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Good Shepherd

April 21st, 2024

SUNDAY



*The Lord is my shepherd;
 I shall not want. - Psalm 23*

Our mission : We joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith. May our parish be a sanctuary of peace for you as we journey together to the Father's house.

Parish Hours

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 am
 FRIDAY 7:00 pm
 SATURDAY 9:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm
 SUNDAY 8:30 am | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
 SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
 or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
 SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm
 SUNDAY 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Good Shepherd Sunday



I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.” John 10:11 & John 10:14-18

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

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9:00 AM S.I. SCOTT DAVIS
+ HORACIO ARANETA JR.

TUESDAY, 23 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. JULIE GALEA
+ MILAGROS MENEZ

WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. TATJANA SMREKAR

THURSDAY, 25 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. MICHAEL VIECHWEG
S.I. TIMOTHY RAPOSO

FRIDAY, 26 APRIL

7:00 PM + JOSE DO REGO OLIVEIRA
+ VERNON FERNANDES

SATURDAY, 27 APRIL

9:00 AM S.I. FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS
5:00 PM S.I. SARAH CLEMENTS
+ GRACE LAWRENCE
+ MENCHU EALDAMA

SUNDAY, 28 APRIL

8:30 AM + STAN KRUPICZ
+ SHIRLEY, BERCH & LENNOX LI
+ LITA BONDOCK
10:15 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
12:00 PM + ERNESTO GARCIA
+ CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ
+ SALEEM & ELVENA KHAN
7:00 PM S.I. LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF
THE CORDEIRO & D' COSTA FAMILIES
+ BRIAN CROSSEY

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

September 8-15, 2024

Join the Archdiocese of Toronto Delegation

Traditionally every four years, the Holy Father invites pilgrims from around the world to join in an International Eucharistic Congress. This year's event will take place in Quito, Ecuador from September 8-15, 2024. Limited spaces are available for pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Toronto to join with other Canadian delegates to travel to Ecuador. To learn more about the pilgrimage, visit www.archtoronto.org/iec. Registration deadline is June 6 with early bird pricing available until May 6, 2024.

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www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

SL ShareLife

Thank you for all that you are doing for the ShareLife campaign. We are very grateful for your generosity and support. **To date, we have collected \$24,199 for the ShareLife appeal. This is 24.4% of our parish goal, which is \$99,000.** You may also choose to give to the ShareLife appeal by way of credit card. To donate online go to: www.sharelife.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Our housekeeper/cook, Dianne Bloise, will be retiring this year. We will miss her greatly. The position is 3 days per week. If you are interested in the position of housekeeper/cook, please email Father Joe directly at sfdspastor@gmail.com or drop off your resume at the parish office.



The National March for Life is happening on May 9th

Tickets \$50. This includes snack and water provided by the Knights of Columbus. For more information call Alex at 416-655-0800 or email: alex.eykelhof@gmail.com

Join us for the biggest pro-life demonstration in Canada the National March for Life in Ottawa on Parliament Hill on May 9th. For more information, call Campaign Life at 613-729-0379 or visit www.marchforlife.ca



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The next Edge is on April 26th at 7:30 pm. Registration for Edge Camp for students in grades 5 to 8 & high school leadership camp is now open. To register for either camp please visit edgecamp.campbrainregistration.com. Please note that the **early bird price** ends on **April 30th**. The samosa sale fundraiser to help offset the cost of camp is scheduled for May 4/5 weekend. Please remember that it is cash only. Bring all of your loose change and empty stomachs! We thank-you for your continued support!

REFLECTION

The Vatican's top doctrinal office issued a **declaration** on the theme of human dignity on Monday 2 April 2024 that addresses growing concerns such as gender theory, sex changes, surrogacy, and euthanasia in addition to abortion, poverty, human trafficking, and war. "In the face of so many violations of human dignity that seriously threaten the future of the human family, the Church encourages the promotion of the dignity of every human person, regardless of their physical, mental, cultural, social, and religious characteristics," reads the Vatican declaration issued by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith.

The declaration, titled *Dignitas Infinita*, which means "infinite dignity," states that the Church highlights these concerns "with hope, confident of the power that flows from the risen Christ, who has fully revealed the integral dignity of every man and woman."

Abortion, euthanasia, and surrogacy

In the declaration, the dicastery cautions against threats to human dignity that begin at the moment of conception, that exist in the process of procreation, and that threaten humanity toward the end of life.

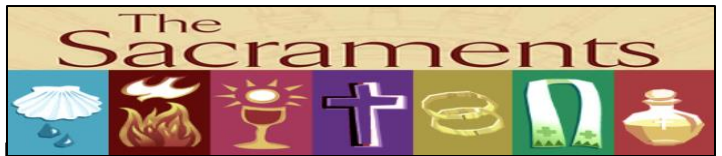
The declaration cites St. John Paul II's encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* on abortion, noting that the pontiff taught that "procured abortion is the deliberate and direct killing, by whatever means it is carried out, of a human being in the initial phase of his or her existence, extending from conception to birth."

According to Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, also cited in the declaration, preborn children are "the most defenseless and innocent among us" and in the present day, "efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this." The declaration also warns that euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide are "swiftly gaining ground" in some parts of the world, which it says is "unique in how it utilizes a mistaken understanding of human dignity to turn the concept of dignity against life itself."

"Even in its sorrowful state, human life carries a dignity that must always be upheld, that can never be lost, and that calls for unconditional respect," the declaration states. "Indeed, there are no circumstances under which human life would cease from being dignified and could, as a result, be put to an end."

The practice of surrogacy is another concern noted by the document, noting that "the immensely worthy child becomes a mere object" in the process.

"Because of this unalienable dignity, the child has the right to have a fully human (and not artificially induced) origin and to receive the gift of a life that manifests both the dignity of the giver and that of the receiver".



CONFIRMATION

Below you will find the Confirmation dates for this week. **Confirmation candidates and their sponsor are expected to arrive at the church to sign in by 6:15pm.** Confirmandi are encouraged to wear their Sunday best. Please keep in mind that they will be wearing gowns. Passport stamping will continue until the end of June to fully complete the Confirmation process. We ask all parishioners to keep the Confirmandi and their family in your prayers. God Bless!

Monday, April 22 @ 7pm

- St. Josephine Bakhita
- St. Jude

Tuesday, April 23 @ 7pm

- St. André Bessette
- St. Catherine of Siena
- Public/Private

Wednesday, April 24 @ 7pm

- St. Patrick
- St. Francis
- Other Catholic

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We know that many families are beginning to look for your child's First Communion attire. Please see below for the guidelines:

- Boys -in their Sunday best with white dress shirt and dark pants. Preferably in a suit but not necessary. First Communion arm bands are allowed.
- Girls -in a white or off-white dress -no gloves, no purses and no veil covering the face.

For both boys and girls: no running shoes, no prayer books, and no rosary beads during the time of Mass. We still have a couple of First Communion gowns available. Please contact Mrs. Selda if you are interested.

Reflection Cont'd...

"Moreover, acknowledging the dignity of the human person also entails recognizing every dimension of the dignity of the conjugal union and of human procreation. Considering this, the legitimate desire to have a child cannot be transformed into a 'right to a child' that fails to respect the dignity of that child as the recipient of the gift of life."

(To be continued) by Tyler Arnold

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/257311/dignitas-infinita-vatican-document-release-gender-abortion-surrogacy>



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