

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25, 2021

“Unless I see I will not believe”

“I am the Good Shepherd”



Do you know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own? The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want (Psalm 23:1). Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! (Psalm 80:1) We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25).

Jesus made three promises to his followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since he is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands.

The words which Jesus spoke upset many of the Jewish leaders. How could he speak with the same authority which God spoke and claim to be equal with God? He must either be insane or divine. Unfortunately some thought he was mad even though he cured a man who was blind from birth. We are faced with the same choice. Either Jesus is who he claims to be - the Son of God and Savior of the world - or the world's greatest deluder! We cannot be indifferent to his claim. For those who accept him as Lord and Savior he offers the peace and security of unending life and joy with God. Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to Christ?

Do you listen attentively to the voice of the Good Shepherd and obey his word?

"Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who keeps watch over our lives. May I be ever attentive to your voice and submit fully to your wise rule for my life. Draw me near to you that I may always find peace and joy in your presence."

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, St. Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE

Mass is being live streamed on our Parish YouTube Channel on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at 6:40pm).

The link to our parish YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidkSQAZBuk3g-bhw?>

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

MONDAY, APRIL 26 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

TUESDAY, APRIL 27 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Anna Ellul

+ Taryn Thompson

+ Dorothy Gambaro

THURSDAY, APRIL 29 – 8:00 A.M.

S.I. In reparation for sins committed against the
Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, MAY 1 – 5:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SUNDAY, MAY 1 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

S.I. Parish Community

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes for 2021 are available in the parish office and at the back of the Church for those who are attending the weekend Communion Services. Brochures outlining our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan and Parish Registration forms are also available. If you would like a PAG form, please contact the parish office.

DISCOVER MINISTRY FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Office of Formation for Discipleship offers a variety of diocesan and regional formation opportunities for the lay faithful. They include:
Workshops for other ministries: Sick and Homebound, Bereavement, Social Justice, and Maturing Adults

Workshops for liturgical ministries: Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Liturgical Musician, Liturgy of the Word With Children, and Hospitality

To learn more please go to :

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/our-community/programs--workshops/>

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church on Fridays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/exposition-of-the-blessed-sacrament-and-adoration-tickets-130608933837>

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THIS WEEKS PICKS

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK
April 11, 2021

WATCH DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL
As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday this week, join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the chaplet and asking God to shower his mercy upon us. This video features breathtaking footage that sheds light on the beauty and breadth of the Catholic Church.

LEARN A BIBLE STUDY ON THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY
In 2002, St. John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries to the Rosary. In unique ways, each of these mysteries reveal that Christ is the 'light of the world' (Jn 8:20). To more fruitfully ponder these mysteries, join us in this Bible study with the Augustine Institute faculty.

LISTEN THE NECESSITY OF DIVINE MERCY BY FR. CHRIS ALAR
Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life. Discover God's transformative message of Divine Mercy through this week.

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