



4th Sunday of Easter – A



The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd has strengthened Christians through the centuries. Today's liturgy helps us to understand its meaning for the mature Christian life. Peter's homily in Acts recounts the stages of an adult's Christian initiation in the early Church: hearing Christ preached, responding with sorrow for sin, the reception of baptism and the Spirit. In John's gospel and the psalm we recognize our own experience of Christ: he is shepherd, guide and giver of life to each of us, for he has our best interests at heart. Giving ourselves into his keeping satisfies our deepest longing. We are called to return his love with the community of believers who share Jesus' life. But we must not expect to be protected from hardship and pain, Peter's letter reminds us. Jesus has provided an example. He bore patiently the effects of our sin in order to heal us, dying for his flock to lead us to the fullness of Easter joy. Mature Christians try to imitate the selfless love of Christ the Lord, our true shepherd.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4th Sunday of Easter – May 07, 2017

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux** at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Fr. Victor** on 416-757-2806 or at olfatima@rogers.com for more information.



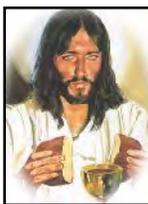
Next Sunday, May 14 is ...

MOTHER'S DAY

Remember all mothers in your prayers

Please REMEMBER!

Congratulations! This Sunday we welcome the 78 boys and girls who received Holy Communion for the first time yesterday. Keep joining us on Sunday at the table of the Lord here in church as we celebrate the Eucharist. This weekend [May 6/7] there is **NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY** meeting; and no meeting for the next two weekends – due to **MOTHER'S DAY** [May 14] and the long holiday weekend for **VICTORIA DAY** [May 21]. On the weekend of May 28 – Solemnity of the *Ascension of the Lord* – we ask all the children to join us at the 10:30 am Mass as we join in thanking God for the gift of the Eucharist to the 78 in the First Communion group, and for the gift of the Holy Spirit to the 73 in the Confirmation program.



Confirmation notes ...

On Saturday **May 27** all newly confirmed are invited to a get-together in the hall to receive their *Confirmation Certificate* and to share some experiences. The youth from the *Couples for Christ* – the group who facilitated the retreat – have a surprise for you!

		May 08 – 14 2017
Mon 08 Novena 5	8:00 am 6:15 pm	Michele Flammia [D] <i>Rosary, Devotions & Mass</i>
Tues 09 Novena 6	8:00 am 6:15 pm	Kathrine Joan McManus [D] <i>Rosary, Devotions & Mass</i>
Wed 10 Novena 7	8:00 am 6:15 pm	Eleonor Ellis [D] <i>Rosary, Devotions & Mass</i>
Thur 11 Novena 8	8:00 am 6:15 pm	Carlos Rodriguez [D] <i>Rosary, Devotions & Mass</i>
Fri 12 Schools Feast Day [anticipated] Novena 9	8:00 am 12:30 pm 6:15 pm	Edel Quinn [D] <i>Schools Centenary Celebrations</i> > Procession, tree planting and holy Mass < <i>Rosary, Devotions & Mass</i>
Sat 13 Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day	9:00 am 12:30 pm 4:30 pm 5:35 pm	Frederico Tillo [D] - Birthday Albert & Therese Vella [I] – 48 th Wedding Anniversary <i>Wellbeing of former & present Pastors, Priests, Deacons, benefactors, volunteers, parishioners</i> <i>Procession + Benediction</i>
Sun 14 5 th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	9:00 am 10:30 am 12:15 pm	Madra Michael [D] Flor Vendiola [D] People of the Parish

ShareLife Campaign 2017



the 2nd ShareLife offering is this weekend ... May 6/7

Visit www.sharelife.org, for more information. Donations toward this campaign are welcome and acknowledged at any time of the year.

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Celebrating OUR LADY OF FATIMA feast - 2017

Love offerings for flowers, candles and *Prayer Intentions* for the Novena Masses are appreciated.

Fatima devotees and parishioners are encouraged to join us for any of the novena days and the feast-day Masses, and other devotions to mark *First Saturdays* and each of the *Six Apparitions*. A details program of events and celebrations will be available soon.



Visit : www.fatimashrine.ca for information

March For Life Thursday May 11, 2017



The 20th annual *National March for Life* will be held in our Nation's Capital on **May 11, 2017**. The rally begins on Parliament Hill at 12.30 noon.

The theme: *Life, We Stand on Guard for Thee* is a clear message to Ottawa that we do not want abortion or euthanasia in Canada and that all life be protected in law.

For info visit: marchforlife.ca or call: 1-800-730-5358 or 613-729-0379



4th Sunday of Easter – Sun. May 07

This Sunday is also known as GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY and declared as the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. There is **NO Children's Liturgy** meeting for the next 2 Sundays. A final meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 28. The **LORD'S FLOCK** has a formal prayer meeting at 2:00 pm in the hall.

Fatima Novena Devotions – Mon. May 08 – Thurs. May 11

Daily morning Mass is at 8:00 am followed by the recitation of the Rosary. Evening **Novena Devotions** start at 6.15 pm and include: Rosary, Novena Prayers & Holy Mass. *Prayers and Mass include all the prayer intentions requested in the lists reserved at the shrine.*

Final Fatima Novena Devotions – Fri. May 12

Morning Mass is at 8:00 am as usual followed by the recitation of the Rosary.

Evening Novena devotions start at 6:15 pm and include: Rosary, Novena Prayers & Holy Mass. *Devotions on Saturday and Sunday follow a different pattern and the celebration of Mass is not included.*

Feast day of OUR LADY OF FATIMA – Sat. May 13

Morning Mass is at **9:00 am**, followed by the recitation of the Rosary. *The church remains open all day.* At **12 noon** we pray the Rosary and Holy Mass that includes *Consecration to the Immaculate Heart*. **Solemn Sung Mass** [anticipated Sunday Mass] is at the regular time of **4:30 pm** followed by a procession [outdoors ... weather permitting] during which the Rosary is prayed. Benediction will conclude the feast's devotions.

5th Sunday of Easter + Mother's Day – Sun. May 14

There is **NO Children's Liturgy** today and next Sunday [the VICTORIA DAY holiday weekend]. The **Lord's Flock** has a regular prayer meeting from 2:00 pm in the hall. In all of next weekend Masses [May 20/21] there will be a 2nd collection for the **Pope's Pastoral Works** [Papal Charities].

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O dearest Lord Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our boys and girls the generosity necessary to follow your call, and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation.

Give to parents that faith, love and spirit of sacrifice, which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service, and cause them to rejoice exceedingly whenever one of their children is called to religious life.

Let your example, and that of your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, encourage both children and parents, and let your grace sustain them.

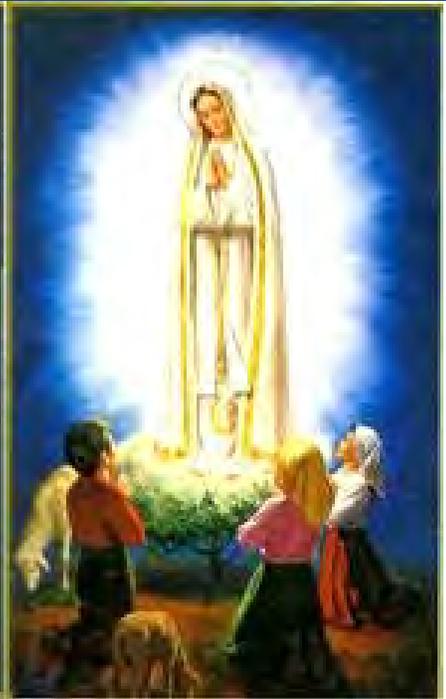
AMEN.



The Fatima message ... 100 years old

People must amend their lives and ask of pardon for their sins. **They MUST NOT offend GOD no more** for He is already too much offended."

message of OUR LADY OF FATIMA



Next week, May 12 & 13, Pope Francis will be visiting Fatima to celebrate the Centenary of the Apparitions of the Virgin Mary to three shepherd children, *Francisco and Jacinta Marto* and their cousin *Lucia dos Santos*.

The **Lady of the Rosary** promised them a place in heaven if they kept her message and made it known and lived by the world. On the feast day of Fatima, Pope Francis will declare **Saints for the Church**, two of the three seers – the shepherd children to whom **Francisco & Jacinta**. *May they pray for us today and always, Amen.*



Fatima Apparitions Centenary Year 1917 – 2017

SEEING WITH HEART ...

15th CANADIAN DAY OF REFLECTION for Catholic parents of **lesbian daughters, gay sons and transgendered children**

WHEN: Saturday, **June 3** from **9am to 5pm**
WHERE: **MANRESA RENEWAL CENTRE**
2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering, ON L1X 1V4.
PRICE: \$40.00 (includes lunch)



INFO: call JOHN MONTAGUE on 416-523-6449



Deacon Philip Allard and **CHALICE** – a Canadian Catholic sponsorship program – would like to say to all our parishioners:

Mighty Big Thanks!

TERESIAN CARMELITE EDUCATION & SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

The Carmelite Spirituality Centre is hosting a lecture

Theme: **Mary, Woman of Courage**

Speaker: **Marianne Molinari ocds**

When: **Sun. May 28 – in our church hall at 6:00 pm**



Admission is free ... all are welcome