



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

4th Sunday Year B John 10:11-18
Easter Season

21 April



MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!

Sunday Collection
April 7 \$5,334
April 14 \$5,691

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of April:

For the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday, April 22

(8:30 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Gioconda Merante

Tuesday, April 23

(8:30 a.m. rosary)

St. Adalbert

9:00 a.m. † Corazon Minosa

Wednesday, April 24

(8:30 a.m. rosary)

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

9:00 a.m. † Adelina & Antonio Pizzi

Thursday, April 25

(8:30 a.m. rosary)

St. Mark the Evangelist

9:00 a.m. † Stellina Casucci

Friday, April 26

(8:30 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Dorval Blais

Saturday, April 27

5:00 p.m. † Anna Vergalito

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 28

9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish

11:00 a.m. † Guy Chartrand

5:00 p.m. † Dominic Garisto

DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Pope's Pastoral Work May 5

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

**“LET YOUR STEADFAST LOVE COMFORT ME
ACCORDING TO YOUR PROMISE TO YOUR
SERVANT.” Psalm 119:76**

Join us this weekend for reception in the Parish Hall to celebrate Our Pastor Fr. Mathew's 35th ordination anniversary after all the masses. Please wish Fr. Mathew Best Wishes and pray for him so that he may continue shepherding our church on this good shepherd Sunday.
All our welcome.

Bishop Gerard Bergie will administer
the Sacrament of Confirmation
to eligible candidates



LORETTO, Saturday, April 27 at 11:00am
Please pray for our young candidates the Spirit will fill them with His gifts and make them credible witnesses of Christ in the world

ST. THOMAS MORE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Are hosting their charter night and induction of officers banquet.



Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 6 p.m.
7 p.m. dinner
tickets \$40 each or \$75 per couple
kids under 12 year \$10 and under 5 free
Call or text Martin Marko 905 401 5646
or email stthomasknights17273@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

“FEED YOUR FAITH” event: All young adults (19 - 39 years old), whether in school or working, whether single, married, or separated/divorced, whether cradle Catholics who were raised and educated in faith or those who have drifted away and are searching for meaning and purpose from a life centred on Christ, are invited and welcome to gather at the Catholic Centre (3400 Merrittville Highway, Thorold) for a shared meal, fellowship, and quiet prayer beginning at 6:00pm on Friday, April 26, 2024. Contact: Terri Pauco at 905-684-0154, ext. 209 or email familyandyouth@saintcd.com. The next “Feed Your Faith” event will take place on Friday, May 31, 2024.



THE SERRA CLUB OF ST. CATHARINES
“Heaven Help Us!”

In support of Seminarians, diaconate,
and religious Sisters in the Diocese of St. Catharines,
Trivia Night -- Thursday, May 30
Doors open 5:00pm Trivia Begins at 6:00pm
St. Alfred Church, St. Catharines
tickets \$25 person
For tickets, contact Katae (905 407-3994) or online
serrastc.ca

**SUNDAY APRIL 21
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR
VOCATIONS:**

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:38; Lk. 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), to the religious life in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to societies of apostolic life, to secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of mission "ad gentes."

ST. THOMAS MORE GARDENING TEAM



As spring is approaching, we are looking for parishioners to join our Gardening Team and help with the clean up of our gardens and maintaining them over the summer.

There is no specific time commitment but we welcome anyone who can lend a helping hand.

Please contact Anna Racine at 905-358-3412 or rracine37@cogeco.ca if you are able to help or for further information.

Help keep our grounds beautiful.



Diocesan **SEPARATED and DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY** support group meetings held the second and fourth Monday of the month, 7-9pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls. Meetings also held virtually. To register for virtual attendance, or for information, please call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com



BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!

Please come out and support
St. Thomas More Bingo May 1 & 15.

Delta Monte Carlo Bingo Hall 4735 Drummond Rd.
Your support is greatly appreciated!



*If you can't feed a hundred people,
then feed just one.*

- Mother Teresa