

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY / YEAR B

The image of the good shepherd is the image of a person who cares. He is not like the other, “who has no concern.” He takes the time to get to know others, and he cares so much that he will even give his life for others. We belong to a church populated by caring individuals who give their lives for others: priests and nuns martyred in El Salvador; missionaries struggling in the remotest parts of the world; peace activists challenging the consciences of nations; sisters caring lovingly for the sick and dying. What would happen if all of us genuinely cared about our brothers and sisters who are hungry, homeless, victimized, suffering, and impoverished? Wouldn't the consequences be monumental if everyone in the Christian community became a good shepherd?

Today is the feast of St. Mark which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.

TODAY IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: APRIL 25

The sheep follow the Good Shepherd because they recognize his voice. (cf John 10:4)

“The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a “cage” or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch.” ~ Pope Francis

Today on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in constant concern in the hearts of God's people. ~ From the 2020-2021 Ordo

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2021

LIVING THE GOSPEL BY SUPPORTING VOCATIONS

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. Your gift to ShareLife is investing in our Church's future by supporting 54 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in the current academic year.

Last Sunday was our first ShareLife collection. Thank you very much for supporting the campaign. So far, we have raised **\$3,600** toward our goal of **\$27,500**.

ShareLife supports vocations. Your gift to ShareLife is investing in our Church's future. Today is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. With your generous support of ShareLife, we can continue to invest in the education of our future clergy.

Please consider donating to ShareLife through our online portal: community.archtoronto.org/page.aspx?pid=443 or by dropping off your donation at the Parish office Monday to Friday. Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

WSIB NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Every year, on April 28th, we pay our respects to, and remember, the thousands of workers who have been killed, injured or have suffered illness as a result of work-related incidents. On this day we also honour the many families and friends who have been deeply affected by these tragedies. Every worker has the right to return home safe and sound at the end of each workday.

A short video was created in honour of this day: www.wsibdayofmourning.ca/

FEAST DAY OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA: THURSDAY, APRIL 29

Prayer can be difficult these days, especially with social media, twenty-four-hour news coverage, and being constantly “connected” makes it hard to be still and know God. That is why we can turn to the fourteenth-century Dominican mystic **Saint Catherine of Siena** who can help us when we come up against roadblocks to prayer.

Please join us on our St. Brigid's Facebook page as we celebrate the Feast Day of this great Saint. The Mass will be livestreamed at 12 Noon.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER & INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY: MAY 1

On May 1st, International Workers' Day is celebrated in many countries. On this day we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker. St. Joseph the Worker reminds us to recognize the value of human work, to defend the dignity of working people, and encourage all to be responsible in their work. On this day, we celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.

Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary, and had the Son of God as your fellow worker. Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given me to support. Teach me to see in my fellow workers the Christ who desires to be in them, that I may always be charitable and forbearing towards all. Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith, so that I shall recognize in it my share in God's own creative activity and in Christ's work of our redemption, and so take pride in it. When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to give thanks to God for it. And when it is burdensome, teach me to offer it to God, in reparation for my sins and the sins of the world.

FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: THURSDAY, MAY 13

We invite you to join us for a special Mass in honour of Our Lady of Fatima on **Thursday, May 13th at 12:00 Noon**. The Mass will be livestreamed through our Facebook page.

PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS OFFERED THROUGH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

Discover many ministry formation opportunities within the Archdiocese of Toronto such as Bereavement, Catechesis,

Family Life, Liturgy, Maturing Adults, Parish Vitality & Stewardship, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Sick & Homebound, and Theology of the Body. Please visit: www.archtoronto.org/en/our-community/programs--workshops/

PRAYER IN TIMES OF NEED

Excerpt from Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family

For those in need: almighty God, keep them in your love and make us generous in responding to those in need. Lord God, we turn to you in all our troubles and praise you in all our joys. Hear our prayer this day and see our need. Give us the strength and courage that flows from your Spirit to follow your Son, Jesus, in the way of the cross. Send us your support and let us experience it in the generosity and support of others. Glory and praise to you, God of mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on April 18th was **\$2,930.00**. Please remember St. Brigid's Parish in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.).

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DOMENICA DEL BUON PASTORE / ANNO B

Il dinamismo della potenza divina e liberatrice del Risorto, in forza del «nome di Gesù Cristo», continua ad agire attraverso coloro che egli ha costituito pastori della sua Chiesa perché, nel suo nome, conducano gli uomini alla salvezza. È in questa prospettiva che Pietro afferma la necessità dell'unico gregge sotto un solo pastore: «In nessun altro c'è salvezza». Uno solo è il Pastore perché uno solo, Dio, ha la capacità che serve per amare in modo totalmente gratuito anche quando non viene ascoltato, anche quando non viene seguito! Solo Lui è così libero da amare senza chiedere alcuna contropartita, senza che gliene torni nulla in cambio: nonostante tutto Lui ama e continua ad amare e a sperare nella conversione, nel cambiamento di direzione, di vita, delle sue pecore.

OGGI È LA GIORNATA DI PREGHIERA PER LE VOCAZIONI: 25 APRILE

Ascoltare, discernere, vivere la chiamata del Signore: questi i tre atteggiamenti che, nel messaggio, il Papa indica necessari per scoprire ciò che Dio vuole da ciascuno di noi. Ascoltare perché Dio si fa sentire in modo discreto, senza imporsi e “può capitare che la sua voce rimanga soffocata da tutto ciò che occupa la nostra mente e il nostro cuore.

SHARELIFE 2021

SOSTIENI LE VOCAZIONI ATTRAVERSO SHARELIFE

Sostenendo ShareLife, aiuti a formare i nostri futuri sacerdoti. Con il tuo dono a ShareLife si aiuta ad investire nel futuro della nostra Chiesa sostenendo i 54 seminaristi del Seminario di Sant'Agostino e del Seminario Missionario Redemptoris Mater durante questo anno accademico. L'obiettivo della nostra parrocchia è di raccogliere: **\$27,500**. Fino ad oggi, abbiamo raccolto: **\$3,600**.

PREGHIERA A SANTA CATERINA

O Caterina irresistibile Santa, alla tua parola, non resistevano i cuori dei peccatori, e neppure il Cielo alla tua fede ardente e alle tue insistenti preghiere. Come allora, anche oggi facci sentire il potere della tua intercessione, confermare la pace tra gli uomini, liberare gli oppressi dalle ingiustizie o avversità d'ogni genere, confortare e sanare i malati dell'anima e del corpo. Prega per la pace di tutto il mondo per l'unità e la fedeltà del popolo di Dio al supremo Pastore e per il bene della patria nostra. E ricordati di me, che ti invoco con fiducia sapendo che non abbandoni nelle difficoltà coloro che ti considerano come Madre e Maestra.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare del 18 Aprile e' stata **\$2,930.00**. Per favore, ricordate la nostra parrocchia nel vostro testamento. Avete mai pensato che la vostra parrocchia puo' essere “il terzo figlio della carità” nel vostro testamento?

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENZIONI DELLA MESSA

Saturday, April 24th ~ St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

9:00 a.m. *Special Blessing for Healing for Pasquale Frasca*

5:00 p.m. For all the Deceased Members of our Parish Community

Sunday, April 25th ~ World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**

9:45 a.m. +Antonina, Carmelo & Tindaro Gumina, req. by the Family
+Carmelo Palandra, req. by the Family

11:00 a.m. *Special Blessing for Healing for Sofia, req. by Tina Morlando*

+Giovanni Michele & John Cusma, req. by Carmela Cusma
+Giovanni & Bartolo Basile, req. by Bartolo & Giovanna Basile
+Francesco, Marianna & Maria Luisa Basile,
req. by Bartolo & Giovanna Basile
+Margherita Brancato, req. by Donato & Giovanna Filardi
+Grazietta Meli, req. by the Parish

Monday, April 26th

12:00 p.m. +Andrew Tay, req. by Theresa Tay & Family

Tuesday, April 27th

12:00 p.m. For all the Deceased Members of our Parish Community

Wednesday, April 28th ~ St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Grignon

12:00 p.m. *Special Birthday Blessing for:*
Jim Barnes & Monica Crum Ewing

Thursday, April 29th ~ St. Catherine of Siena

12:00 p.m. For all the Living and Deceased Members of the former St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Friday, April 30th ~ St. Marie de L'Incarnation

12:00 p.m. *Special Blessing for Healing for all those suffering with COVID*

Saturday, May 1st ~ St. Joseph the Worker

9:00 a.m. +Christina David, req. by the Parish

5:00 p.m. +Bud McKenzie, req. by Wilomena McKenzie
+Edward Flood, req. by Mary Flood

God our Father, we bring before you today those who suffer from illness or disability—those whose lives are profoundly affected by their illness. When they feel fragile and broken, remind them that you call them by name and hold them in the palm of your hand. **We pray for all those suffering from illnesses, for their families, their friends, and for those who care for them.**