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Sheep and Shepherds

Jesus the Good Shepherd

John 10.11-18

This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Jesus shepherds us, His flock, by protecting us from any ravaging dangers, helping us stay in the fold and seeking us when we're lost. We as sheep must listen to and obey His voice. There is a familiarity and closeness between a shepherd and his sheep, and so too, there is an intimacy between Jesus and us.



As stewards, we are called to imitate Jesus in all ways, including His role as shepherd. We all have people in our lives we are called to look out for, whether it be our families, friends or fellow parishioners. The most important step in effectively shepherding others is to first become a holy sheep in Jesus' flock. We must seek to grow in prayer and virtue, and through that flows the grace to journey with others heavenward.

Within this call for all of us to be shepherds, God gives a special grace to particular men to more closely imitate the Good Shepherd through the vocation of priesthood. In regards to vocations, Jesus gives us only one instruction: "to pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He may send more labourers" (Matthew 9:38). Therefore, all of us have a role to play in fostering vocations. God continues to call priests, and through our prayers we can help young men answer the call. One great practice we can adopt is praying one Hail Mary every day for an increase in vocations.

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Summary

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~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~



This week
The Sanctuary Lamp
is dedicated
For the repose of the soul of
BETTY RYAN

requested by

Christopher Savandranajagan



Mass
Intentions

Monday, April 22nd

12:05 pm † Morgan Leithwood
requested by the Chapman family

Tuesday, April 23rd

12:05 pm

Wednesday, April 24th

12:05 pm † Alfredo Potal
requested by Thelma Potal

Thursday, April 25th

12:05 pm In thanksgiving for Lettemacol-Habtu. Nazaret & Yonatan Kiflu
requested by Lettemical Habtu

Friday, April 26th

12:05 pm For the healing & blessings for Lettemacol-Habtu
requested by Nazaret Kiflu

Saturday, April 27th

9:00 am † Deceased members of the Barit family
requested by Trinidad Barit

5:00 pm † Cynthia Rojas
requested by Cora Buggea & family

Sunday, April 28th

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

11:00 am † Michael & Dominic D'Cunha
requested by Annie D'Cunha & family



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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 diaconate, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

SVP Bundle Up Weekend May 4th/5th



It is that time of the year again! Please consider donating your gently used items this spring for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Weekend on May 4th and 5th. We are pleased to accept clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, draperies and NEW toys for use in the Society's programs and services to help those in need. A truck will be in the parking lot before and after mass to receive your donation. Please tie your donation bags for easier handling.

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MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

Join our Mary, Cause of our Joy, Toronto Chapter for our 48th Magnificat breakfast. Treat your mother, sister, colleague or friend to an inspirational morning that includes a hot breakfast, praise and worship led by our spirit-filled music ministry, a personal testimony of the transforming love of Christ in the life of an invited speaker. Priests are available for women wishing to avail themselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Date & time: Saturday May 25, 2024
9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Place: St. Benedict Parish Hall, 2194 Kipling Ave.
Etobicoke, ON [Doors open at 9:00 am]

Guest Speaker: Mariela Sol Torroba Hennigen
Registration: \$35

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Martyrs' Shrine 2024 Spring Gala June 12th, 2024 | 5:30 – 9:00 pm

The Martyrs' Shrine of Midland is holding a historic Gala Dinner in Toronto in support of its 100-year renewal of the church and grounds. Join Archbishop Francis Leo, the Jesuit Fathers, and the St. Michael's Boys Choir for this special event on Wednesday, June 12th. Tickets are available at:



<https://martyrs-shrine.com/spring-gala/>

BLUE CANDLE INFORMATION



The 5-day blue candle can now be obtained in the sacristy of the church. Kindly place your offering of \$5.00 in the black mailbox located at the entrance of the sacristy; and pick up your candle.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Vespers Celebrating St. Gregory of Narek as 'Abbot and Doctor of the Catholic Church'

St. Gregory of Narek, a revered saint in the Oriental Orthodox Church, has recently come into our Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Join Archbishop Francis Leo and Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan (Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Canada) who will co-preside at a jointly prepared Armenian Vespers to celebrate this remarkable event on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 6 p.m., hosted at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church on 920 Progress Ave., Scarborough, Ont. M1G 3T5. A wide representation of church leaders in the Greater Toronto Area is expected at this event.



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