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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – April 21, 2024



Apr. 23rd - Apr. 27th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. –

Wed. 8:30 a.m. –

Thurs. Noon - Teresa Quigley †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. – Royden Richards †

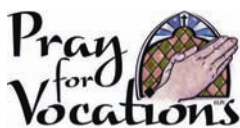
Sat. 4:30 p.m. –

READINGS FOR – April 28th

1st Reading: Acts 9.26-31

2nd Reading: 1 John 3.18-24

Gospel: John 15.1-8



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS April 21, 2024

World Day of Prayer is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, societies of apostolic life, or secular institutes, especially for our diocese.



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through Catholic agencies

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 Redemptories 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 Redemptories Mater Missionary Seminary.

This Sunday we celebrate the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There has never been a better time to support and pray for our seminarians. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

**Next weekend, April 28th, is ShareLife Sunday
Please give generously**

The Word This Week

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God."

Have you ever deeply pondered on the fact that you are a child of God? If we allow it, this mystery can ignite a mystical journey from this moment forward. Letting the reality of our true identity settle into our hearts is a magnificent grace – one that can free and empower us. It can remind us that as God's children, we are precious.

There are many who are not so fortunate as we, who either through no fault of their own or through their own fault do not hear his voice and do not know or follow him. This is an opportunity he gives us to show how we appreciate all he has done for us. He died on the cross for all. He wills all to profit by his death, and his statement "them also I must bring" is a direct appeal to us to cooperate with him in this work. Every Christian is a missionary. The very fact of living the Christian life in its entirety, in the midst of our brothers and sisters, is of itself a powerful example to outsiders. It influences for good the lax Christian and the non-Christian. It makes them stop and think and look into their consciences. This is generally the first step on the road back to God.

God promises us a greater love than we can imagine. As the ultimate sign of this, he sent Christ into the world to call us. During this Easter season and today on World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray that Jesus' message will be embraced by all people searching for immortal and timeless love.

EWTN

Learn more about your Faith during this special time of the year. EWTN has movies, documentaries, children's programming and more to help you grow in your spiritual life. Get program details at ewtn.com

Please take time to check out our Bulletin Board for

upcoming events and programs available to our parishioners.



Students from the Parish will receive the Sacramental graces of Confirmation this Sunday afternoon. The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are Sacraments of Initiation. Confirmandi are invited to share more deeply in the grace received at Baptism. They are strengthened in their faith and fully take their place as members of the Church. Pope Paul VI explained: "The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life." Let us rejoice with the Confirmandi, their parents and guests as we celebrate this beautiful Sacrament.



**Bundle Up
For the Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul!**
May 18th and May 19th

St. Vincent de Paul will leave a truck in our parking lot for the weekend and it will be staffed by our Knights of Columbus. Please save any gently used clothing, shoes and linens that you would like to donate. Please check out the bulletin board for more information.



Day of Reflection and Prayer for the Bereaved

Saturday, May 4, 2024
9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual
Renewal Centre

*"Where is God in my pain?
How is God working in my
grief?"*

**Facilitated by Sister Claire Marchal and
Mary Hyland.**

Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey. This day of reflection is open to men & women. 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: Please call Mary Hyland at 905-441-0957

**SUPPORT YOUR
PARISH**



Thank you for being an active and valued member of the church. Being an active member shows your commitment to the Lord and your local community. An important tenet of our faith is giving and generosity. When you give, you invite abundance and blessings back into your life. The reality is that our parishes rely on the support of their parishioners to operate. Your regular donations ensure that the church can manage its staff, programs and ongoing operating costs. It will be a challenge for a parish to maintain operations without the usual weekly offertory collection.

- Drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office.
- Contribute through pre-authorized giving if your parish offers it. You can obtain a form from your parish office. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.

If you have any questions we'll be pleased to assist in our Development Office at the Arch. of Toronto, 416-934-3400, ext. 540.

Ministry with Maturing Adults

Inviting Men and Women (50+)

Thursday, May 2nd at 10:00 am

Zoom Presentation by

Juanita Butler, CHATS Counsellor

**"AMBIGUOUS LOSS & GRIEF
WITH DEMENTIA"**

Topics you will learn about:

- What is Dementia, Really!
- Accepting the losses
- Understanding the disease
- Recognizing Loss and Grief
- Support someone with Dementia ...

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