

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

"Listen," says one sheep to the others, "he's calling us!" Over the clatter of many feet on the ground, above the shoulders of everyone jostling about, cutting through the noise of many voices and the din of life in motion, Jesus is also calling out to each of us to follow him.

"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me," the Good Shepherd confidently proclaims. "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish... What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand."

In today's first reading, Paul and Barnabas respond to the call of Jesus. Even though they face persecution and times are hard, when they live out of their calling they are filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. Doubtless they are numbered in the great multitude robed in white depicted by John in Revelation, a host standing in continuous Eucharist before the throne and the shepherd, who is himself the Lamb of God.

Today, as we join with the 'sheep' of all ages at the altar of the Shepherd and Lamb, Jesus the Christ, let us respond to his calling, to our vocation, with a resounding, joyful "Yes!" Like Paul and Barnabas, let us shake the dust off our feet and head out, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

*(Reflection of Beverly Mlaug, from Living with Christ)*

### ShareLife

"The ShareLife campaign provides for the needs of our social service agencies, helps our brothers and sisters in Christ across the world, and supports the education of our clergy. It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Regardless of their religious beliefs or personal background, ShareLife agencies meet people where they are, treating them with the dignity and respect we all deserve." – Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

**Today is ShareLife Sunday - April 17, 2016**

**Thank you for your generosity. You can work wonders!**

### Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Students and sponsors are to arrive **one hour** before Mass in the Parish hall.



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

4:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Dassa Family

#### Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

8:00 a.m. + Giuseppe Di Felice

9:30 a.m. Special Intention of Thomas Callaghan

11:00 a.m. + Dominico Dos Sontes & Messiona  
& Anna Grazia Donato

#### Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Anthony Kim

#### Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Leonila Cruz

#### Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Vincenzo Saracino

#### Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Joe Marie Gavaran

#### Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Carol Copp

### Lectio Divina and Gospel Study

Sr. Eva Janning, CPS will continue to facilitate prayer and study based on the gospel of St. John, Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall, until April 27. Everyone is welcome for part or all of the sessions. No registration required.

### Children's Choir

A children's Choir is being introduced for the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass. Rehearsals will be held, at least for now, on Saturdays, from 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Clea Soare will direct the choir. For more information, or to contact Clea, email her at [cleaandcharlie@gmail.com](mailto:cleaandcharlie@gmail.com)

### 55+ Club Meetings

Persons, 55+ and older, are invited to come out each Wednesday afternoon, 1 – 3 p.m. in the parish hall. Activities vary each week.

### Alpha

**Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm**

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Alpha is a series of interactive conversations about faith in a friendly and informal environment. Come out for dinner, a talk, and small group discussion about life's big questions and the message of Christianity. Alpha began on Monday April 4th. There is no charge, and childcare is provided (please register for childcare). Contact Josh at [jcanning@alphacanada.org](mailto:jcanning@alphacanada.org), or 647-468-1195 to register.

**WEEK 3 TOPIC:** Cross: Why Did Jesus Die?

### **Spiritual Growth in the Second Half of Life:**

**Spring Programme in St. Edward's Parish Hall  
Tuesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

This four part series is a continuation of the fall programme. All men and women in the second half of life are welcome. It is not essential to have attended the first four sessions. Each topic is a separate unit. The sessions will be facilitated by Sister Mary Rose Marrin CSJ.

April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Spiritual Strengths and Inner Resources
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Reaching Out
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Challenge of Forgiveness
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Gratitude and Celebration



### **Tiny Shroud Ministry**

We have started this wonderful ministry of knitting tiny blankets/shrouds and bonnets that will be provided to hospitals to wrap newborn babies who pass soon after birth or who are stillborn. They are knitted with prayers and are of great comfort to parents in their time of need. Patterns available and can be done at home.

For more information, contact Margaret at: 416-857-6220 ([TinyShroudMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:TinyShroudMinistry@gmail.com)). Please keep our efforts in your prayers!

### **Coins for Life**

A special thank you to all those who contributed on behalf of those who have no voice – the unborn. Your boxes have been collected by the Campaign Life Coalition, who will issue a report to us in the near future.

### **Knitting Group**

The Knitting Group is looking to duplicate their success of last year. They are in need of donations of

wool to make warm items for those in need. For more information contact Joyce at 416-590-0832.

### **Northmount School for Boys**

Northmount School for Boys is seeking educators to teach a combination of Music and/or Language Arts and/or French and/or Science to Primary, Junior, and Intermediate level students. The positions will commence on August 29, 2016 and are expected to be Full Time Positions. You may read the job posting online at: [applytoeducation.ca](http://applytoeducation.ca)

### **Tastes of Heaven Gala**

His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Apostolic Chancellor of Catholic Missions in Canada requests your presence at the Tastes of Heaven Gala 2016

**Thursday, April 28, 2016, Cocktails 6 p.m. Dinner 7p.m.  
Bellvue Manor, 8083 Jane Street, Vaughan**

In 2016, our gala will celebrate the positive changes that result when a community builds a Church. Proceeds from the gala will go to assist the building of a new Church for the community of Fort Simpson, Northwest Territories, in the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith.

For sponsorship or tickets, visit our website [www.cmic.info](http://www.cmic.info) or contact Patricia Gyulay at ext. 227 at 416-934-3434 or 1-866-937-2642 or email [patricia@cmic.info](mailto:patricia@cmic.info)

### **World Day of Prayers for Vocations**

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon or religious, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416.968.0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)