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... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Apr/May	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
27 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
28 Tues, 9am	Canadian Martyrs	
29 Wed, 9am	Angelo Nunno +	Teresa Nunno & Family
30 Thurs, 9am	Canadian Martyrs	
May 1 (1 st) Fri 9am	Thanksgiving – Elena Manuel	Connie & Beth Escabarte
6pm 7pm	Holy Hour 1 st death anniversary Joaquin Jaramillo + Lydia Villanueva +	Leonor Jaramillo Ducusin Family
2 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Alexander Saucos + Leena Carmen Noronha + Arthur Geekie + Thanksgiving – Julia Geekie Alexis Saucos Noronha Family Geekie Family Geekie Family
5pm	Canadian Martyrs	
3 Sun, 9am	Thanksgiving – Marie Cervantes	Karin Doumouras
11 am	Birthday Thanksgiving – Jared Ybarola	Ybarola Family

Meditate on God's Word



4th Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Gospel: John 10.1-10 – *Jesus the Good Shepherd*

Imitating the Good Shepherd

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.” These are the beautiful opening verses of Psalm 23 which describes God as a shepherd taking care of His people. One attribute of shepherds that is especially poignant is how hard they labour for the good of their flock. Faithful shepherds will journey with their flock, seek out the lost sheep and defend them from any ravaging predators. Jesus does this as well, labouring for us so that we may reach our eternal home where we will rest in His love.

As Christians we are called to imitate Christ in all things including being a shepherd. We too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. To be a shepherd is essentially to be a good steward. As stewards, we offer ourselves and our gifts for the good of others, especially our parish communities. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how he labours for us.

One practice we can adopt, especially on this world day of prayer for vocations, is to encourage and pray daily for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. Cardinal Collins in his *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship** says that “stewardship parishes report an ... increase in religious and priestly vocations.” Let us play our part as stewards and begin to share our gifts for the good of the Church.

Summary Faithful shepherds labour for their flock by journeying with them, seeking out the lost sheep and defending them from any ravaging predators. As Christians we are called to imitate Christ in all things including being a shepherd, which means we too should labour for others, putting their needs before our own. Let us labour for Christ and His Church in thanksgiving for how he labours for us.

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every **Wednesday and Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass from 9:30am 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.*

Congratulations to the 26 First Holy Communion candidates from Holy Cross and Canadian Martyrs School!

Today marks a very special milestone as you receive Our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time. May this sacred moment fill your hearts with joy, peace, and love, and may it strengthen your bond with Jesus.

Let us pray that this beautiful celebration may be the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith, guiding them to grow in love for God, for one another, and for the Church. May the Holy Spirit continue to lead and inspire them as they walk in the Catholic faith.

Congratulations to the candidates, their families, catechists, and teachers who have lovingly supported them along the way. May God bless them always.

Holy Cross	Canadian Martyrs
Benedicto Maiya	Chikanya Lael
Braci Jessica	Delaney Jacob
Buslon David Israel Miranda	Dy Avery
Cacal Brayden Leyson	Granata Emma
Carlos-Italia Gavrielle	Herrera Kaely
Carmona Joey Anthony	Lee Jasmine
Cziraki Jazmin	Lorusso Dylan
Cziraki Kiara	Merchan Victoria
Delia Ariana	Munive Kendall
Malinay Krista Caitleen	Odunsi Zane
Miguel Kastiana Ellah	Odunsi Zita
Pierrri Rosamaria Alessandra	Onody Brielle
Ricsak Jaden	Oyekanmi David
Tomovski Charlotte	Palmer Rammihir
Willis Skye Autumn	Reese Hudson
Yamada Lana	Tolentino Sophie
Zipete Alessia	



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New Testament and deepen your awareness of God's merciful love in your own life. See the flyer on the Parish bulletin board for more information.

Marygrove & Camp Ozanam Announcement

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is now accepting applications for girls and boys interested in attending our overnight camps who, due to circumstances, would not otherwise have an opportunity to do so. Both camps provide a fully subsidized camp opportunity (no fees). Transportation is available at a designated location to/from each camp.

Marygrove Camp welcomes girls ages 5-13 for an 8-day camping adventure on the shores of Georgian Bay.

Camp Ozanam welcomes boys, ages 7-12 for a 7-day camping adventure on Deer Lake in South River. Please call us at 416-421-5225 Option 3 and leave your name, telephone number, child's name & age and a member of the Society will get back to you to arrange for an interview and completion of forms.

A Day with Mary – Registration is now open

The Archdiocese of Toronto will be celebrating a "Day with Mary" 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 is a free event open to all.

First Friday Adoration

Join us for **First Friday Adoration** as we spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

9:00 AM – Regular Morning Mass
6:00PM - Holy Hour
6:15 to 6:45PM – Confession
7:00 PM – Evening Mass

All are welcome to come and spend quiet time with the Lord. Let us take this opportunity for prayer, reflection, and renewal of our faith.



St. Vincent de Paul - Spring Bundle Up Weekend – May 16/17.

On the weekend of May 16/17, The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be parked at the back of the church to take your donations. **We accept:** Any clothing, footwear, beddings (any condition), drapery, towels, toys (new only). **We DON'T accept:** Baby items, construction materials, furniture, books, dishes.

A member of the society will be at the truck and ready to assist you between 9 am to 6 pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Thank you for your continued support.

ShareLife will have the **2nd Collection event on April 26.** With your support, local partner agencies will be able to continue providing **vital services** to individuals and families who rely on them every day. Your participation strengthens the network of care in our community. Every contribution—large or small—helps ensure that essential programs remain accessible to those who need them most. Thank you for standing with us and making a meaningful difference.

Special Devotion Candle Apr 21 to 28	
	Prayers for Healing – Mrs Immaculata “Maria” Morsillo
	Requested by: Marie Cervantes
	“Lord, please place Your healing hand upon me. Restore my strength and bring peace to my heart.”
Special Devotion Candle Apr 21 to 28	
	Prayers for healing from cancer- Sherry Racieot
	Requested by: Marie Cervantes
	“God of compassion, ease this pain and renew my strength. May Your peace fill me today.

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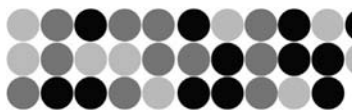
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