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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading:
Acts 2.14a, 36b-41

4th Sunday **2nd Reading**
1 Peter 2.20b-25

Gospel:
John 10.1-10

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.

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
Sunday Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

<https://smartindeporressc.archtoronto.org/eg/>

Mass Intentions for the Week of Apr 25/ Apr 26, 2026

Saturday Apr 25th

5:00 pm †Julie Mascarenhas
 †Patrick Mendonca

Sunday Apr 26th

9:00 am †All Souls in Purgatory
 †Belina Pereira

10:30 am For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm †Marcus Fernandes
 †George Alfred

Monday Apr 27th

Tuesday Apr 28th

8:30 am

Wednesday Apr 29th

8:30 am †Jane Quinlan

Thursday Apr 30th

8:30 am †John Lyne
 †Alverto Pereira

Friday May 1st

8:30 am †Gloria Zuniga





EDGE Youth Ministry
(Open Invitation to Grades 5-8)

Grow in Faith and Closer Relationship with Jesus... Meet New Friends... and Have Fun... That is EDGE! We invite our Catholic youth in **Grades 5-8** to join us in the Parish Hall for an EDGE night.

Upcoming EDGE nights:

April 24, May 22, and June 19.
Drop-off at 6:45 pm and Pick-up at 8:45 pm.

For more info & RSVP:
Theresa Vandebroek, Youth Minister
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Parish Weekly 

The Paschal Candle 2026

At the beginning of The Easter Vigil ceremony, the Paschal Candle representing the Light of Christ, was marked with a Cross, the Alpha & Omega (the beginning & the end), and inscribed with the numerals 2026. Five grains of incense were inserted into the candle, marking the wounds of Christ, and the Paschal Candle was lit from the new fire.

The Paschal Candle is lit for all masses in the Easter Season. Our 2026 Paschal Candle also has a small, sculpted crucifix in front of the incense grains, and two gold bands inscribed with religious symbols above and below the Cross.



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

BE MORE AFFIRMING

Men do not light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket. They set it on a stand where it gives light to all in the house (Matthew 5:15)

Each of us comes into the world with a blank self-worth tape in our brains, ready to be programmed by a personal feedback derived from others. Children are largely dependent upon parents for their feedback. Later in life, message from friends, lovers, God, and even personal insights about ourselves will eliminate, support, or modify these self-concepts tapes.

Affirmation is the most powerful but too often neglected way to build one another up. *Put simply, affirmation means commenting sincerely and positively on what we like about other people and ourselves in very specifics ways.* The message is, "I like you, and I like what you're doing." When internalized on the self-concept tape, the message is, "I am lovable and capable." That's the kind of character Jesus wants to produce in us.

People who affirm are never short on friends. Their spouses love them madly: their children respect them deeply. You, too, can be such persons by adopting more affirmative attitudes.

Suggest Practices

1. Smile often. A smile helps to create interior warmth and communicates acceptance to others.
2. Say "I love you!" often, especially during "irrelevant" times. Telling people, you love them only when they please you give a message that they must earn your love.
3. Tell people what you like about their appearance and character. Be specific, especially with children.
4. Let people know what they do that pleases you.
5. Say a warm "Thank you!" when people do a service for you-even if it is part of their job. Take nothing for granted-especially in you family.
6. If you hear something nice said about someone, pass it on.
7. Write yourself an affirmation letter from God.

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