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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions for the Week

MON, APR 22 9:15 am	
TUES, APR 23 7:00 pm	Joseph Manuepillai †
WED, APR 24 9:15 am	Honorato Bettencourt †; Domenic Maida †; Ronald Pacini †
THUR, APR 25 7:00 pm	Felicitas Gonzaga †
FRI, APR 26 9:15 am	Brian Balthazar †; Honorato Bettencourt †
SAT, APR 27 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	Romeo Spada †; Thomas Hahne †; Stella Postma †; Salvatore Mamone † James, Theresa & Jay Williams †; Margaret Stella Glen-Williams †
SUN, APR 28 9:00 am	Manuel Paul †
10:30 am	Charlene Lawrence †; In thanksgiving - Real Family
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

In the span of less than a decade, gangs took control of all the country and of our society. They evolved into a parallel government controlling elections and even political parties. Every aspect of the daily life of most people was controlled by the gangs. Murder capital of the world is a tragic title to hold! Getting rid of that was the bare minimum we had to achieve in order to even start thinking about rebuilding our country. But jumping out of the water when it is already boiling is almost an impossible feat. You are not there yet and believe me, you do not want to be. We did the unthinkable to cleanse our society. We arrested the terrorists but we had to remove corrupt judges, and corrupt attorneys and prosecutors. These corrupt judges and prosecutors were setting the gang members free. And it wasn't just the gangs – the corrupt system was in tandem with the “so-called” international community, the NGOs and of course the fake news. Unelected bureaucrats are trying to instate public policy.

- from a speech delivered by President Mr. Nayib Bukele of El Salvador

His recent landslide election win gave the 42 year old President a resounding mandate to continue the reforms he began in his first term. President Bukele has merited global headlines for his crack down on the MS-13 crime syndicate and its choking of El Salvadorian prosperity. He gained political experience as mayor of both a suburban town to then the country's capital city; during his mayoral tenure, he made an impression on both citizens and military officials alike for his no-nonsense determination and integrity in reversing the generations-long trajectory of corruption and violence. The early results are promising.

His background dates back to his grandparents emigration from the Holy Land as Palestinian Christians back in 1948. In fleeing from Israel to El Salvador, they went to land and population almost identical in size and total – both with a long history of civil unrest. Nayib's father, seeing how overrun the country of El Salvador was with Marxism in the decades of 1960's to 90's, he converted to Islam as a shelter to a more conservative way of life. As the 1980 martyrdom of El Salvador's St. Oscar Romero illustrates, the country's long feuding factions have led to many abductions, disappearances, and deaths.

While President Nayib Bukele retains his grandparents Christian faith in a non-practicing sense, his current effort is worth mentioning on Good Shepherd Sunday. He is in a domestic and foreign battle to try and order all things according to natural law and constitutional justice. The interpretation of what is true and fair has so often been surrendered to whoever threatens with most violence. Burdened by decades of betrayed promises, Bukele's current popularity indicates that the people of El Salvador trust his leadership and vision. The cited quote offers an accurate depiction of the boldness of his insight.

YOUTH MINISTRY EDGE AND LIFE TEEN *Leading Teens Closer to Christ*



Edge Nights for grades 6-8,

The first and third Fridays of the month.

Our next Edge Night will be
on May 3rd, 7-8:30pm

Life Teen Nights for grades 9-12

The Second and fourth Fridays of the
month. Our Next Life Teen Night will be on
April 26th, 7-9 pm

Registration is ongoing, please pick up a
registration form from the church.
For more information email Margaret at
dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel.

He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood.

His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel. And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In today's First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church.

Peter tells Israel's leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the “builders” of Israel's temple that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church.

Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks and forgives sins he makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread. It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today's Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them.

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.



Fr. Roger

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2024

Invest in our Church's future by giving to ShareLife

Your kindness and devotion enable St. Augustine's Seminary, along with the Office of Vocations and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, to provide an excellent formation for our seminarians as they pursue a life of service. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary. This Sunday, April 21, we celebrate the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There has never been a better time to support and pray for our seminarians, wherever they may be on their journey. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



YOUTH MINISTRY - FUNDRAISER



Help raise funds for our Youth Ministry program where \$5 of every pizza ordered will go towards youth initiatives. **On Monday, April 22nd & Friday, May 3rd** at the Domino's on 10 Dewside Dr. Call 289-323-3323 and use code DHG1 for one pizza;

DGH2 for two pizza's; DGH3 for three pizza's. Get a large 3 topping pizza for \$12!!

THE SACRED PROJECT

Experience the enchanting melodies of The Sacred Project Concert at St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish, Brampton!

Join us on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 7 p.m. for an unforgettable evening of sacred music and reflection. Jonathan Michael will be joined by the exquisite sounds of the 6-piece strings ensemble, Beaux Strings, led by the talented Sybil Shanahan, and accompanied by the skilled pianist, Joshua Tamayo. Immerse yourself in the beauty of sacred melodies and powerful lyrics that will uplift your spirit.



Admission: \$25 for adult; \$20 for seniors and children 12 and under are free. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses on April 20/21.

40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

◆ Join us in celebrating Fr. Roger's 40th Anniversary of Ordination in an evening full of excitement including dinner and dance gala on Saturday, June 22nd, 2024 at the Europa Convention Centre. Adults \$65 & Children 12 years and under \$55. Tickets are on sale after all Masses and at the parish office.

◆ We will conclude the celebrations with a Mass celebration on Sunday, June 23rd, 2024 at 12:30pm. A reception will follow in the parish hall. We ask everyone to bring finger foods to share.



2024 ALPHA COURSE

Have questions about life, faith & God but do not know where to find answers?

Try Alpha! **Reconnect ~ Rediscover ~ Renew ~ Your Faith**

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question, and is designed to create conversation. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. The course is run over ten Tuesday evenings and includes dinner, a short talk and an open discussion with small groups where you can share your thoughts. Introductory session starts: Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 pm. For information or to Register [required]: Email alphasmidy@gmail.com Alpha has been transforming lives of millions the world over. Come try Alpha.



Volunteers Needed!



If you are interested in volunteering at the parish, please email Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org with the following information:

1. Your first and last name, phone number and email address.
2. Are you an Adult (18+) or Minor (under 18)
3. Which ministry you are interested in.

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PLEASE DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!!!

If you have envelopes from previous years throw them out!

If you use envelopes from a previous years your donation will NOT be attributed to your name! If you wish to make a donation to the church please use the pink visitors envelopes and make sure you **write clearly** your full name and address so your donation can be assigned to your name *or pick up a set for this year at the parish office during office hours.*



SMALL GROUP FAITH MINISTRY

"Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." (Matthew 18:20) If you would like to apply what you have learned from Scripture, teachings, and practical personal reflection questions, join the SGM. For more details, email Olivia Saqui at screeningcommittee.smdy@gmail.com

THE 55+ CLUB

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. We resume our regular meetings on Tuesday January 9th in the Parish Hall. Wishing you all a New Year filled with God's blessings. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrobin22@gmail.com



STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Stitches from the Heart group will resume on Monday January 8, 2024. Everyone is welcome to join us whether you knit or would like to learn. For further information contact Mary at 905-915-8765. Any donation of yarn would be greatly appreciated.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE

Would you like to pray, Mother Mary's most favourable prayer, the Holy Rosary with the children at our schools? The Rosary Apostolate is going back to in person. JOIN US! Training and supplies will be provided. For more information leave a message for Paula at the office.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 6pm and Saturdays at 5pm for the Vietnamese Legion. Our Lady of Fatima statue will visit your home. For more information, please leave message for Lina Go or Annette Fernando at the parish office.

SMDY - SUMMER CAMP

For children in grades 1-5

- July 15-19 or
- July 22-26
- 5 day camp \$140
- Camp hours 9am-3pm

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