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Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

Sunday, April 23

- 9:00 a.m. +Lidinila San Juan
- 10:30 a.m. +Harrison Paras
- 12:15 p.m. +Perlita C. Rivera

Monday, April 24

No Mass

Tuesday, April 25

- 8:00 a.m. +Maxima Paa

Wednesday, April 26

- 7:00 p.m. Jessica Borromeo (I) Thanksgiving

Thursday, April 27

- 8:00 a.m. +Mohamed Saleh

Friday, April 28

- 8:00 a.m. +Jose Bautista

Saturday, April 29

- 9:00 a.m. +Patsy Raymond
- 4:30 p.m. +Veronica Marie Ball

Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023

Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called - as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact **Rev. Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997;**



email **vocations@archtoronto.org** or call **Rev. Glass** at 416-757-2806 or at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org for more information.

Next Week Readings

4th Sunday of Easter

Jesus the Good Shepherd

1st Reading: Acts 2.14a, 36b-41

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2.20b-25

Gospel: John 10.14

Immitating the Good Shepherd

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Pastoral accompaniment

I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. — Jeremiah 23:21

The prophet Jeremiah thus proclaims God’s rebuke of the false prophets of his day who were lulling the people into complacency rather than calling them to repentance:

They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, ‘It shall be well with you’, and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you’.

These words of the prophet were brought to mind by the recent effusions of an American Cardinal, advocating for the redefinition of sexual morality: “Church teaching,” he said, “must be rooted in the actual life situations of people today. The ‘pastoral’ cannot be eclipsed by the ‘doctrinal’.”

This approach is similar to the way that dictionaries have changed from being ‘prescriptive’ to ‘descriptive.’ They no longer *prescribe* ‘correct’ English usage; they now *describe* how people actually speak and write. Some prominent churchmen take the same approach to Christian morality. Rather than encourage people to live moral lives, they find it easier to simply redefine morality.

In the late middle ages, ‘nominalism’ was the notion that acts were not good or evil in themselves, but only with respect to God’s commands. Our modern nominalists hold that moral acts are evaluated only with respect to the latest declarations of a Pope or Synod. If a German Synod says that same-sex unions can be ‘blessed’ then that settles it. What God has said about the matter hardly matters at all.

It is fashionable, but deceitful, to oppose the ‘pastoral’ to the ‘doctrinal,’ as if morality can be separated from truth. The word ‘pastoral’ comes from the Latin ‘pastor’, literally ‘shepherd.’ God has some harsh words for shepherds who condone immorality and fail to lead their people in the way of virtue: “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord.”

St. Augustine dealt with this same issue 1600 years ago: You tell me that a good God would not reprove people, but would rather be indulgent and pardon everybody (i.e., be pastoral and accompany everybody). Because you are unjust, you want to make God unjust, too. God wants to make you like Him, but you are trying to make God like you. You are all twisted, so you want God to be twisted, too. Instead, you ought to correct yourself and align your heart along that straight rule from which you are now all warped and twisted.



Confirmation Classes 2023



Classes continues on **Saturday, April 22 & 29 at 3:00 pm in the church hall.**

Attendance is **mandatory** for all the meetings. Weekly participation in the Sunday Eucharist - here or in another church - is mandatory.

First Holy Communion 2022-2023

The First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 07 at 2:00 pm. Rehearsal would be on Saturday, April 29 at 10:00 am in the church. If you question about the celebration please don't hesitate to contact the office at 416-757-2806. Children Liturgy Meeting continues Sunday at 10:30 am. Thank you.



SHARE LIFE CAMPAIGN 2023



Next week, we will be holding the second collection in our parish's ShareLife campaign. As Catholics, we are called to care for one another – and especially for those in need. One of the ways we do this is through our support of ShareLife. We express this love and care by supporting the work of ShareLife-funded agencies. Through their programs and services, we are able to fulfill this commandment. We ask for your kind generosity and support once again. Our goal of **[\$31,000.00]**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for “living the Gospel” through our parish ShareLife campaign.

DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2023



New Parishioners are encouraged to register and get their personal box of envelopes at the back of the church. Please don't forget to fill out the registration form so that at the end of the year your contributions will be acknowledged with a tax receipt. Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Baptism Preparation for April 2023

A meeting for parents and godparents in preparation for baptism, will take place on **Friday, April 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm** in the church hall (stage room). Baptism Celebration will be on **Saturday, May 06, 2023 at 10:30 am.**



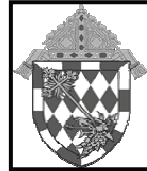
INFANT JESUS NOVENA-2023

Novena 1- Wed. **Apr 26** at 6:00 pm
Novena 2- Wed. **May 24** at 6:00 pm
Novena 3- Wed. **June 28** at 6:00 pm
Novena 4- Wed. **July 26** at 6:00 pm



The Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague is celebrated on Wednesday, Jan 17, 2024.

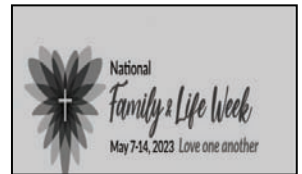
Catholic Education Week ... 2023



We invite all our parishioners to join in celebrating **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2023**, which runs from **April 30 to May 06**. For more than 167 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, nurturing the gifts and talents of every student. We celebrate the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools provide, giving thanks and offering our prayers for all those who faithfully journey with our young people each day. This year's theme for this special week is: *We, who are many, are one body in Christ and individually we are members, one of another*” (Romans 12:5) For more related information visit online this site: www.goodnewsforall.ca. Let us pray for all educators and students, giving thanks to God for those who with faithful fidelity spread the Good News.

National Family And life Week

May 07-14, 2023



Inspired by Pope Francis's enthusiastic message, the 2023 celebration of the National Week for Life and the Family has for its theme Jesus' words **“Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (John 13:34)**. This annual Week of prayer, reflection, and action dedicated to family and life is meant to be a springboard for greater attention to the pastoral care for persons in our local faith communities. Guided by the action-oriented words of the Gospel of John, the CCCB invites all of the baptized faithful to witness to the Church's accompaniment of families. Together, let us recognize the challenges that affect families today and discover concrete and creative ways to support and accompany one another in tenderness, joy, and love as a family of families.

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