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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4th Sunday of Easter



ONE OF THE hallmarks of the Gospel of John is the series of "I am" statements, with Jesus telling us how to understand who He is and what He holds out to us. Some, such as "I am the bread of life," are easier to understand. But the image of Jesus as "the gate," as He asserts in today's Gospel, can seem confusing.

In my hometown, gates are most often designed as a barrier, a way to keep the unwanted and unknown at bay. But the very nature of gate allows it to swing open, and Jesus the shepherd assures us that He has kept the gate open to us in welcome. The gate leads to the sheepfold, a place of safety and security, of peace and life.

Jesus – the gate – is the point of entry to that sheepfold, but it is up to us to listen to His voice, avoiding the pitfalls of attempted shortcuts or false guides. While all of us will encounter the "thieves and bandits" who come "only to steal and kill and destroy," the gate reminds us that faith creates a discipline in us that allows us to overcome the temptations standing in the way of eternal life. The gate is open and inviting, allowing us to "find pasture" – eternal peace and eternal life. *(Reflection of Catherine Matroneo of living with Christ)*

COR PROGRAM A NEW SPIRITUAL PROGRAM FOR THE MEN OF THE PARISH

The men of the parish are invited to attend a new spiritual program designed to assist men to grow in faith and fellowship. The program is called "COR" (from the Latin, meaning "Heart"). The meeting time is early on a Saturday morning, to allow less disruption of family life.

There is no need to sign up or to feel obligated to attend all the meetings. The program will run in the parish hall on the first and third Saturdays of the month. The next meeting is **Saturday, May 2th**

Schedule as follows:

7:00 a.m. - Hall Doors Open;

Gathering time for social/coffee/refreshments

7:30 a.m. - Themed Talk and Spiritual Discussion

8:30 a.m. - Concludes with Prayer

2026 Neophyte Mass

Cardinal Leo will preside at the annual Neophyte Mass to celebrate with all those in the archdiocese who will have been newly initiated, fully initiated or received into the Church this Easter. The Mass will take place at **2 p.m. on Sunday, May 17 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond Street, Toronto.**

Registration opened on Friday, April 10. For questions, please contact formation@archtoronto.org.

Monday, April 27, 2026

8:30 a.m. + Clare Kavanagh Byerley

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Leslie Espino
+ Marie Pinto
+ Josephine and Clarence
Special Intention for John Ryall
+ Frenny Sigantoria
+ Rodolfo Castilla

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

8:30 a.m. Intentions for Catherina Kim

Thursday, April 30, 2026

8:30 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Sylvia Leaver
+ Aldo Endrizzi
+ Vicente Erwin Guevarra
+ Frenny Sigantoria
+ Margarita Rosa Castilla

Friday, May 1, 2026

8:30 a.m. + John Orr

Saturday, May 2, 2026

9:00 a.m. + Pietro Russo
+ Mary Romano
Blessings for the Holt Family
Blessings for Gloria Kang & Family
Good Health for Anita Chin

4:30 p.m. + May Beland

Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving – Neres & Esther Medina
9:30 a.m. + Elsie Mercado
11:00 a.m. + Bob Morin

St. Clare Inn's 14th Annual Fundraiser "Home Is Where Hope Grows."

Friday, May 1, 2026, - 5:30 - 10:00 pm
Parkview Manor, 55 Barber Greene Road, North York

For more information or to purchase tickets:

<https://www.stclareinn.com/events/>

Parishioners

Sign up for Weekly Email Updates/Messages

St. Edward's Parish sends out each Friday a weekly update on Mass times, coming events, and a copy of the parish bulletin, as well as any letters or reflections from the Archdiocese. This is done through a FLOCK NOTE. If you are not on our email listing, and would like to, simply leave your name and email at the parish office, in person, or by contacting the parish secretary, and we will sign you up. This is a wonderful way of ensuring you keep connected to current activities and to learn more about events to come.

APRIL 26, 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

I am very grateful for your prayers and best wishes as I celebrate my 75th birthday.

I am very grateful, also, to the Social Committee, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Women's League, and all volunteers, for providing a parish reception following Mass last weekend. I was overwhelmed by the turnout and the greetings and best wishes of the parishioners.

My term as Pastor has been extended for one more year. As such, I look forward to the many blessings and graces to come.

The parish has grown so much since I first came, almost 12 years ago, and I know this is due to the prayers, ministries and support of this vibrant community of faith.

I am grateful to God for the gift of priesthood. I am grateful to God for the gift of each one of you, who inspire me each and every day. Pray for your priests, seminarian and deacons.

Let us continue to pray for one another. God bless you.

Msgr. Pat

A Day With Mary

You are invited to a "Day With Mary" taking place on **Saturday, May 30, 2026** at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more.

There is no fee to register – this is a free event open to all. Registration opened on April 8 until May 15: <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>. Complete information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>

Bundle Sunday - St. Vincent de Paul

The truck will be in the church parking lot on the weekend of May 16th/17th, to accept your donations of used clothing, footwear, bedding, towels and drapes, and new toys (**new toys only**). Thank you for your generosity!

Good Shepherd Ministries

A reminder that the casseroles for Good Shepherd Ministries are due every second weekend of the month. Thank you for providing a hot nourishing meal for the homeless people

Catholic Girls League (CGL) Circle

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Girls ages 10 – 16

Register online & check past meeting highlights!

<https://stedwardtheconfessorno.archtoronto.org/en/parish-groups/catholic-girls-league/>

For questions, email Gene: stedward75cgl@gmail.com

Ordination

Reverend Mr. Matthew Steven Tuanguin Tulio , our former seminarian-intern, will be ordained to the holy priesthood in the Archdiocese of Toronto on Saturday, May 9th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.

Fr. Tulio will celebrate his first Mass here at St. Edward's on Sunday, May 10th at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

ShareLife

This weekend, April 25th/26th is ShareLife Sunday. With your support, ShareLife-funded agencies can continue to provide vital services—like counselling for families, support for isolated seniors, and care for those facing mental health challenges—for years to come. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Catholic Girls League Covenant House Lenten Project

Forty shoeboxes (20 for girls and 20 for boys) were delivered by the Rosales family, while the remaining donations were delivered by Rosa. A cheque for \$900.00, along with gift cards, was delivered by Evan.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all parishioners for their generosity and support. This project was made possible through the collective kindness of our community. Special thanks to Pat for introducing Covenant House to the CGL and inspiring this meaningful initiative. We also extend a heartfelt thank you to Monsignor Patrick for his continued support, guidance, and kindness.

Blessings

CGL Circle

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