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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am
11:30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday: 5:00pm
Friday: 5:00pm

REGISTRATION

New parishioners are always welcome! They are requested to register at the parish office

CREATED FOR GOOD WORKS

What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life!

If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy**, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto **416-968-0997 / (416) 261-7207x801**, email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



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- all by appointment only

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND

HOLY COMMUNION

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

Communion to those homebound is suspended at this time.

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.

Schools in the area:

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



"I am the GOOD SHEPHERD I know my own and my own know me".

Administrator or Pastor ?

Today's readings grace us with the assurance that we are God's very dear and beloved children (1Jn 3:1-2) and that **Jesus**, by whose name we are being saved (Acts 4:8-12) **is our good and caring shepherd**. Though the images of shepherds and sheep may not immediately appeal to us, they are deeply ingrained in our biblical tradition. The ancient Israelites practiced a herding economy. Abel was a shepherd, as were Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Rachel, Moses and David. Sheep and other herded animals provided the nomadic tribe with its staple foods and with raw materials for clothing and shelter. When the nomadic tribes got settled and as they evolved into monarchies the image of the shepherd was appropriated as the model for a good ruler.

Given the intimate and lifelong relationship that the ancient shepherds and their sheep shared, this image is an apt one for describing the bond between Christ and the Christian. However, it is this very provident, protective, selfless and enduring intimacy that challenges contemporary ministers who are called to shepherd or pastor God's people. Jesus in today's gospel (Jn 10:1-18) alludes to this challenge when he compares the shepherding style of the good shepherd with that of the hired hand. Whereas the good shepherd would lay down his life for the sheep, hired hand

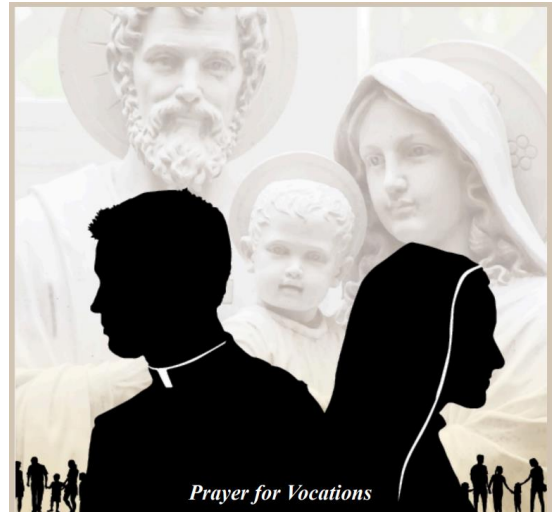
runs away at the first sign of danger.

Neither is a mere administrator a true pastor. Today's gospel also offers a challenge in this regard. Whereas an administrator may be able to take charge, to manage, and organize things in the most efficient way, it is the pastor who realizes that all those skills are to be understood as secondary and subordinate to personal piety and selfless service to the needs of others, particularly the lost, the sick and the needy. Those who would serve God and others as shepherds and pastors should, suggests Roland Faley, mirror Christ in his availability and sense of service even when it is inconvenient.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Next Sunday, April 21, 2024, the Catholic Church will mark the 61st annual **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction:

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Mt 9:37-38).



Bountiful Father, your Son Jesus, urged us to pray for laborers for your harvest. We pray for an abundance of priests and consecrated men and women to care for the needs of your Church. Through the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, pour out your Holy Spirit upon our families. May we encourage each person to discern and follow the vocation to which you have called them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen