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Gospel



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**Saturday, April 25**

5 pm Michelle Gibbons

Sunday, April 26

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Maria Estorba

Tuesday, April 28

8:30 am + Noel Gallagher

Wednesday, April 29

8:30 am + Jacob Nadolski

Thursday, April 30

8:30 am + Charlie Valenzia

Friday, May 1

8:30 am Parishioners

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

First Reading: Acts 2.14a, 36b-41

Psalm: Ps 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2.20b-25

Gospel: John 10.1-10

**Sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary lamp signifies the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It burns for the greater glory of God.

Parishioners are invited to become monthly sponsors of the Sanctuary Lamp. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate. Doing so becomes an opportunity for friends and families to pray at the Tabernacle, knowing the Lamp burns for their intentions.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in April for the intentions of: Norah De Cuyper

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"...I am the gate for the sheep."

Jesus' teaching is in response to the criticism He received from the Pharisees after He healed a man born blind. After healing the man, Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind" (John 9:39). When the Pharisees heard Jesus say that, they inquired whether He was suggesting that they were blind, to which Jesus replied, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains".

Throughout John's Gospel, the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. He warns his listeners against the voices of strangers who prey on the vulnerable and weak, leading to confusion and fear rather than the life that Jesus offers.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all the sheep until the next day, when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Just as sheep recognize the voice of their shepherd and follow him because they trust in his care, so too does a soul attuned to God respond to His voice. We have been baptized. But each of us goes astray like sheep, as we hear in today's Epistle. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from the corrupt world.

We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. As Peter says in today's Second Reading, from Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God.

Jesus has gone ahead, has driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb—the verdant pastures of life abundant. (Excerpts from: *My Catholic Life*; *Loyola Press*; *Scott Hahn Reflections*.)



PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the fourth weekend of the month, we remember those in our families who have died. Let us pray for the repose of their souls:

O God! Listen to the prayers of Your Church on behalf of the faithful departed and grant to Your servants, whom we remember today, the inheritance promised to all. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Parish Hall Rental

Our Hall is now available to book for events organized by both parishioners and non-parish groups. If you and your family want to celebrate a baptism, or any other sacrament, or a wedding or musical event, for example, please contact the Office to discuss with Fr. Mani.

CWL Spring Sale Appreciation

St. Pius X Catholic Women's League would like to extend a big thank you to parishioners! Your support for the Spring Sale on April 18th made it a success once again this year. The CWL events not only raise funds for various charitable organizations, they also bring the Parish community together. Thank you for your continued helping hands!

Coffee Sunday

This weekend, April 26 after 11 am Mass, we have Coffee Sunday. Everyone is welcome to choose from a wide selection of delicious cookies and cake with their coffee or tea, homemade by the Catholic Women's League. It's free! Don't be shy to sit with people you have not yet met – the atmosphere is friendly and open.

Second Collection

This weekend, April 25-26, there will be a Second Collection for the second of three ShareLife Campaign Offerings this year.

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 event is open to all. More information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>. Registration is open: <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>.

Martyrs' Shrine Centennial Gala

This Gala celebrates the Shrine's centennial year on Wednesday, **June 3rd**, from 5:30pm to 10:00pm at the Bellvue Manor (8083 Jane St., Vaughan). The special guest of honour, representing His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, is the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, His Excellency Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic. Exhibitions of several of the annual ethnic pilgrimages to the Shrine will be featured, together with food samplers, and a sumptuous dinner. For information, registration and tickets: www.martyrs-shrine.com/centennial-celebration or 705-526-3788.

Catholic Cemeteries Seminar

Join the speakers from Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services of the Archdiocese of Toronto for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions. Learn about:

- Funeral and burial options
- Planning in advance to ease burden on loved ones
- Catholic teachings on cremation
- Flexible payment options (*including 0% financing options*)

Assumption Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home (Mississauga) - **May 2**, 2026, at 9:00 AM
To register, call: 905-670-8801 ext. 1.

Life-Giving Wounds

Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents, is Catholic ministry being offered from 6 pm on Friday, **May 15** to 3:30 pm on Sunday, **May 17** at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd, Scarborough). This is for any adult (18 or over) whose parents are divorced or separated, no matter when it happened or what the circumstances are. The retreat includes many moments of prayer, informative witness talks, and time for fellowship. Cost is \$325, or \$225 for students, and includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Space is limited. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/2yg9l7zb>.



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