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April 27th-May 3rd, 2026

Monday, April 27th

No Mass

Tuesday, April 28th

7:00pm— +Rosa Salandanan

Wednesday, April 29th

7:00pm— Jan Ruffel Laorden

Thursday, April 30th

7:00pm— Community of OLA

Friday, May 1st

7:00pm— +Juan Apinado

Saturday, May 2nd

5:00pm—Eunice Nicole Bangalan

Sunday, May 3rd

10:00am—Inocencia & Filomino Samonte

12:00Noon— Aaron Goodman

5:00pm (Tagalog Mass) - Community of OLA

7:00pm— Community of OLA

Let us pray!



We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community 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 19th, 2026

Sunday Offertory \$ 11, 850.00



Thank you for your donations and support!

Sunday Reflection...

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10
Jesus is the gate for his sheep.



This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

INVITATION TO 'A DAY WITH MARY'



You are invited to a "Day with Mary" taking place on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a key note address for adults and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more. There is no fee to register— this is a free event open to all. Registration will open from April 8 until May 15. For information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



ShareLife Sunday is this weekend, celebrating 50 years

Today is ShareLife Sunday, the second weekend of special collections. Since 1976, ShareLife has been rooted in our Catholic values of charity and in living the Gospel by caring for those in need. Over the decades, thousands of people across our archdiocese have come together through parish campaigns, school drives, workplace giving, and personal acts of kindness to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families. ShareLife recognizes that all humans are created in the image of God, with a commitment to the dignity of the individual and the right to life, working on behalf of the poor and vulnerable.

As we celebrate this milestone anniversary in 2026, we invite you to join us in honouring this legacy of serving the marginalized in our parish community and around the world. With your support, ShareLife-funded agencies can continue to provide vital services—like counselling for families, support for isolated seniors, and care for those facing mental health challenges—for years to come. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or **at sharelife.org/donate**.

YOUR GIFTS TO THE PARISH: A bequest in your Will to our



Church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime. Charitable bequests can have a favourable impact on your overall estate plan. Bequests are NOT just for the wealthy! Consider including your parish or any of the archdiocesan

charities or departments in your Will. Let your Will reflect your Catholic values. Please see our estate planning guide to help you make your plan. The Archdiocese of Toronto also maintains a list of advisors across the GTA who are available to assist in your estate planning and the preparation of a Will. Please contact us at Development@archtoronto.org for a list of Catholic estate advisors in your area. Remember about the importance of using the correct legal names when arranging bequests or other planned gifts.

COFFE SUNDAY !!!



Please come and join us at basement hall after the mass. Please bring any baked goods you want to share with our fellow parishioner."

VOCATION CORNER



You are the body of Christ, every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon,

contact: **Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997. email: [vocations@ archtoronto .org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org). www.vocationstoronto.ca**



Help Not Harm: Take Action to Support Bill C-218

Write your Member of Parliament Today! Visit **HelpNotHarmCanada.ca**

You're invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act), which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent **Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)** from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. We are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. **Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.**



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!



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