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Imitating the Good Shepherd

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures."

These are the beautiful opening verses of Psalm 23 which describes God as a shepherd taking care of His people. One attribute of shepherds that is especially poignant is how hard they labour for the good of their flock. Faithful shepherds will journey with their flock, seek out the lost sheep and defend them from any ravaging predators. Jesus does this as well, labouring for us so that we may reach our eternal home where we will rest in His love.



As Christians, we are called to imitate Christ in all things including being a shepherd. We too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. To be a shepherd is essentially to be a good steward. As stewards, we offer ourselves and our gifts for the good of others, especially our parish communities. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how he labours for us.

One practice we can adopt, especially on this world day of prayer for vocations, is to encourage and pray daily for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that, "stewardship parishes report an ... increase in religious and priestly vocations." Let us play our part as stewards and begin to share our gifts for the good of the Church.

Summary

Faithful shepherds labour for their flock by journeying with them, seeking out the lost sheep and defending them from any ravaging predators. As Christians, we are called to imitate Christ in all things including being a shepherd, which means we too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how he labours for us.



This week
The Sanctuary Lamp
is dedicated
**For the Deceased members of
The Cardoz family**
requested by
Domnic Cardoz

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 27th

12:05 pm In thanksgiving & in honour of St. Peter Canisius
requested by the Ferreira family

Tuesday, April 28th

12:05 pm † Reynaldo Tecson on his 2nd yr. death anniversary
requested by the Sevilla family

Wednesday, April 29th

12:05 pm In thanksgiving & in honour of the Holy Trinity
requested by Domnic Cardoz

Thursday, April 30th

12:05 pm † Vicky Luis on her 7th year death anniversary
requested by Francis Luis & children

First Friday, May 1st

12:05 pm In thanksgiving & in honour of St. Joseph
requested by the Ferreira family

First Saturday, May 2nd

9:00 am † Ibrahim Murcus
requested by the Shearham family

5:00 pm † In remembrance of Felix Hipolito on his death anniversary
requested by Jesus and Judith Hipolito

Sunday, May 3rd – 5th Sunday of Easter

9:00 am † Eduardo Gotera
requested by the Gotera family

11:00 am For the People of the Parish

BOOK BARROW EVENT



This event will be held by the Legion of Mary
after all Sunday Masses next weekend.



Borrow book for free!
**Deepen your faith, learn about saints
and more !**

A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a “Day With Mary” taking place on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Villanova College in King



City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children’s catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more.

There is no fee to register – this is a free event open to all. Registration will open from April 8 until May 15: <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>. Complete information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the rosary on the 1st Friday and every Friday at 11:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 12:05 pm, and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet immediately following the Mass.



CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Congratulations to: Adrienne Dias, Andrew Valera, Arabella Torado, Darianne Galang, Dreden Bowyer, Edward Gamet, Jace Castiel Delgado, Jakob Gregg, Liam McKinney-Munro, Linus Dias, Mariah Rabara, Mason Manning, Naomi Niel, Reid Lamsen, Samantha Drago, Scarlett McConnell, Sedrick Reyes, Sofia Esguerra, & Willow Wiley in this monumental step in their faith journey.

PRAYER:

Holy Spirit, strengthen our confirmandi with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, as they serve as disciples of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they can count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help

**Come,
Holy Spirit**

one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet.

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting gently used clothing, beddings, footwear and new toys only during the weekend of May 2-3. A truck and volunteers will be present before and after the Saturday and Sunday masses. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept other types of goods at this time. We thank you

for bringing your items on the designated weekend only, as there is no dedicated storage space in the church. Thank you for your support and God bless you for your generosity!



1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION



Our Lady of Fatima devotion will take place next week Saturday and every 1st Saturday of the month following the 9 am Mass.

Join us!

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

Join our Mary, Cause of our Joy, Toronto Chapter for our 52nd 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: Saturday May 30, 2026

TIME: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

PLACE: St. Benedict Parish Hall
2194 Kipling Ave. Etobicoke, ON

Doors open at 9:00 am

Guest Speaker: Rachel Martinez

Registration: \$35

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