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GOOD STEWARDS



Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others. *See John 10:10*

ShareLife Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Matthew McCarthy at 416-968-0997. vocations@vocations.ca or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca**

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

For information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org.

- all by appointment only

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION

Schools in the area:

Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

St. Anselm	416-393-5243
Holy Cross	416-393-5242
Canadian Martyrs	416-393-5251
St. John XXIII	416-429-4000

Communion to those homebound is suspended at this time.



"I am the gate for the sheep"

The Gift of Patience

The fourth Sunday of Easter is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday", and it is also customarily designated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

In the 2nd reading (1 Pet 2:20-25) Peter encourages us to be patient. The author of the New Testament as well as Jesus have much to say about patience. The fact that this word is translated in different places by different English words such as endurance, perseverance and fortitude suggests that we are dealing with a very rich concept.

Patience is the discipline of compassion. This becomes obvious when we reflect that the word "com-*passion*" could be read as "*com-patience*". The words both have their root in the Latin word "*Pati*", which means "to suffer". The compassionate life is a life lived patiently with others. Patience is extremely difficult because it runs counter to our unreflective impulse to flee or fight. When we see an accident on the road, something in us prompts the accelerator. When someone approaches a sensitive issue, something in us tries to change the subject. When a shameful memory comes to mind, something in us wants to forget. And if we cannot flee, then we fight. We fight the one who challenges our opinion, we fight the ones who question our authority, we fight the circumstances that force us to change.

Patience enables us to get beyond the choice between fleeing and fighting. Patience is the third way of staying with it, living it through, listening carefully to what presents itself to us. Patience means stopping on the road to help, overcoming fear of sensitive subjects, paying attention to shameful memories. It means welcoming sincere criticism and evaluating changing circumstances. In short, patience is a willingness to be molded by outside influences even if we have to give up control and enter unknown territory. May I wind this up with a quote from St. Augustine: "Patience is love at rest".

Especially during this global pandemic patience is needed to keep our fellow citizens safe.

ARE YOU A GOOD STEWARD?

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STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

On this **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** let us pray:

God rich in kindness and generous in love, You call us to be your people, a church, a community of faith.

You have entrusted St. Edith Stein Parish to our care. Help us to be good stewards, always worthy of your trust.

As you are attentive to the needs of each of us, enable us to be attentive to the needs of our parish, using the gifts you have given us not just for our own good but for the good of all.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Brother, and in the Spirit who makes us one. Amen.