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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



April 22nd– 28th, 2024

Monday, April 22nd

No Mass

Tuesday, April 23rd

7:00pm—Alfred Benedict

Wednesday, April 24th

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Thursday, April 25th

7:00pm—Jhun Vioria

Friday, April 26th

7:00pm — Pro Populo

Saturday, April 27th

5:00pm— Edelin Haban

Sunday, April 28th

10:00am—Pro Populo

12:00Noon—Alma Escosio

Joseph Fiesta

5:00pm (Tagalog Mass) - Community of Our
Lady of the Assumption

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Sunday Reflection.....

*Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep
(John 10:11-18)*



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.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

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.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PROGRAM



The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, through your regular parish offerings (this does not include special collections). The Plan is administered through the Office of Development of the Archdiocese of Toronto and tax receipts will be issued for all offertory gifts. Enrollment forms available at the parish office.



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.



Thank You for Your Financial Support

If you are unable to join us for mass at this time please consider the options of either through our [Pre-Authorized Giving Program](#), or an electronic donation by credit card through the "Donate Now" button at the top right corner of the Archdiocese of Toronto [website](#). For information, Please call the parish office at 416-787-4547.



Offertory Collection

(April 14, 2024)

Sunday Collection—\$9,368.00

Thank you for your generous hearts!

Parish Secretary Nora Valera is retiring!



On behalf of our parish community, I wish to thank Nora for her fifteen years of service as parish secretary/receptionist. She has been an invaluable member of our parish team and will be greatly missed by parish staff and

parishioners alike. Nora will be with us until the end of June 2024. Blessings and best wishes on your retirement Nora!

We are looking for a new full-time parish secretary/receptionist to provide a welcoming environment for those who visit or contact our parish community, as well as being responsible for all administrative and confidential functions relating to the parish office. The job posting can be found here: <https://olassumaptionto.archtoronto.org>, and the deadline for application is Monday, May 13th, 2024.



GARDEN MINISTRIES

Calling for **volunteers and different parish ministries** to help us with our gardening around the church and rectory this Spring. Please call the Parish office, 416-787-4547.



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Next Sharelife Collection—April 28th, 2024

NEW SECURITY LIGHTS AROUND THE CHURCH AND RECTORY

With gratitude from the government's subsidy, we were able to install new security lights around the church and rectory as our response to the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design and Anti-Hate Crime initiated by the government.



25th Priestly Anniversary

Fr. Lorenzo Salandanan will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass in honour of his

25th Priestly Ordination on Saturday, May 11th, 2024 at 5:00pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Church

Reception to follow.

Everyone is welcome!

PILGRIMAGE TO AUSTRIA, SLOVAKIA, GERMANY, SLOVENIA, CROATIA AND BOSNIA (MEDJUGORJE)



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Under spiritual guidance of Rev. Lorenzo Salandanan, Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Toronto, ON Tour Coordinator: Ms. Patricia Martyn, 416-629-0350, pmartyn132@gmail.com SEP 29 - OCT 12, 2024, 14 DAYS - \$5,090.00, incl. taxes and tips. Connaissance Travel and Tours, 3852 Finch Ave East, Suite #306, Toronto ON, M1T 3T9, Tel: 416



Did you move? Are you moving soon? Did your phone number change? Are you new to the parish and not registered? Do you have any

changes in your family status? Are you newlywed planning to remain in the parish?

If you answer **YES** to any of these questions, please call the parish office (416-787-4547) and help us update our records. Often mail is returned to us because of an incorrect address or we could not communicate because of incorrect telephone number.

Also, be sure to use your envelopes so that we can give you proper credit for your participation and financial support. This is important for year end income tax preparation and also so that we can provide you with a letter of recommendation if you are asked to be sponsor. Thank you for your help in keeping our parish records accurate!

Join the Archdiocese of Toronto Delegation International Eucharistic Congress 2024 September 8-15 – Quito, Ecuador

The Holy Father has invited Catholics worldwide to participate in the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress. This year's gathering takes place in Quito, Ecuador from September 8-15, 2024. To learn more about the pilgrimage, please visit www.archtoronto.org/iec. Limited spaces are available for pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Toronto to join with the Canadian delegation. Registration deadline is June 6, 2024 with early bird pricing available until May 6.

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