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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)

## *Weekly Biblical Reflection*

"He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, paired with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which centers on a simple but challenging idea. A voice and our response to it. In the Gospel, Jesus presents himself as the Good Shepherd whose sheep recognize and follow his voice. It sounds very straightforward: sheep, shepherd, listening. However, it quickly becomes personal. Whose voice are we really following?

We live surrounded by noise: expectations, pressures, and constant messaging about who we should be. Some voices are loud, others subtle, often feeding our fears or insecurities. In contrast, Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice," pointing to a relationship built on trust and familiarity.

Vocation fits directly into this. It's easy to think of vocation as something only for priests, deacons, or religious life, but it's broader than that. Vocation simply means calling, and everyone has one. It's not just about what we do, but how we live, uniquely reflecting God's love through our own life and circumstances.

The real question, then, isn't whether God is calling, but whether we are listening. And that's difficult. Listening requires stillness, openness, and trust. Jesus doesn't map everything out; he invites us to follow, often without knowing the full path ahead.

His voice is distinct. It doesn't pressure or shame but invites patiently and persistently. Sometimes it's a quiet nudge or a deep sense that something matters. We often ignore it, not out of spite, but because we're busy, uncertain, or afraid.

That's why today matters. It's a reminder for us to slow down and listen. To ask, "Lord, what are you asking of me?" Following the Good Shepherd doesn't guarantee ease, but it leads to a life that is meaningful and grounded.

The invitation is always there to listen, trust, and to take the next step, however small it may seem.

God Bless, Deacon Kevin

## *Announcements*

### 1. **ShareLife Sunday is this weekend, celebrating 50 years**

Today is ShareLife Sunday, the second weekend of special collections. Since 1976, ShareLife has been rooted in our Catholic values of charity and in living the Gospel by caring for those in need. Over the decades, thousands of people across our archdiocese have come together through parish campaigns, school drives, workplace giving, and personal acts of kindness to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families.

ShareLife recognizes that all humans are created in the image of God, with a commitment to the dignity of the individual and the right to life, working on behalf of the poor and vulnerable. As we celebrate this milestone anniversary in 2026, we invite you to join us in honouring this legacy of serving the marginalized in our parish community and around the world.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### 2. Have you heard? We are putting together a Parish Directory to celebrate our 100th anniversary. This book will contain photos and names of our parishioners, so that you can put a name to the face!

It is FREE to have your photo taken, plus you have the option to purchase your own keepsakes. All you have to do is scan the QR code at the bottom of this message to register for a time in the parish hall.



**BONUS:** For every 25th person that signs up, we have a prize!

### 3. Please join **TODAY, Sunday, April 26th**, for the Irish Concert and Afternoon Tea in support of St. Vincent de Paul. The concert will take place at Holy Rosary Church at 2:00 PM, followed by tea in the Parish Hall. The concert will feature Eithe Heffernan (harpist) and Hugo Straney (entertainer). There will also be a raffle and bake sale. Admission tickets are \$20. To purchase tickets, please contact Cathy O'Connell at 416-483-6914 or Jackie Jensen at 416-562-8482.

# APRIL 26th, 2026

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, April 27, 2026

12:10 pm. Vincenzina Marino (+)  
Requested By: Family

### Tuesday, April 28, 2026

12:10 pm. Agnes Tung0Ngan (Yu) Ford (+)  
Requested By: Riccardo G. Federico

### Wednesday, April 29, 2026

*Saint Catherine of Siena*

12:10 pm. Jerohimo & Mery Pereira  
(Wedding Anniversary)

### Thursday, April 30, 2026

*Saint Marie De L'Incarnation*

12:10 pm. Soul of Anita & Rudy Peralta  
(+), Holy Souls in Purgatory

Requested By: Angelita

### Friday, May 1, 2026

12:10 pm. Damih Khao Bui (+)  
Requested By: Family

Multiple Intentions: Antonietta Pugliese (+), Presentacio Ocheda (+), Edmund Chak Kwan Yeung (+), Rosalind D'Silva (Healing), Anne Marie Barbaste (birthday), Jennifer and Jordon and Austin (conversion), Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, May 2, 2026

*St. Athanasius*

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

5:00 pm. Chong-Han Dong (+)  
Requested By: Helena Dong

### Sunday, May 3, 2026

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners, In Thanksgiving & Visitacion Abides (+)

Requested By: Florida Abides

10:00 am. Fr. Doug Hilmer, CSB (+)  
Requested By: Chiara Villasenor

12:00 pm. Vitaliano Marino (+)  
Requested By: Family

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Audrey Donoghue, Denis Connolly, Goretti

Raposo, Miranda Thompson, Richard Marshall, Paul Swarney, Kaye Graham, Mary Hopkins, Peter Robinson, Dominic Curran, Gerard Gonsalves, Mary Castillo de Vega, Mary Agnes Ludwick, Madeleine Mendoza, Peter Verwoerd, Paul Morisset, Mark Colbreath, Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeck, M.M. Mackenzie, and Jamie.

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The Churches-on-the-Hill MAY Food of the Month donation is FAMILY-SIZED CEREAL. Please bring your donations to the Parish Office.



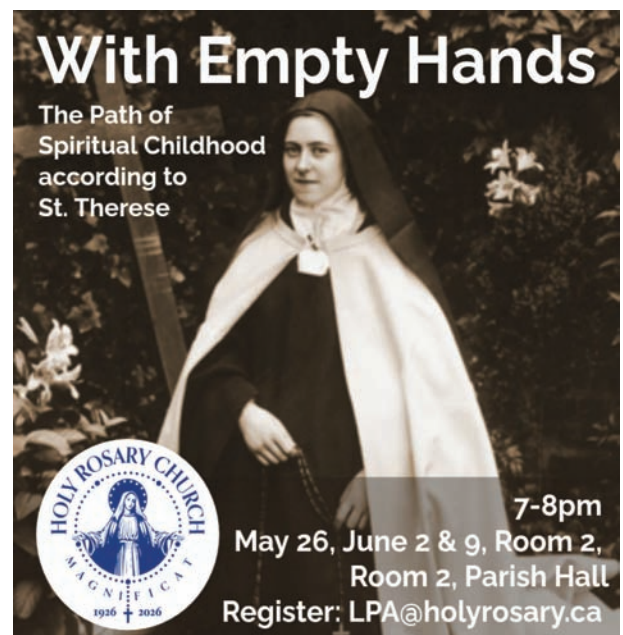
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