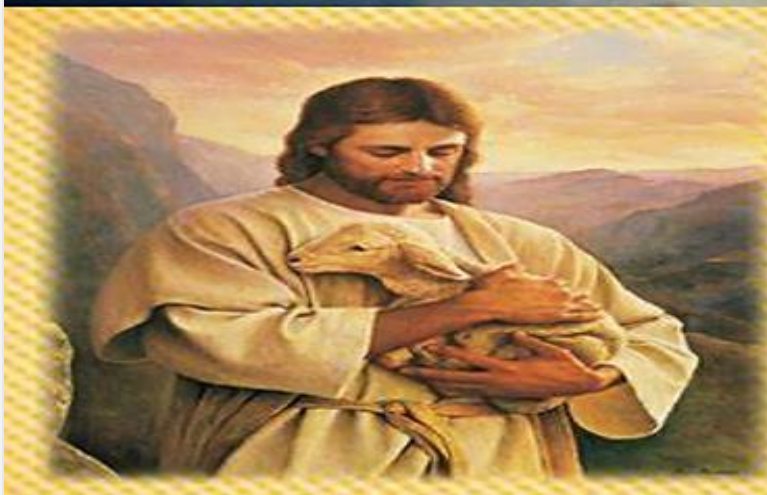


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JOHN 10:11-18

Jesus Sacrifices For The Flock



"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

- John 10:11

RAINBOW
covenant

GOD SERVED AS MANKIND'S SIN OFFERING

No man takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

John 10:18



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MASSES - MESSE

SATURDAY APRIL 24TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. – + Elizabeth Finch

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 25TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. – Francesco Ruberto

10:00 A.M. – L'Intenzioni di Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Tony Lamanna

Salvatore Porzio

Mike e Vito Cuoppolo

Defunti della Famiglia Vitro

Leonello Pecorari

Sierra Schaefer

Maria D'Addario

L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. – + Virgil Joseph Vieira

5:00 P.M. – + Bishop Deogupillai

MONDAY APRIL 26TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Victor Maga & Family

11:00 A.M. – Oto Lam & Family

TUESDAY APRIL 27TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. – Joseph & Christina

11:00 A.M. – + Paul & Pauline Lam

WEDNESDAY APRIL 28TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. – Hanna Porawa

11:00 A.M. – + Valerie D'Vauz

THURSDAY APRIL 29TH – GIOVEDI SANTO

7:00 A.M. – John Miceli

8:30 A.M. – + Allan Lilleoks

FRIDAY APRIL 30TH – VENERDI SANTO

8:30 A.M. – + Mary King

7:00 P.M. – Rodel Torres

SATURDAY MAY 1ST – SABATO SANTO

8:30 A.M. – In thanksgiving

10:00 A.M. – Edward De Jesus



To register for Adoration please visit the [parish website](#) or [click here](#).



GOSPEL SUMMARY:

Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that he is the Good Shepherd. He makes a distinction between good shepherds and hired hands. Good shepherds truly care for, guard, and protect their sheep. Hired hands are more likely to run at the first sign of trouble. As a good shepherd, Jesus knows his sheep and his sheep know him. Jesus is so devoted to his sheep that he will lay down his life for them.

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

Think of all the people who share in the task of teaching, guiding, and protecting your child. Who among those people is truly a good shepherd—a person who invests himself or herself in your child's life? Who are the "hired hands"—those who are less personally invested, but are still a part of your child's circle of formation and care? Think about your own role as a parent. How are you being a good shepherd to your child and to your family? Are there any "wolves" in your life, drawing your attention away from the flock God has placed in your care?



BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:



Today is a day to give thanks to the shepherds! Invite family members to talk about the good shepherds in their lives and in your family's life. Make a list of the shepherds who are mentioned by name. Use arts and crafts supplies and notecards to write thank-you notes or to create "Good Shepherd certificates." Mail or deliver the notes or certificates in the coming week.

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DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. Some of the wolves that take my attention off of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, are ...
2. Something I can do to help me follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, more closely is....
3. Someone can be a good shepherd to is... by....

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FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Please remember in your prayers: those who are sick and for those who love and minister to them –John Miceli, Gianna Ramzi, Francisco William, Stephanie Solomon, Antonio Sorbera, Bill Matthews, Vanessa Melone, Rosemarie Sorbera, Amelia Barroso, Joey Bagnato, Alicia Alvares, Charlie Abreu, Bill Cook, Tony Tersigni.



VOCATION REFLECTION:

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 diaconate, call **Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director of Vocations**, Archdiocese of Toronto.

Tel No. 416-968-0997 Email vocations@archtoronto.org Website <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca>

Dear Padre

Am I sinning when I work or shop on Sunday?



Biblical tradition states that the Sabbath is the day that God rested from the labors of creation. Sunday is also the day we commemorate Christ's resurrection from the dead and the inauguration of the new creation.

We rightly refer to Sunday, then, as the Lord's day. This being so, it's important that we do everything possible to keep the Lord's day holy and ensure that we reserve adequate time on Sunday for worship, rest, and recreation.

Today, many activities, social services, and family needs require some people to work on Sundays. In fact, many people have only the weekends to do the errands and activities that sustain their families.

Our participation in such activities and services is not a sin, nor does it mean that those who do need to work cannot find an appropriate way to sanctify the Lord's day and allow time for the worship, rest, and renewal that are proper to the day.

Even so, we must guard against treating the Lord's day as just another workday, or a continuation of our Saturday shopping spree. Remember that the primary focus on Sunday should be participating in the Mass and growing our relationship with the Lord.

For more information on this topic, see paragraphs 2184 through 2195 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

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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.



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We received the following update from Cardinal Collins last Friday:



Late this afternoon, the provincial government announced further restrictions in an attempt to minimize the transmission of Covid-19, given the alarming increase in new cases over the past 10 days. The new measures have a direct impact on places of worship as part of an extended stay-at-home order, which will be in place until at least May 20, 2021.

As you are likely aware, the number of new cases, especially in Toronto, Peel and York, have increased dramatically. While I firmly believe we offer an essential “service” and have demonstrated our ability to welcome the faithful safely given our stringent WorshipSafe measures, we must also recognize the serious nature of the current situation.

There will be NO PUBLIC MASSES celebrated during this time.

Adoration will be offered during the week and communion services on Sundays. Please sign up on the parish website.

Confessions will take place each Saturday 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We are limited to a maximum of 10 people in the church at any given time.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Office of Vocations

Re: Archdiocesan Week of Prayer for Vocations Monday, April 19 to April 24

From: Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director

For the week of April 19–24, let us all join, as a community, in prayer for vocations to the priesthood, religious or consecrated life. We also ask that you pray for our six soon-to-be priests, along with all who are discerning and who are currently in formation at St. Augustine’s Seminary. Thank you for your continued support as we work and pray together to the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers into His vineyard.

PRAYER: <http://bit.ly/PrayerforVocations>

EMAIL: vocations@archtoronto.org

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Volunteer Screening Department

Re: National Volunteer Week, April 18-24

From: Keisha Petrolo, Advisor, Volunteer Programs

April 18-24, 2021 is National Volunteer Week in Canada. This is an annual event promoted by Volunteer Canada to publicly recognize and thank volunteers for their dedication and contributions. We encourage you to personally acknowledge and thank the volunteers within your parish every day, but especially during this special week.

To support parish participation in National Volunteer Week, we have put together a kit that includes:

1. A digital “thank you” card in colour and black & white to be emailed or printed
2. A digital poster to be printed and displayed in the parish
3. A web banner and a rotator image, either of which can be posted on your parish website
4. Sample messaging for a pulpit and/or bulletin announcement

These materials will be available from Tuesday, April 6 to Sunday, April 25, 2021, on Google Drive, which you can access with this link: <http://bit.ly/VolunteerWeekResources>.

With deep gratitude, the archdiocese will also recognize our volunteers by posting the rotator image on the main page the Archdiocese of Toronto website and on our volunteer pages. Additionally, we will use the hashtags below to thank our volunteers during this week and we hope that you will consider doing the same:

Volunteer Canada: #VolunteersBringChange

Archdiocese of Toronto: #ThankYouArchTOVolunteers

These details will also be communicated to all parish volunteer coordinators via email. Should you have questions or require additional support, please feel free to contact me at KPetrolo@archtoronto.org or the Volunteer Screening Department at volunteerscreening@archtoronto.org

Office of Formation for Discipleship

Re: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Coordinators Conversation

From: Rebecca Spellacy, Associate Director, Liturgy

On **Wednesday, June 9** from **7 to 8:30 p.m.**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Coordinators and clergy are invited to a free webinar where we will discuss ways to adapt and use the recently produced formation videos from the Office of Formation for Discipleship. The webinar will highlight ways to use these videos in a local parish context and provide some time for questions and answers on the content of the videos. More information can be found on the poster: bit.ly/EMHCCW-PosterJun2021.

The videos can be found here: bit.ly/EMHC-FormationVideos.

To register, please visit: bit.ly/EMHCCW-RegJun2021. If you have any questions, please contact Ella Okonkwo at: 416-934-3400 ext. 523 or formation@archtoronto.org.

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Re: Lector Coordinators Conversation

From: Rebecca Spellacy, Associate Director, Liturgy On **Wednesday, June 16** from **7 to 8:30 p.m.**

Lector coordinators and clergy are invited to a free webinar where we will discuss ways to adapt and use the recently produced formation videos from the Office of Formation for Discipleship. The webinar will highlight opportunities to use the videos in a local parish context and provide some time for questions and answers on the content of the videos. More information can be found on the poster: bit.ly/LCW-PosterJun2021. The videos can be found here: bit.ly/Lector-FormationVideos. To register, please visit: bit.ly/LCW-RegisterJun2021. If you have any questions, please contact Ella Okonkwo at: 416-934-3400 ext. 523 or formation@archtoronto.org.

Re: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Formation Webinar – The End is Just the Beginning: Mystagogical Catechesis and RCIA

From: Rebecca Spellacy, Associate Director, Liturgy

RCIA directors, head catechists, catechists and clergy are invited to an RCIA webinar on **Saturday, May 15** from **10 to 11:30 a.m.** The webinar will look at the Period of Mystagogy and how it can and should lead to a lifelong process of formation. More information can be found on the event poster: <https://bit.ly/RCIAFW-PosterMay2021>. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Information on how to join will be sent to you after you sign-up. To register, please go to: <http://bit.ly/RCIAFW-RegisterMay2021>. If you have any questions, please contact Ella Okonkwo at: 416-934-3400 ext. 523 or formation@archtoronto.org.

Re: Ministers of Care: Growing in Ministry Free Webinar

From: Sally Amaral
We are excited to offer a free webinar on “Redemptive Suffering” on **Saturday, May 29** from **10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** led by Fr. Dominic Borg, OCD, Chaplain to the Discalced Carmelite Sisters.

This is a great opportunity for Ministers of Care Coordinators, those involved in Ministry to the Sick & Homebound, Bereavement Ministry and other caring ministries from various parishes to connect online for prayer, sharing and networking. For more information, please download the event poster: <http://bit.ly/MCW-PosterMay2021>. To register, please visit: <http://bit.ly/MCW-RegisterMay2021>. If you have any questions, please contact Ella Okonkwo at: 416-934-3400x523 or formation@archtoronto.org.

Re: Ministry with Maturing Adults Free Webinar

From: Sally Amaral
We are pleased to offer a Ministry with Maturing Adults webinar on **Saturday, June 5** from **10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** with Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP, on, “Prescription for COVID: A Daily Dose of Faith, Hope and love.” These unprecedented times have been upsetting, unfair and challenging for maturing adults. We need our daily dose of faith, hope and love to fight off the fear, gloom and dread. As we reflect on what helped us through this past year, we discover that it was – and continues to be – the strength of the Gospel, which provides us with answers to the trauma and fears of the pandemic.

All men and women in the second half of life (50+), including volunteers, parish leaders, parish staff and priests are welcome to join this webinar. To register, please visit: <http://bit.ly/MAW-RegisterJune2021>. For more information, please download the event poster: <http://bit.ly/MAW-PosterJune2021>. If you have any questions, please contact Ella Okonkwo at: 416-934-3400x523 or formation@archtoronto.org.

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Office of Human Resources & Wellness Committee



Re: April Wellness Tip – Earth Day: Thursday, April 22

Celebrated annually on April 22, **Earth Day** is a global event focused on promoting clean living and a healthy, sustainable habitat for people and wildlife alike. All over the world, environmentalists will recycle, conserve energy and teach the importance of sustained energy conservation. More than six million Canadians will join one billion people from over 190 different countries to participate in Earth Day activities.

Earth Day Canada's mission is to help people and organizations reduce their environmentally harmful actions and, as such, their theme this year is, "Take Care of the Planet." Their hope is to raise awareness about the importance of managing our waste, as citizens are invited to take care of the planet. You can watch and share their 2021 campaign video clip found here: <https://youtu.be/Bcu-NGPqEEK>.

How can YOU take care of the planet?

Although we cannot participate in group activities this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, people are encouraged to participate in activities at home that create a healthier environment and set an example for the next generation. These activities can be continued throughout the year.

Here are some great ideas to consider while planning your Earth Day activities:

- Encourage family and friends to participate in Earth Day activities at home.
- Make an effort to compost daily.
- Turn your energy towards the backyard and consider doing some yard work.
- If you are starting to garden, consider planting some pollinator flowers to attract bees, which are essential to our food chain.
- Plant an "Earth Day" legacy tree with your family.
- Leave your car at home: bike or walk to get some exercise (but please practice social distancing).
- Pick up at least one piece of trash while out on a walk.
- Ditch the plastic: stop buying single-use plastic beverage containers and instead, buy liquids in bulk.
- For new parents, consider using cloth diapers.
- Inspire others to participate in Earth Day by sharing what you plan to do. If posting online, use the hashtags: **#TakeCareofthePlanet, #EarthDay2021, #EarthDayCanada**.

For more information on Earth Day in Canada, you can visit: www.earthday.ca. You may also want to visit Earth Day Org. (www.earthday.org) to see how they plan to celebrate Earth Day this year.

In the words of Pope Francis: "Let us be 'protectors' of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in Nature, protectors of one another and of the environment."

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For your ongoing support of our parish, (including those for the St. Vincent de Paul) may be dropped off in person when the church is open for private prayer or sent through the mail.



SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES:

A set of offering envelopes will be prepared for you to pick up at the parish office.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING:

This new way of supporting the church is now being offered in our parish and many of our parishioners may find this method practical and convenient.

Please call the parish office (416-759-9359) for the way of giving that is right for you.

TO DONATE ON-LINE:

Alternately to donate to St. Lawrence Martyr Parish on-line, please [click here Archdiocese of Toronto](#) and select St. Lawrence Martyr Parish from the drop list.

REGISTRATION OF NEW PARISHIONER: Please [click here](#).



May God continue to bless you now and always!

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Parish Groups

We invite you to consider joining a parish group. For more information, please call 416-759-9359.

- Altar Servers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Lectors
- Choir - 5:00 pm English Mass
- Choir - 10:00 am Italian Mass
- Choir - 11:30 am English Mass
- Ushers
- St. Lawrence Women's Group...1st Sunday of every month after 8:30 am Mass
- St. Vincent de Paul Society (Helpline 416-410-3589) 2nd and 4th Monday of each month
- The Craft Group...every Tuesday after 8:30 am Mass
- Knights of Columbus...3rd Monday of every month at 7:30 pm
- Legion of Mary...every Tuesday at 7pm
- Marian Movement for Priests...every Wednesday following 8:30 am Mass
- Youth Group...2nd and last Saturday of the month at 2 pm
- Charismatic Prayer Meeting Friday Night at 7:00pm

Parish Office

Julia Di Paolo....Parish Secretary

Office Hours

Mon to Thurs: 9:15 am -12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Friday.....9:15 am - 1:00 pm
Sunday.....9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Closed on Saturday and holidays

Orario Di Ufficio

Dal Lun al Gio: 9:15 am-12:00pm
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Venerdi.....9:15 am - 1:00pm
Domenica.....9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Sabato e giorni di festa: Ufficio Chiuso



Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Roy Farrell..... Pastor of St. Lawrence Martyr
Rev. Fr. Jimmy Joseph Associate Pastor of St. Lawrence Martyr
Rev. Fr. Russell Asch Chaplain to the Faithful participating in the Extraordinary Rite of the Latin Mass

Confessions

Saturdays following 8:30 am Mass
Saturday.....4:15 to 4:45 pm
Any time by request

Confessioni

Sabato dopo la messa dalle 8:30am
Sabato..... 4:15 alle 4:45 pm
Qualsiasi altro giorno a richiesta dei fedeli.

Sunday Masses (Messe Domenicali)

Sat. Vigil (Sabato)	5:00 pm	English (Inglese)
Sunday (Domenica)	8:30 am	English (Inglese)
	10:00 am	Italian (Italiano)
	11:30 am	English (Inglese)
	1:00 pm	Latin (Latino)
	5:00 pm	English (Inglese)

Daily Masses (Giorni Feriali)	Mon (Lun)	Tues (Mar)	Wed (Mer)	Thur (Gio)	Fri (Ven)	Sat (Sab)
English (Inglese)	8:30 am	8:30 am	8:30 am	8:30 am	8:30 am	8:30 am
Latin (Latino)	11:00 am	11:00 am	11:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 p.m.	10:00 am

* Weekday Latin Masses subject to change due to funeral or absence of priest. Latin Masses are of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, according to the 1962 Missal. * Messe nei giorni feriali latino sono soggetti a variazioni a causa di funerale o assenza del sacerdote. Messe latine sono della forma straordinaria del Rito Romano, secondo il Messale del 1962.

Eucharistic Holy Hours

- Sunday Evenings: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- First Fridays: 7:15 am - 8:15 am, 9:15 am - 6:30 pm, 8:00 pm - 4:00 am

For Baptism, Marriage and Sacrament of the Sick:

- Please contact the parish office at 416-759-9359

Parish School: St. Lawrence Catholic School

2216 Lawrence Ave. East, Scarborough, ON Tel.:416-393-5264

Devotions

- Rosary: 8:00 am - Monday through Saturday
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 8:25 am - Wednesdays
- Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Mon. after the 8:30am Mass (Oct-May)
- Novena to St. Anthony of Padua: For thirteen Tuesdays in preparation for the Feast of St. Anthony

BAPTISMS

Baptism takes place on the Second Sunday of each month. Pre-baptism instructions are provided to parents and sponsors who must be practicing Catholics. Contact parish office for details.

MARRIAGES

Contact the parish priest at least one year in advance of the marriage. Engaged couples must attend a marriage preparation course offered by the Archdiocese. Please contact the parish office for more details.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Please contact parish office for details

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Please contact parish office for details.

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Please contact parish office to arrange a visit.

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