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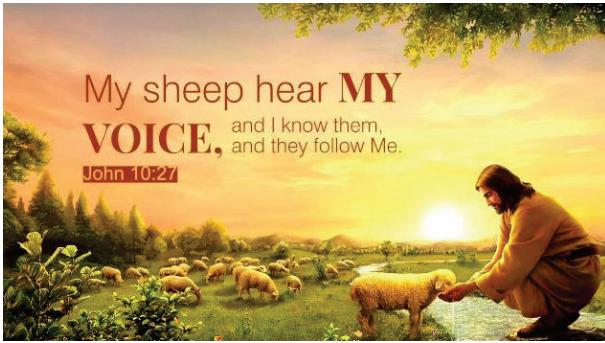
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



John 24: 13-35 "Good Shepherd Sunday"

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads

them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Prayer Requests: If you or a family member is sick or deceased and would like to be prayed for, please contact the office.

Sick Intentions: Peter Sy

Deceased Intentions: Maria Nayagam Nallaia



Mon. April 27th: NO MASS

Tues. April 28th: Annamaria Carnevale†, Elize Castelino†, James Arthur Kean†

Wed. April 29th: Francis Palomar & Evelyn Cruz, Enrico Palomar II

Thurs. April 30th: Jeffrey Silvia†

Fri. May 1st: Ong Beng†

Sat. May 2nd:

9:00am: Tina de Mello, Arthur Morset†, Rev. Father Ranjan D'sa†, Nicanor Han
5pm - People of the Parish

Sun. May 3rd:

8:30am - People of the Parish
10am - Manuel Silva†, Manuel Lopez†
12 pm - Leonora Tadeo



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR GENEROSITY AND DONATIONS TO OUR SPRING DRIVE FOR THE COMPASS FOOD BANK!

REMINDER: Members of the Finance Council will be providing an update on the parish's financial situation at all masses on the weekend of May 2 and 3. A handout will be available for all those interested, and members will be available to discuss after Mass.

Help Our Parish Bloom - Garage Sale Donations Needed

Do you have "treasures" at home looking for a new mission? We are collecting gently used items for our upcoming Parish-Wide Garage Sale, with 100% of the proceeds going toward landscaping and beautifying our church grounds.

We are looking for:

- Gently used Clothes & accessories
- Books, Games & Puzzles
- Shoes, Vinyl's, DVDs.
- *Please: No torn clothing, furniture, kitchenware, sporting equipment, tools/outdoor tools or older electronics.*

Drop-off Details:

- **Where:** Parish Office
- **When:** 9am – 4pm. Last day for drop off will be on Thursday May 7th.

Join us on Saturday May 9th to shop! Every dollar raised helps us plant new life around our spiritual home.

Weekend Collections: April 11 & 12

Offertory & Other Parish Collections - \$ 7,273.93
Building Maintenance - \$ 65.00
Easter Sunday- \$ 95.00
Baptisms/Funerals/Marriages - \$ 20.00
Mass Offerings - \$ 140.00
Flower Donations - \$ 520.00
Charity/Outreach Receipts/Poor Box - \$ 127.85
Article/Candle Sales - \$ 348.90
Diocesan Special/Second Collections/Share Life - \$ 490.00
Share Life Collections: Year to Date: Jan 01 - April 20 2026 = \$ 45,595
Parish Share Life Goal: \$ 157,500
Next Share Life Collection: Sunday, April 26, 2026

Martyrs' Shrine Centennial Gala

Wednesday, June 03, 2026 05:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Bellvue Manor, 8083 Jane Street, Vaughan, Ontario

The National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs is delighted to invite you to our 2026 Centennial Celebration. His Excellency Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic, The Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, will join us for a unique and interactive evening as we journey through a century of the Martyrs' Shrine mission with four interactive themed displays, performances, and sample appetizers from different eras. This immersive experience will conclude with an elegant dinner. Tickets \$200 or tables of 10 for \$2000 (available until May 24).

CONTACT: Martyrs' Shrine
WEBSITE: <https://martyrs-shrine.com/centennial-celebration>
PHONE: 705-526-3788 Toll free: 855-526-3788
EMAIL: communications@martyrs-shrine.com

Congratulations to all who were confirmed this past weekend! As you receive the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, may you feel God's presence guiding your heart and giving you the courage to live out your purpose with love and grace. We are so proud of the commitment you've made.

APRIL 26, 2026



DO YOU WANT TO ATTEND WORLD YOUTH DAY??

Our parish is inviting all who are interested in joining us for **WORLD YOUTH DAY IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA** on July 29 to August 11, 2027. The theme comes from John 16:33 – “*Take courage! I have overcome the world!*”

What is World Youth Day?

World Youth Day is a global pilgrimage for young adults to encounter Christ and experience the unity of the universal Church. It is a life-changing opportunity to deepen your faith, share hope with peers from every continent, and witness the vibrant future of our Catholic community. Join millions of young people to be inspired, grow as missionary disciples, and find your unique purpose in the world.

Pope Francis chose John 16:33 as the theme for World Youth Day Seoul 2027. This verse, spoken by Jesus to his disciples at the Last Supper, reminds us of the irrevocable truth that despite the challenges of the world, Christ has already conquered fear, sin, and death. It is a call to hope and courage rooted in faith in the resurrection—not a passive optimism, but a bold confidence grounded in the living presence of Christ.

Young people across the globe today are confronted with a wide range of challenges, including conflicts, economic hardship, and an uncertain future. Thankfully, at WYD Seoul 2027, they can receive the joy of becoming the “salt of the earth and the light of the world.” Through their encounters with one another they will experience unconditional love, thereby gaining the strength to be sent back out into the world as “pilgrims of hope” and “courageous missionaries,” boldly putting into practice the joy of the Gospel they have discovered.

AVAILABLE SPOTS ARE LIMITED. The cost is \$5000; however, the parish will be able to help subsidize a portion of the trip. The fee includes airfare, double occupancy accommodation and World Youth Day kits. To secure your spot, a deposit of \$500 will be due by May 15th, 2026.



SCAN THE QR TO SIGN UP TODAY!



Bento Box Fundraiser: Support Our Pilgrims for World Youth Day 2027!

Pre-Order Weekends: Stop by our table in the vestibule today after mass to place your order!

What's in the Box?

Each bento box will include Filipino style BBQ chicken or pork, Steamed white rice and chicken stir fry.

Price: \$12 per box or 2 for \$20.

Pick-Up Date: Saturday May 2 following the 5pm mass and on Sunday May 3 following the 12pm mass in the vestibule.



BAKE SALE FOLLOWING ALL MASSES IN THE VESTIBULE! If you would like to donate goods, please drop your bake goods downstairs in the church hall DURING office hours on Friday May 1st and Saturday May 2nd. Office hours are 9am-4pm.

Thank You to Our Parish Volunteers!

This past week, the Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates National Volunteer Week.

Here at St. Christopher's, we are profoundly grateful for the "Yes" each of you has given to serve our community with a ready heart. Whether you are a Liturgical Minister, part of the choir, assist in our parish events, or serve behind the scenes, you are an essential part of the fabric of our faith.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace" (1 Peter 4:10). Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our parish!

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services

is hosting upcoming Pre-Planning Seminars to help families make informed, faith-based decisions about funeral and burial planning. Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions.

Dates & Locations:

Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home (Woodbridge)

April 25, 2026, at 9:00 AM

To register: 905-851-5822 ext. 1

Assumption Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home (Mississauga)

May 2, 2026, at 9:00 AM

To register: 905-670-8801 ext. 1

Magnificat Breakfast

Join the Mary, Cause of our Joy, Toronto Chapter for their 52nd Magnificat breakfast. Treat your mother, sister, colleague or friend to an inspirational morning that includes a hot breakfast, praise and worship led by our spirit-filled music ministry, a personal testimony of the transforming love of Christ in the life of an invited speaker. Priests are available for women wishing to avail themselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Saturday May 30, 2026

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

St. Benedict Parish Hall
2194 Kipling Ave. Etobicoke, ON
Doors open at 9:00 am

Guest Speaker:
Rachel Martinez

Registration \$35
Register Online
CREDIT and DEBIT cards accepted. Added service fee.
Inquiries - Kathy: 647-969-9352
magnificat.toronto.chapter@gmail.com

SEATS NOT SOLD AT THE DOOR

For complete details and to register online:
<https://www.stbenedicts.ca/magnificat-breakfast>
Avoid disappointment: Register early.

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites you to A Day With Mary on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Villanova College in King City.

This family-friendly day will include Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, the Rosary, confessions, a keynote address, and children's catechesis. Enjoy music, fellowship and more.
CONTACT: events@archtoronto.org
WEBSITE: www.archtoronto.org/mary



Our **FILIPINO DINNER AND KARAOKE NIGHT** will be on Saturday May 30th following the 5pm mass. Tickets will go on sale on Saturday May 9th following all weekend masses.

All proceeds from the bento box fundraiser, bake sale and karaoke night will go toward supporting all pilgrims attending World Youth Day 2027 in South Korea ! THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!

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