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4th Sunday of Easter April 21st, 2024

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:11)

This familiar passage about the good shepherd calls to mind soothing images from children's books that portray Jesus as a gentle shepherd carrying a lamb on his shoulders. But Jesus

paints a much more powerful picture. His good shepherd is a protector; he watches over and guards his sheep. He doesn't sit by passively when predators approach; he acts swiftly to keep his flock safe. He doesn't flee or abandon them; he stands his ground and defends them (John 10:12). He even "lays down his life for the sheep" (10:11).

We know, of course, that Jesus is talking about himself. He is a shepherd unlike the "shepherds" of Israel. In the previous chapter of John's Gospel, the Jewish leaders responded to Jesus' miraculous healing by casting out the formerly blind man from the synagogue (9:34). Jesus offered healing and revelation to God's people, yet these shepherds both rejected him themselves and prevented their "sheep" from receiving the abundant life that Jesus came to give them (10:10). In contrast, Jesus sought out the healed man, comforted him, and led him to faith (9:35-38). This is what a good shepherd does.

Jesus is not just "the" good shepherd; he is *your* good shepherd! Unlike a hired hand who works only for pay, Jesus is moved by a deep love for you. His love is so fierce that he freely, gladly offered his life on the cross for his sheep. For us. For you.

Today, rejoice that your good shepherd is guarding and protecting you. He is leading you securely along the perilous paths of life. He is defending you against the wolves and thieves that seek to "steal and slaughter and destroy" you (John 10:10). He is giving you new life that he won by laying down his life and taking it up again in his resurrection (10:18). He will never forsake you.

"Thank you, Jesus, for being my strong good shepherd!" (Excerpt from The **WORD** Among Us)



Collective Memorial Mass

We would like to invite our parishioners to the Collective Memorial Masses on the Last

Friday of the month at 7 p.m. on the following dates: **April 26, May 31, June 28, September 27, October 25 and November 29, 2024.** To register the names of your loved ones, please send us an email or contact our office a week before the Mass date.

MASS INTENTIONS April 22nd to April 27th

Mon., April 22nd, St. Leonidas, St. Opportuna

Antonio & Maria Meffe & Perrino & Meffe Families

Danny Partenio

Adelina Toscano & Family

Tue., April 23rd, St. George, St. Adalbert

Philip Di Gregorio Raffaela & Nicola Aversa Bruna Di Palma & Concetta Capone

Wed., April 24th, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Angela Maria Calvi Alfonso Gallucci Amelio Colalillo

Thur., April 25th, St. Mark, Evangelist

Giacomo, Vincenzo & Angela Cappiello Helen & Joe Franczak Gerry Mamone

Fri., April 26th, O.L. of Good Counsel, St. Alda

Giacomino Comella Agata Cosentino

In Thanksgiving: Grace & Fernando Fanzutti & Family

Sat., April 27th, St. Zita of Lucca

John & Ivanka Bancic Dorothy Lilian Lowry Pjeter & Lize Perdeda



On May 4 and 5 after all Masses, the **Knights of Columbus** will be giving out **Roses for Life to support Right to Life**.

Donations are welcome.



The Lord is Risen Alleluia!

Resurrection and Salvation will be the topics for the month of April on radiomaria.ca Every Thursday at 9pm or Saturday at 2pm

Please click On Air Live / English Canada.

Join parishioners Mariangela & Nick for *Jesus with Us: Reflections of Joy*. An inspirational hour discussing the Power or the Resurrection and the Graces God shares with us for the salvation of our souls to be with Jesus in eternity. A time to deepen our faith with Bible passages and reflections on the resurrection.



Our Lady of Pompei - Committee of Toronto

Our Lady of Pompei Committee invites all parishioners to join them for Holy Mass, Rosary and Supplication to Our Lady of Pompei on **Wednesday**

May 8th, 2024. The Recitation of the Holy Rosary begins at 6:30 pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 pm.



<u>ALL SAINTS PARISH 60th</u> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION(S):

<u>SUNDAY JUNE 16TH</u> - All Saints Parish will be celebrating 60 years as a Community of Faith. On this occasion, His Excellency Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating at the 11:30am Mass. Following the Saturday evening Mass on June 15th, and all Masses on Sunday June 16th, parishioners are invited into the parish hall for an anniversary celebration. Finger foods will be served. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners on this very special weekend!

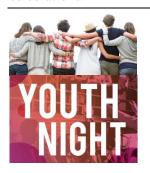
<u>SUNDAY JUNE 23RD</u> - a GALA DINNER at the Weston Golf & Country Club will be held to formally mark this occasion (limited tickets available).

TICKET SALES FOR GALA DINNER:

Tickets are \$125.00 per person. This includes antipasto, pasta, chicken supreme/salmon, assorted vegetables, salad, dessert, coffee, pop, red & white wine. Cash bar. <u>Tickets will be sold on a first come</u>, first served basis beginning the weekend of <u>May 4th/May 5th</u>. Tickets cannot be reserved without payment.

PICTURES - FAMILY PHOTOS/MINISTRY PHOTOS/PARISH GROUP PHOTOS:

There will be a professional photographer in the parish hall Sat May 4th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm and Sunday May 5th from 8:00am to 2:00pm to take pictures of our parish's families. The photographer will also be available the weekend of May 11th/May 12th. Same times as above. This is a memento that we would like to provide for each of our parishioners. All you need to do is to show up with your family. No appointments necessary. At a later date, you will be able to download or print the pictures. These photos will be displayed on a video that will be shown during our two celebrations.



Youth Social Night

We will be hosting a Youth social night in the Parish Hall on **Sunday**May 5th at 6:00pm. All youth aged 16+ are welcomed to attend and food will be served. Please contact David Morassutti

(morassuttidm@gmail.com) for more information.







Little Saints - for students in Grades 2 - 4

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https://allsaintset.archtoronto.org/en/our-ministries/youth-ministry/



Pre-Registration for Sacraments 2024-2025

(Baptism children ages 4-7, First

Communion & Confirmation) opens May 1st to August 30. More information on our website at:

https://allsaintset.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/sacramentalpreparation/



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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 parishioners have contributed \$31,834.50 toward our goal of \$158,000.00.



Join us for our 48th Magnificat Breakfast hosted by Mary, Cause of our Joy Toronto

Chapter: Saturday May 25, 2024 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

St. Benedict Church, 2194 Kipling Ave. Etobicoke. Doors open at 9:00 am. Registration \$35 at

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For Inquiries Call Feiona: 416-846-4068 or email magnificat.toronto.chapter@gmail.com

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or deaconate, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca

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