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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Audrey Appleby  
Req. Theresa Ryan

TUESDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Ferenc (Frank) Farsang  
Req. Elizabeth Nedeczky

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto  
Req. Manuel Couto

THURSDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 A.M. +Lenore McGuire

FRIDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>

12:10 P.M. Karolina & Michael Medon  
Req. Margaret Medon

SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of  
The Simbol Family

### MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to Offer a Weekday Mass, please call the Parish Office at 416-483-1513 or send an email to [stmonicatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com).



### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

will take place on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the church. **All are welcome!** For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit

[www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).

### 2024 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)



Rite of Confirmation (ROC) classes take place online. The first two of six virtual classes will take place **online** on April 23<sup>rd</sup> & April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at **4:00**

**pm sharp**. For more information & the schedule of classes, please visit our Parish website: [www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).

### RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in becoming Catholic or if you are already Catholic but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation & receiving Eucharist for the first time).



### PERPETUAL NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA

*Dear Saint Monica, you were once the mournful mother of a prodigal son. Your faithfulness to prayer brought you and your son so close to God that you are now with him in eternity. By your intercession and God's grace, your son Saint Augustine became a great and venerable Saint of the Church. Please take my request to God with the same fervor and persistence with which you prayed for your own son.*

(Mention your intentions here.)

*With your needs, worries and anxieties, you threw yourself on the mercy and providence of God. Through sorrow and pain, you constantly devoted yourself to God. Pray for me that I might join you in such a deep faith in God's goodness and mercy.*

*Above all, dear Saint Monica, pray for me that I may, like your son, turn from my sin and become a great saint for the glory of God. Amen.*

**Invest in our Church's future by giving to ShareLife**

Your kindness and devotion enable St. Augustine's Seminary, along with the Office of Vocations and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, to provide an excellent formation for our seminarians as they pursue a life of service. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary. This Sunday, April 21, we celebrate the 61<sup>st</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There has never been a better time to support and pray for our seminarians, wherever they may be on their journey. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



**Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 21, 2024**

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or deaconate, call Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997. [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca). [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK**

**MAY 5 – 10, 2024**



During Catholic Education Week (May 5 – 10, 2024), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province.

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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

**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.

*From: Archdiocese of Toronto, Office of Formation for Discipleship, Stewardship Reflections, Year B.*



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