it should be permanently incorporated in our schedule.

Horizon of Hope – A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care

We are looking for parishioners/volunteers to lead the program.

Please see the insert letter from Most Reverend Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto.

In brief- This program is designed to help people make informed decisions regarding end-of-life issues and the broader issues of suffering and our response as family, friends and Catholic Christians. You will also find information on how to register for two-part webinar. If you are interested, you may attend sessions on April 25 and May 2. This needs to be someone or a team who can assist in implementing the Horizons of Hope program in the Parish. You may register at bit.ly/HOHW-RegisterAprMay2024



4th Sunday of Easter - April 21, 2024

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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 Redemptoris Mater 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 at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



Our Parishes of St. Paul &

Immaculate Conception

are looking for Lay Readers and Ministers of Communion for our weekend Masses. If you are interested and want to make good use of your talents, please contact **Mike Crowley @ 705-220-1309**.

A great way to serve the Lord.....

Thank You!! The Columbian Squires wish to thank the parishioners of both Immaculate Conception and St. Paul for their generosity and support during the recent Food Drive over Holy Week and Easter. A goal of 100 pounds had been set which was surpassed with a total of **271 pounds** being collected and delivered last week to the Alliston Food Bank.

Please stay tuned to the bulletin for future events.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!! The Knights of Columbus 50/50 Lottery Draw takes place in less than two weeks -**April 28, 2024**, so don't MISS OUT on your chance to win the grand prize that is estimated at over \$13,600 and still growing. The proceeds of the lottery are used in support of the many local and provincial charities that the Knights of Columbus sponsor. Tickets may be purchased online at knightsofcolumbusalliston.ca or from any member.



4 April 2024

My Dear Brother Priests,

Last Fall and specifically at the October Priests' Seminar as a presbyterate we examined questions surrounding death, dying, and the current practice being promoted known as Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID). We focused on *Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care*, which was designed to help people make informed decisions regarding end-of-life issues, and the broader issues of suffering and our response as family, friends and Catholic Christians.

Palliative care options and education are not just for the elderly who are faced with making a difficult and personal decision. As a community of faith, everyone is involved, and we need to support one another. Children, adults, those with a "life-limiting" diagnosis, and the friends and families who have contact with these persons all need to know the Gospel of Life and the Church's teachings for themselves or those whom they love. Recent legislative attempts to broaden the definition of who "qualifies" for MAID makes it clear that we need to reach out to the suffering, to be compassionate communities rooted in God's mercy and love, to bring Our Lord's message of hope to our people and the world.

As a follow up to the Priests' Seminar in 2023, we are offering a two-part webinar series that will orient participants to Horizons of Hope. They will be led by Dr. Moira McQueen and Sr. Mary Rowell, CSJ on April 25 and May 2, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. I am asking Pastors to please consider three action items to prepare for these webinars:

1. Ask at least one parishioner/volunteer to attend both sessions (April 25 and May 2). This needs to be someone or a team who can assist in implementing the Horizons of Hope program in the Parish. They may register at bit.ly/HOHW-RegisterAprMay2024.
2. Think about how best this program can be implemented in your parish. Perhaps it would be better to collaborate with a neighbouring parish, or even cluster several parishes. You will need to discern this possibility with your team and faithful.
3. In addition to implementing Horizons of Hope perhaps you want to include it as part of other parish initiatives and outreach programs, what might that look like?

The webinars will be offered again on October 3 and 10, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. if you wish to send participants at that time.

I would like to thank the Pastors and all priests in parishes, healthcare institutions and other specialized ministries who labour so diligently in the vineyard of Our Lord for undertaking this important life-long project. As shepherds our goal is to tend to our people with care, compassion, and understanding. Fear, foreboding, and apprehension need not dictate our response as we navigate our way home to Our Lord or give witness to the inalienable dignity of life. We have a message of hope and love that must be communicated, and people who are in need of our care and to know the benefits of palliative care as well as the morally unacceptable practice of euthanasia and assisted suicide. Thank you in advance for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary,

Most Reverend Francis Leo
Archbishop of Toronto

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