

# Living the Gospel

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<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Mar	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
11 9am	<b>NO MASS</b>	
12 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Monica Sigue	Monica Sigue
13 Wed 9am	Arcadio Yape +	Ninfa Gasis
14 Thurs, 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Lolita Bayon	Elena Manuel & Family
15 Fri, 9am	Federico Beltran +	Beltran Family
16 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Filipino Olase + Thanksgiving – Joemari Emmanuel	..... Fe & Vinda Olase Ching Veces
5pm	Thanksgiving – Eric & Angelo John Pulongbarit	Ninfa Gasis
17 9am	Dorothy Ingrouville +	Nancy Ingrouville
11 am	Denzil Lobo +	D'Souza Family

# Meditate on God's Word



## Sunday Gospel Reflection

*4th Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for  
Vocations*

Gospel: John 10.11-18 – *Jesus the Good Shepherd*

### *Sheep and Shepherds*

This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Jesus shepherds us, His flock, by protecting us from any ravaging dangers, helping us stay in the fold and seeking us when we're lost. We as sheep must listen to and obey His voice. There is a familiarity and closeness between a shepherd and his sheep, and so too, there is an intimacy between Jesus and us.

As stewards, we are called to imitate Jesus in all ways, including His role as shepherd. We all have people in our lives we are called to look out for, whether it be our families, friends or fellow parishioners. The most important step in effectively shepherding others is to first become a holy sheep in Jesus' flock. We must seek to grow in prayer and virtue, and through that flows the grace to journey with others heavenward.

Within this call for all of us to be shepherds, God gives a special grace to particular men to more closely imitate the Good Shepherd through the vocation of priesthood. In regards to vocations, Jesus gives us only one instruction: "to pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He may send more labourers" (Matthew 9:38). Therefore, all of us have a role to play in fostering vocations. God continues to call priests, and through our prayers we can help young men answer the call. One great practice we can adopt is praying one Hail Mary every day for an increase in vocations.

### *Summary*

As stewards, we are called to imitate Jesus in all ways, including His role as the Good Shepherd. The most important step in effectively shepherding others is to first become a holy sheep in Jesus' flock. God also calls many people to more closely shepherd His people in the priesthood and through our prayers, we can help young men answer the call

<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>

### *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*



We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every **Tuesday to Friday after the 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.** in the Church ***except on holidays.***

### *Let us pray for the sick*



***We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the "forgotten members" in our community.***

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*



**Holy Cross Church Restoration Project  
Spring 2024**

In preparation for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish

The restoration project will be carried out in 3 phases.

Phase 1 – Repainting of the interior of the church; Re-carpeting with commercial grade carpet.
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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding a Lenten/Easter Food Drive in order to replenish the food cupboard. Interested parishioners are asked to bring in non-perishable food items and place them in the SSVP container located in the front foyer of the Church. We are in need

of the following: (1) **Canned Tuna** (2) **Canned Vegetables and Fruits** (3) **Canned soups** (4) **Spaghetti pasta and Sauce** (5) **Breakfast cereals and pancake mixes**. Thank you.

*“We are called to give, driven by our love for God and neighbor.”*



**Are you new in the Parish?**  
If so, please take a moment to register by filling out a Registration Form located in the foyer and place it in the offertory basket.  
Kindly provide us with the complete information so that the Parish office will then contact you.



Prayers for the Sick - for comfort, strength and healing. In times of sickness and suffering, God’s presence and intervention can provide the extra strength that someone may need .... **Maria Santelices, William McNeal, Joanne Zdebiak, Raffaele Ruscillo.**

Parish Holy Week Schedule & Activities



Date	Activities	Mass / Service
Every Friday from Feb 23 to Mar 22	Stations of the Cross	7:30pm Start with 7pm Mass
Mar 12 Tue	Parish Lenten Confessions	6 to 7pm Fr. Fred & Fr. Nabine
Mar 24 Sunday	Palm Sunday	Saturday: 5pm Mass Sunday: 9 & 11am Mass
Mar 28 Thursday	Holy Thursday Celebration of the Lord’s Last Supper & Washing of the Feet	No 9am Mass 7pm followed by Adoration until 10pm
Mar 29 Friday	Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion of Christ Stations of the Cross	12 noon & 3pm 7pm
Mar 30 Saturday	Holy Saturday <b>Easter Vigil</b>	No 9am Mass <b>7 pm</b>
Mar 31 Sunday	Easter Sunday	9 & 11am Mass
Apr 1 Monday	Easter Monday NO Mass / Office is closed	

**Soup Night**



Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

The **Catholic Women’s League** will be hosting a soup night after the Stations of the Cross. Everyone is welcome to join.

Sacramental Preparations

First Holy Communion Mar 24, Sunday	Family Gathering Session 5	Parish Hall @ 10:15am
Confirmation Mar 24, Sunday	Session 1	12:15pm Parish Hall



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