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**Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
April 26th, 2026**



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of April 25 to May 2 2026

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|--------|-----|----------|---|---|
| Apr 25 | Sat | 9:00 AM | † | Rehana Lobo– Colaso |
| | | 5:00 PM | † | Peter Coelho |
| Apr 26 | Sun | 9:00 AM | | Intention of Celia Noronho |
| | | 11:00 AM | | People of the Parish |
| | | 1:00 PM | | Confirmation Mass |
| | | 7:00 PM | † | Inacio & Piedade Fernandes |
| Apr 27 | Mon | 9:00 AM | † | Assede Thermidort |
| Apr 28 | Tue | 9:00 AM | † | Camille Suzanne Bernard Thermidort |
| Apr 29 | Wed | 9:00 AM | † | Joe Fitzpatrick |
| Apr 30 | Thu | 9:00 AM | | Intention of Stephanie Santos |
| May 1 | Fri | 9:00 AM | † | Deceased members of the D'Souza & Pinto families |
| | | | † | Mary Pereira |
| | | | † | Naseem Shiekh |
| | | | † | Alexander John Schryer |
| | | | † | Alexis Ricafranca |
| | | | † | Rogelio Murga |
| | | | † | Souls in Purgatory |
| | | | † | Robert Ian Ramos |
| | | | | Intention of Leo Shiekh |
| | | | | Intention of Cornelia Chua |
| | | 7:30 PM | † | Myrna Mercado Francisco |
| May 2 | Sat | 9:00 AM | † | Roque Fernandes |
| | | 5:00 PM | † | John Fernandes |

REFLECTION

One of the distinctive features of the Gospel of John is Jesus' "I am" statements, which reveal who He is and what He offers us. In today's Gospel, Jesus describes Himself as "the gate," the entry into the sheepfold and a place of safety, peace, and life.

While a gate can seem like a barrier, it is also an opening. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, keeps this gate open for us, inviting us into a life of security and belonging. Yet we are called to listen to His voice and not be led astray by false paths or influences that seek to harm.

Though we may encounter challenges and temptations, faith in Christ gives us the strength to persevere. The open gate reminds us that Jesus welcomes us always, leading us toward "green pastures"—the promise of lasting peace and eternal life.

Adapted from Living with Christ— April 2026— Catherine Mulroney, Toronto ON

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| Ministry | Contact | EXT |
|--|---|-----|
| CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE | Lousie Thorne | 251 |
| <i>General meetings: 2nd Mon of the month at 7 PM (the Hall)</i> | | |
| FAITH ENRICHMENT | Bonnie Washer | 252 |
| <i>Meetings: every Thursday 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM (Room 2)</i> | | |
| KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS | Albert Charrion | 253 |
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| LEGION OF MARY | Debra Silveira | 254 |
| <i>Meetings every Tues at 5:30 PM</i> | | |
| PRAYER GROUP | Patricia Furtado/ Jennifer Fernandes | 255 |
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| <i>Meetings: every last Saturday of the month</i> | | |
| SENIORS 50+ CLUB | Joe Van Pinxteren | 256 |
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Bundle up Weekend

This season's Bundle-Up Weekend (BUW) Program, is scheduled for **May 23th (Saturday) & 24th (Sunday), 2026** from **8:30am to 6:30 pm** at the West Parking Lot. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact at Lyndon at 647-524-6157.

BEFORE YOU FIX YOUR WEDDING DATE

Thinking about having your wedding in the Church? Great move! The way to go is to contact the parish office by phone: **416-282-0370** or email: **stjosephsSC@archtoronto.org**, and schedule an appointment with the priest **at least 12 months** before your desired wedding date. It is a requirement in the Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto. Hoping for the best for you as you process and make this important life-long decision.

We are pleased to share that **our parish has been chosen** as one of the churches to host the Statue of Our Lady of the Cape during her special tour from May 9–21, 2026.

Scheduled Visit: **Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM**

This will be a beautiful Marian Day, featuring: Rosary , Holy Mass, Procession, Crowning and Veneration

Let us come together as a parish community to make this visit a truly memorable and meaningful spiritual experience for everyone.

A light refreshment gathering may follow. All are welcome to contribute and share.



CONFIRMATION DATES

April 26 at 1 PM— Cardinal Leger, Dominic Savio, Sunday School | **May 3 at 1 PM**— St. Brendan, St. Jean de Brebeuf

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all those who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. May you always remain steadfast in your commitment to Christ and be faithful witnesses of the Gospel in the life of the Church and the world. *Please keep our Confirmandi and their families in your prayers.*



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**DAY OF REFLECTION
FOR WOMEN**
Saturday, May 9th, 2026
9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Join us for this interactive and reflective workshop where we will learn about the Charisms, how to know which ones we are called and gifted to use in our current season of life, and what to say yes and no to as a result so we can make our contribution to build God's Kingdom. foster greater impact and collaboration. For more information and to register, please contact Veronica at boutiquecoachingconnections@gmail.com.



In 2026, Martyrs' Shrine marks a rare and meaningful milestone: 100 years as a place of pilgrimage, encounter, and living faith. In place of our traditional Spring Gala, we invite you to gather for a special Centennial Celebration — an evening set apart to honour the past, celebrate the present, and look ahead together. Prepare to be immersed in an extraordinary evening celebrating one hundred years of faith, witness and mission.



St. Michael's College
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The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College, University of Toronto.

Eligibility – any young woman of Catholic faith applying to St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, as their first choice for post secondary education. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, or Sciences.

All forms and information for this scholarship are available on-line at www.cwltoronto.ca. First click RESOURCES then REFERENCE DOCUMENTS.

Applications for this Scholarship are also available through the parish's Catholic Women's League. Please contact:

t.meghan.t@gmail.com or 647-378-7895

Closing date for applications is May 31st 2026

Did you know that ?

☞ Relationships fade without communication, including our relationship with God? (Luke 18:1; CCC 2744)

☞ Prayer shapes us more than it changes God? (Matthew 6:10; CCC 2739)

☞ Short daily prayer still counts, big time? (Psalm 55:17; CCC 2697)

EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY 2025-2026

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