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1st Reading: Acts 4, 7-12

2nd Reading: 1 John 3. 1-2

Gospel: John 10.14 (Jesus the Good Shepherd)

Regular Mass Schedule Weekday Masses:

Daily morning mass is celebrated Tuesday to Friday at 8:30 am

Weekend Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil) Mass 5:00 pm

9:00 am, 10:30 am and Sunday Masses

12:00 noon

https://stmartindeporressc.archtoronto.org/eg/

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 regard 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 shepherd His people more closely in the priesthood and through our prayers, we can help young men answer the call.

Mass Intentions for the Week - April 20 - 26, 2024

Saturday April 20th

5:00 pm + Celene Cuenca

+ Svlvia Pereira + Domingos D'souza + Marcus Fernandes

Sunday April 21st

9:00 am + Martha D'sousa

10:30 am

12:00 pm

Monday April 22nd

Tuesday April 23rd

8:30 am + Sarah Pinto

+ Bridget & Dominic Pinto

Wednesday April 24th

8:30 am

Thursday April 25th

8:30 am - Thanksgiving to St. Martin De Porres

Friday April 26th

8:30 am + Claude & Amy Lebelle

(55th Wedding Anniversary)

+ Simon & Christaline Fernandes



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Wed. April 24th 6:30 - 7:30 pmWed. May 1st 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Friday May 31st 6:30 pm (REHEARSAL)

FIRST COMMUNION DATES

Saturday June 1st, 2024 -9:00 am St. Malachy Saturday June 1st, 2024 - 11:00 am St. Ursula

Saturday June 1st, 2024 -St. Martin De Porres 1:00 pm



Knights of Columbus bus trip to Casino Rama Saturday April 27th, 2024 Departure 8:45 am. Tickets are \$20. Contact email is robertcheeatow@gmail.com or see flyer on the bulletin board in the fover for details.







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Let us Pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.



CONFIRMATION

Preparation Classes (In Person) - FOR ALL 3 SCHOOLS

Sunday April 21, 2024, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Sunday April 28, 2024, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Sunday May 5, 2024, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Sunday May 19, 2024, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm RETREAT

CONFIRMATION DATES

Wednesday May 22, 2024, 6:30 PM St. Martin de Porres Friday May 24, 2024, 6:30 PM St. Ursula Tuesday May 28, 2024, 6:30 PM St. Malachy

ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND MASS FROM THE **ENROLMENT DATE RIGHT UNTIL THE DATE OF THEIR CONFIRMATION**



Knights are holding a fundraising Chili and Bingo event on Saturday April 27 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 and include meal, a chance at door

prizes and a bingo card good for all 20 games. Knights will be selling tickets after all masses. More details are on the bulletin board in fover.



Next weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday is April 28th, and we once again ask you to give generously to support Catholic agencies, who in turn care for the most vulnerable in our communities. As a parish, this is our opportunity to live the Gospel!

An envelope for the 2nd Share Life Offering on April 28th is available in your box of envelopes. Special envelopes are another reason why it is good to have your own envelope box, even if you donate electronically through regular pre-authorized payments.

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