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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 27, 7:00PM +Rosa Carvalho
+Francesco Gammicchia & Antonino Gammicchia
+Arminda Balugas

TUESDAY, April 28, 9:00AM +Generosa Paulos
+Manuel DaSilva

WEDNESDAY, April 29, 7:00PM *ProPopulo

THURSDAY, April 30, 9:00AM *ProPopulo

FRIDAY, May 1, 7:00PM +Maria & Luis Borges +Maria
Dos Santos

SATURDAY, May 2, 9:00AM -First Saturday

+All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, May 2, 5:00PM

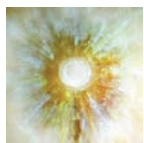
+Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Maria Dolores Vigarrio +Isaura
Lourenco & All Deceased Family Members +Fernando &
Graciete Domingues +Jose Manuel Caldas Azevedo +Lucia
Balugas & Arminda Balugas +Maria de Fatima Soares
+Armando Araujo & Gloria Seraphina Dias +Angelo &
Danny Canestraro +Isaura Jesus & Amilcar Miranda +All
Deceased Ramos & Dias Family Members + Fernando
Araujo

SUNDAY, May 3, 8:00AM *ProPopulo

SUNDAY, May 3, 10:00AM +Samantha Diogo +Isabel
Camacho & Manuel Feliciano Coelho

SUNDAY, May 3, 12:00PM +Deolinda Oliveira &
Fernanda Rola Miranda +Manuel Da Silva & All Deceased
Family Members

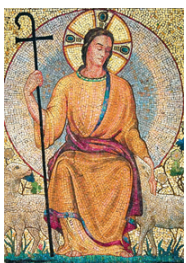
SUNDAY, May 3, 2:00PM *ProPopulo
St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION

Holy hour will be celebrated on the **Friday
May 1st** following the 7:00pm Mass.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



World Day of Prayer for vocations will be observed on Sunday April 26, 2026, also known as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord’s instruction to, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38 Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to

the Lord’s call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

ShareLife May 31, 2026, is **ShareLife Sunday** - Jesus’ love and example inspire us to extend a helping hand to others, especially those facing the greatest challenges. ShareLife agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassion and generous contributions. Please continue to give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

REFLECTION

“When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.” [John 10:4-5](#)

Young children are often frightened by strangers. Infants, for example, form a strong bond with their mothers who feed them, hold them close, talk to them, and lavish love upon them. It often happens that when other family members, such as grandparents or even the father, attempt to hold the child, tears emerge until the child is placed once again in the familiar and safe arms of his or her mother.

An infant’s reaction to strangers can teach us much about today’s Gospel on Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Like an infant, sheep become familiar with the voice and presence of their shepherd. The shepherd lives with the sheep night and day. He calls to them, speaks to them, keeps them safe, and leads them to green pastures and water. If a stranger were to call them, they would not listen, similar to how an infant reacts to a stranger.

Jesus’ teaching is in response to the criticism He received from the Pharisees after He healed a man born blind. After healing the man, Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind” ([John 9:39](#)). When the Pharisees heard Jesus say that, they inquired whether He was suggesting that they were blind, to which Jesus replied, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains” ([John 9:41](#)).

An infant’s unfamiliarity with a stranger is instinctive and innocent, yet it teaches us about the deeper spiritual reality Jesus describes. Just as sheep recognize the voice of their shepherd and follow him because they trust in his care, so too does a soul attuned to God respond to His voice. In contrast, the Pharisees, who prided themselves on their religious knowledge, failed to recognize Jesus as the true Shepherd. This failure was not innocent ignorance; it was willful blindness rooted in their rejection of His divine mission. The healed blind man perceived Jesus’ voice with the simplicity of faith, while the Pharisees, claiming to ‘see’ with their own wisdom, remained in sin because they refused to hear and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd. The Pharisees saw Jesus as a stranger to their religious beliefs and practices. They labeled Him an imposter. Unlike the innocent reaction of an infant or the natural response of sheep, the Pharisees’ unfamiliarity with Jesus was a sin stemming from pride. It was a blindness of their own making that closed their hearts to the comforting and supernaturally familiar voice of God. To recognize Jesus’ voice is to respond to the call of grace, trust in His teachings, and follow into the fullness of life He offers. Only by humbly admitting our need for His guidance can we, like the sheep, allow Him to lead us to green pastures and salvation.

Reflect today on the fact that God calls out to you day and night. Do you recognize His voice? Or do you, like the Pharisees, turn away from Him? Following the Good Shepherd begins with an intimate familiarity with His divine presence in our lives. We must become as familiar with Him as an infant is with its mother or as sheep are with their faithful shepherd. Failure to recognize the Good Shepherd's voice leaves us lost and unable to care for ourselves. Jesus desires to lead us, care for us, and bring us to the abundant pastures of new life. Become familiar with Him and listen to His voice alone, and like the blind man, you will begin to see in ways you never have before, through the eyes of faith. *My Catholic Life! 2026*

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO-A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday May 30, 2026, at Villanova College Located at 2480 15th Sideroad King City. Registration begins April 8. The deadline to register is May 15. For more information visit www.archtoronto.org/mary

Doors open at 10:00am. The day will begin with Mass at 11am and end at 4:00pm. We will gather from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady.

If you are interested in joining the PARISH GROUP on a bus, please come to the parish office to register. The fee is \$20.00/person for the bus and \$10.00/person for food. Parishioners are asked to please bring cash, cheque or card (tap) to reserve your seat at the time of booking. Seating will be on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE basis. The deadline to book your seat on the bus is May 1, 2026.

**From Holy Martyrs: Bus Boarding at 8:50am
Bus Departure: 9:00am Sharp**
**From Villanova College: Bus Boarding 4:00pm
Bus Departure: 4:15pm**

YOUTH MINISTRY



Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays

7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Next Edge Night: Date: May 8 - Fire Fall

LIFE TEEN

Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome! **Next LifeTeen Night: May 1 – The Moral of the Story**

YOUNG ADULT GROUP AGES 18-39

Calling all young adults to join us every Sunday at 3:00 in the large meeting room. It is an opportunity to get together, grow in faith alongside like-minded people in a similar stage of life. We look forward to seeing you.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY



We intentionally and wholeheartedly honour, celebrate and venerate the Blessed Ever Virgin Mary, who was entrusted to us by Our Lord on the Cross as our spiritual Mother and entrusted us to her as her beloved children (cf. Jn 19:25-27). Pilgrimages, prayers, various devotional practices, and liturgical rites in veneration of Our Lady during this month have long been a mainstay of Catholic piety, including May crownings. As Pope St. Paul VI had intuited: there is an even greater outpouring of God's graces showered upon us this very month thanks to Divine Providence who wills that these blessings come to us through the Mother of Christ. It is truly significant and vital to have filial recourse to The Mother so as to benefit more abundantly from the mercy, generosity and help of the Lord.

Consecration to Our Blessed Mother is another meaningful form of Marian piety. [3] When we consecrate ourselves to Mary, we offer the entirety of ourselves along with the merits of our prayers[4] to her as Mother and Queen, Intercessor and Advocate, Sister and Companion. The reason we offer Our Lady all our works is so that we can belong more fully to Jesus, knowing that she can do greater things with our small offerings than we can on our own. She wants only the best for us, and we give her everything so she can present it all to Jesus.[5] Let us be reminded that true devotion to the Mother of Jesus "consists neither in sterile or transitory affection, nor in a certain vain credulity, but proceeds from true faith, by which we are led to know the excellence of the Mother of God, and we are moved to a filial love toward our mother and to the imitation of her virtues." [6] – *Most Rev Francis Leo, Message on the Blessed Mother, - May 1, 2024, archdiocese of toronoto.org.*

OUR LADY OF FATIMA – May 10 & 11 Last Year!

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Saturday May 10 at 7:00pm (in Portuguese) followed by procession and candlelight.

Reception at the Portuguese Cultural Center 9:30pm.

Sunday May 11 at 2:00pm, Mass (in Portuguese)

followed by procession. Reception at the Portuguese Cultural Center 4:00pm.

***Please note: That our Lady of Fatima Mass on Sunday May 11 at 2:00pm will substitute for our Regular scheduled 2:00pm Spanish Mass.**

Sabado 10 de Maio 2026 Missa em Portuguese seguida da Procissao das Velas Club Portuguese de Bradford 9:30pm. Domingo 11 de Maio 2026, Missa em Portuguese seguida da Procissao e bencao do santissimo. Club Portuguese de Bradford 4:00pm.

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