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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MON, APR 27 9:15 am	For thee health and intentions of Ozzy & Hazel Colaco
TUES, APR 28 7:00 pm	Francis Pinto †; William Bloxam †
WED, APR 29 9:15 am	Thomas Hahne †; Frank DeLeo †; In thanksgiving for the birthday Rahmat Tan
THUR, APR 30 7:00 pm	Don Rejino †; Giovanni Calabro †; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Lina Go; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Aira Maniquiz
FRI, MAY 1 9:15 am	For the intentions of Mary Punzalan; For the intentions of Alirizza Tan
7:00 PM	Jospeh & Maria Pham †
SAT, MAY 2 9:15 am	For all the names on the Parish Memorial wall †
5:00 pm	Alphonsa Camoens †; Vincent Alarcon †; Sibylla Sikking †
SUN, MAY 3 9:00 am	Carl Mendes †
10:30 am	Angela DeGasperis †; In thanksgiving - Okorie family; In thanksgiving - Segundo & Marlene Gavilema & family
12:30 pm	Angelito Olindan †; Juanito & John Elmer Go †;
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, April 27th

10:00 am - Stiches from the heart
10:00 am - Rosary Apostolate
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus General meeting

Tuesday, April 28th

1:00 pm - 55 Plus club
4:30 pm - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese
6:00 pm - Legion of Mary - English
7:00 pm - RCIA
7:00 pm - TMIY

Wednesday, April 29th

7:00 pm - Confirmation Class
7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

Thursday, April 30th

6:30 pm - Alpha
7:30 pm - 1030am Choir practice

Friday, May 1st

Saturday, May 2nd

10:00 am - Confirmation Class

Sunday, April 26th

One can't simply expect to rule while being completely unpopular amongst their own people. We must respect the people because they are a bulwark of our own very own institution we strive to serve.

- King Alfonso XIII of Spain, advice provided to his contemporary, His Majesty Carlos I of Portugal shortly before the Portuguese King's assassination (1908)

The liturgy invites us to reflect on the gospel of the Good Shepherd. While the majority of us are far removed from pastoral experiences of tending sheep, fighting off wolves, and guarding against marauding bandits, the metaphors offered are so obvious that anyone with entrusted responsibility and care for others can easily enter into the symbolic meaning of the proposed parallel. While the Good Shepherd proves his credentials by placing the protection and tender care of his sheep before all other interests, the frightening prospect emerges that some sheep may stubbornly refuse to be part of the flock of heed his voice.

In the cited quote, King Alfonso XIII was writing to his fellow Iberian monarch and acknowledging the shifting tide of support for Crown and Cathedral amongst the broader turbulent population. Contagious revolutionary spirits spreading across Europe were howling throughout the former Catholic countries of Spain and Portugal as mounting sentiments soured against the supporting of a Catholic monarchy. As for King Alfonso XIII of Spain, he could see the writing on the wall given the trajectory of his life. With his father dying prior to his birth (Alfonso XII, 27, age 27, tuberculosis, 1885) he became heir to the Spanish throne while still in womb. At 2 years of age, under the tutelage of his mother (regent Queen Maria Christina of Austria), he was present for the dedication of the cornerstone of the Bon Pastor Cathedral in San Sebastian. To escape the torrid temperatures of Madrid in the summer months, the exquisitely picturesque seaside town of San Sebastian made the ideal escape. The period of the Belle Epoque (1880-1910), was eyewitness to a clash between preserving tradition versus violent insurgence that would lead to a civil and eventual world wars. As an prodigious example of harmony between time-honoured Catholic culture and innovative modernity, the magnificent Bon Pastor Cathedral was completed in an astonishing 7 years. San Sebastian is host to a beautiful beach front, sun soaked boardwalks, cafes, book stores, art galleries, and wine bars serving up their fabulous, irresistible pinxtos. Perched high above the coastal town, casting a protective gaze over its citizens and far out into the Bay of Biscay, is a 40 ft high statue of the Sacred Heart. The Bon Pastor Cathedral stands as a resounding tribute as to what a Christ-centered well-ordered society can look like. How sadly unfortunate are we all when authorities in command seek to build a civilization with no reference to Christ.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd. He calls not only to the children of Israel but to all those far off from Him—to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice.



The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and to the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Again on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter's preaching. "What are we to do?" they cried.

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 this corrupt generation.

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. 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.

Fr. Roger

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2026

SHARELIFE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Today is ShareLife Sunday, the second weekend of special collections. Since 1976, ShareLife has been rooted in our Catholic values of charity and in living the Gospel by caring for those in need. Over the decades, thousands of people across our archdiocese have come together through parish campaigns, school drives, workplace giving, and personal acts of kindness to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at share-life.org/donate.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday Adoration, is a Eucharistic adoration held the first Friday of every month in the church. It begins with 9:15 AM Mass and is followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the remainder of the day. Adoration concludes at 7:00pm followed by Mass.

WHAT FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION PARTICIPANTS DO: *Come any time during the adoration hours (approximately 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM) to spend some quiet, prayerful time with Jesus. Adoration participants commit to specific time (There will be a sign-up sheet in the office). These "Guardians of the Eucharist" ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone.*

FIRST FRIDAY - HOLY HOUR

Please join us in this holy hour of prayers during the Eucharistic adoration on First Fridays of every month. We start with the 3 O'clock Prayer and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. Then, we continue with Prayers of Adoration, Thanksgiving, Reparation, and Intercession. We also pray the Eucharistic Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament. We end the hour with a hymn of praise and adoration at 4:00pm. All are welcome.

MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

On the first Saturday of each month, a Memorial Mass is offered for the repose of the souls of all whose names appear on our Memorial Wall. Join us for Mass at 9:15am, entrusting our beloved departed to God's infinite mercy and the promise of eternal life.

BIRTHRIGHT BRAMPTON

Next weekend, Birthright Brampton will be holding their Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Please take a few moments to sign out a bottle after mass and support our major pro-life fundraiser. Fill the bottle with coins, bills and cheques, payable to Birthright Brampton. All donations of \$30 or more will be issued a tax receipt.

ALPHA~RECONNECT~REDISCOVER~RENEW YOUR FAITH

Have questions about life, faith & God, but do not know where to find the answers? Try Alpha! Alpha is a series of Interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian Faith. The course is over 10 evenings - Includes light dinner, A short talk and an open discussion with small groups. There's no pressure, no follow up and no charge. 2026 registration will be in the narthex - Introductory Session starts April 23 @ 6:30pm in the church hall.

2,000 HAIL MARYS PRAYER / DEVOTION

All are welcome to join us on Saturday, May 9th on this day-long prayer/devotion from 8am-8pm which is a very powerful intercessory prayer. It is praying 2,000 Hail Marys with our Mother Mary to our Lord Jesus Christ. Combined with our faith and sincerity of heart, our Blessed Mother will intercede for us to the Lord to grant our petitions. This devotion includes praying the 20 decades of the Holy Rosary, petitions for many causes (including peace in the world, prevention of abortion, aiding vocations, personal sanctity, etc.), the Regina Caeli, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Many graces have been granted to those who have finished this devotion around the world. We also believe that graces are granted to all those who participate in this devotion. Join us for part, or all of these prayers, and listen to our Lady's call to "Pray, Pray, Pray".



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DINNER AND DANCE

Join us for Charity & Social event on Saturday, May 16th beginning at 6:00pm in the Parish hall. Tickets are \$35 per person (buffet dinner & cash bar) Tickets will be available after all masses this weekend. Proceeds go towards a church in Nigeria.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month from September - June at 7pm. For further information please contact league by email at cwl.smdy@gmail.com

Upcoming event: Bake Sale on Saturday May 2nd & Sunday May 3rd. Sale will include baskets for Mother's Day.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The National March for Life is organized by Campaign Life Coalition and will take place on Thursday, May 14th. Pro-lifers rally in front of our Parliament building and march through downtown Ottawa, demanding that our elected representatives fight for the right to life of every human being. The cost is \$10 per person. The bus will leave the St. Marguerite d'Youville parking lot at 6:00am and return by 7:30pm. For more information email: kofc15612@gmail.com



MARRIAGE PREP COURSE

The Spring Session dates for the Marriage Preparation Course have now been set; the course will be held for 4 consecutive Saturday's May 23rd, 30th, June 6th, & 13th from 12:00pm - 6:00pm. \$250.00 per couple. To sign up, please contact the parish office.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and require support, please contact the Bereavement Ministry by email at Bereavement.smdy@gmail.com

PARISH BOOK STORE

The Parish bookstore will be open on May 9/10 & 23/24 after all Masses. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org



Next night:

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH FROM 7-8:30PM

Meet new friends, get connected, and discover what's ahead in our bi-weekly Friday sessions.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex and Parish office for Grades 6-8.

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