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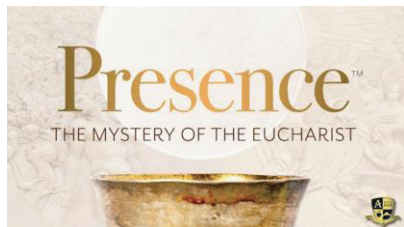
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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia."*

(Cf. Psalm 32. 5-6)



## Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation. To watch, please visit FORMED. To register for FORMED, for FREE, go to: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and enter the Parish Code: FVT2H9.

## Announcements



1. Toonie Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVDP) will be **TODAY, April 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>**. The poor boxes are located at each of the Church entrances. SSVDP asks for your generosity to help

support the most vulnerable in our community. Thank you for your generosity.

2. Daily exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is suspended from April 17th-26th inclusive. This also includes **NO exposition from 5:45-7:45 AM on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**. We resume daily Exposition at 4pm on Saturday, April 27th.

3. The Annual Irish Concert and Afternoon Tea will be held on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at Holy Rosary Church, 354 St. Clair Ave. W. The concert will feature Eithne Heffernan



and, (harpist) and Hugo Straney (entertainer). There will also be a raffle and bake sale. Admission tickets are \$20 and will go towards supporting St. Vincent de Paul. The Tickets can be purchased at the door or by contacting Cathy O'Connell at 416-483-6914 or Jackie Jensen at 416-652-8482. All are welcome.

4. St. Vincent De Paul Bundle Sunday will be held **next weekend, April 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>**. The truck will be parked in between the Parish Office and Hall and will be open for drop off before and after all the Masses. Please see below for a list of donation guidelines. For the donation guidelines, please visit [www.ssvptoronto.ca](http://www.ssvptoronto.ca)

## Donation Guidelines – Please Note of the Following:

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The Day Program (Gr. 1-6) runs from July 22-26, 2024 (9:00 AM – 2:30 PM). Kids will Learn and grow their Catholic faith in a fun and interactive way through songs, games, prayer, Scripture and the Sacraments. The Evening Program (Gr. 7-12) runs from July 21-25, 2024 (6:45 PM – 9:00 PM). Teens will deepen their relationship with Jesus through discussions, fellowship, prayer, Scripture and the Sacraments.

6. The **APRIL** Food of the Month donation is **LARGE (FAMILY SIZED) BAGS OF DRY PASTA**. With rising food costs, the Foodbank is serving record numbers of clients (approximately 1200 people per week). On behalf of the clients, volunteers at the COTH Foodbank, thank you for your support.

7. Pentecost Parish BBQ  
Please join us in celebrating the Church's birthday on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM with food trucks, water park, and many exciting games for everyone. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids.



# APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 22, 2024

12:10 pm. Liana Tedjokusumo (Birthday Blessings)

Requested By: Hermy & Isabel Villasenor

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

12:10 pm. Joana Wilson (+) & Parents (+)

Requested By: Maria Zelia

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

12:10 pm. Good health & intentions of Charles Rodrigues

Requested By: Hema

**Thursday, April 25, 2024**

12:10 pm. Shirley Maroney (+)

Requested By: John Maroney

**Friday, April 26, 2024**

12:10 pm. Miryam Bernal de Sanchez (+) & Bernardo Sanchez (+)

Requested By: The Pineros Sanchez Family

Multiple Intentions:

Holy Souls in Purgatory, Ed Nolan (+), Ambrose Bruce (+), & Porferia Davalos (+)

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

9:00 am. Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in reparation for all sins committed against her Immaculate Heart

5:00 pm. Vincenzina Marino (+)

Requested By: Antonella Amoroso

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners

10:00 am. Mario Villasenor (+) & Ricardo Domingo (+) (Death Anniversary)

Requested by: Hermy & Isabel Villasenor

12:00 pm. Danielle Feghali (Special Intentions)

Requested By: The Feghali Family



**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially:** Paul Morisset, Mark Colbreath, Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeek, Mario, Edward Haggarty, M.M. Mackenzie, and Jamie.

**Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died, especially:** Barbara Noble-Holding (+).



**Catholic Education Week – May 5, 2024 — “We Are Called To Love”**

During Catholic Education Week (May 5 – 10, 2024), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God’s love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ.



### The Pastor's Reflection

*"Jesus said: I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."* (Jn 10:11)

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord:  
Happy Easter!

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we are called to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. For most of us who have only ever lived in the city, it can be difficult to get a sense of what Christ is trying to teach us in this parable. It was only after moving to Mongolia that I was able to better understand what this passage meant. One of our social workers, Alimaa, was a shepherdess. She would take me around her tent to introduce me to her flock. She knew each of the sheep by name. They recognized her voice and her scent and immediately approached her. She loved them tenderly and knew their quirks. The newborns would even sleep in her tent at night.

Her behaviour towards her flock is similar to the behaviour of Christ towards each of us. Jesus knows each of us inside out. He knows our quirks. He knows our fears, hopes and weaknesses. Because we belong to him, he loves and cares for us tenderly. He even protects us from the dangers around us. Alimaa had a staff which she would use to chase away wild dogs who would try to attack her sheep. Jesus does that the same by sending us his angels to chase away the devil and his minions. He even goes so far as to risk his own life so that we can be saved from ruin. Moreover, he will not rest if even a single sheep goes astray (Lk 15:3-7). He will do anything to bring it back into his own fold.

As baptized men and women, all of us are called to follow the example of the Good Shepherd. Each of us has responsibility over others. Are we like Jesus? Do we seek to guide and protect those we are responsible for by leading them to him, the only saviour of the world? (cf. Jn 14:6) Do we teach others what Christ and the Church actually teach? Or do we teach our own opinion? Do we stand and watch others risk their own salvation without a word? Or do we correct gently, and fast and pray for their conversion? Let us ask the Good Shepherd to make our hearts like his own.



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