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Number 18 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 3, 2009

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

CHURCH BULLETIN

Sixty years in the service of Hungarians in Toronto

Readings:

Acts 4.7-12; 1John 3.1-2; Jn 10.11-18;

Responsorial Psalm: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone"

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

9:00 ✠ Vass Margit felgyógyulásáért –Rózsi, Marika és Margit

- ✠ +Bernád Lajosért – felesége
- ✠ +Turi Erzsébetért – sógornője, Kató
- ✠ +Horváth Antalért – felesége
- ✠ +Telekesi Gézáért – felesége és gyermekei
- ✠ +Márton Margitért – huga, Kata

10:30 ✠ egyházközségünkért

- ✠ a KNT tagjaiért
- ✠ Lengyel Ferenc felgyógyulására - testvére
- ✠ +Molnár Erzsébetért, +nagyszülőkért és +Edna Józsefért
- ✠ +Kompolthy Zoltánért és +Matildért - családjuk
- ✠ +Szabó Waltraudért – férje és családjá
- ✠ +Román Mihályért és +Erzsébetért -leányuk
- ✠ +szülőkért és +hozzátartozókért – Marton Márta és Reviczky Pál
- ✠ +Elek Ilonáért - családjá
- ✠ +Farkas Lászlóért – áldoztató csoport

12:00 ✠ Andrea sikeres hátgerincműtétjéért – édesanyja

- ✠ hálából - Hanna
- ✠ +Haász Antalért, +Irenért, +Danielle-ért és +nagyszülőkért
- ✠ +Tóth Lászlóért, +szülőkért, +nagyszülőkért és +testvérekért

du. 4. +Farkas Lászlóért – Juhász Sándor és Márta

Monday, May 4;

- 7.30 (1) for Peter Sun's recovery
- (2) for the recovery of Erika and Ron

Tuesday, May 5;

- 7.30 (1) for +Gilbert and +Julie Tellis
- (2) for Teresa Martinez's successful eye surgery

Wednesday, May 6;

- 7.30 for +Gyula Majzik – Valéria and family
- 19:00 az Oltáregyletért

Thursday, May 7;

7.30 for father's intentions

Friday, May 8;

- 7.30 for father's intention
- 7.00 for their family – Sándor and Márta Juhász

Saturday, May 9;

7.30 for father's intention

Today the Catholic Women's League is selling cabbage rolls in the hall.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Fr. Munachi E. Ezeogu, CSSP

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, a day that Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christian thinking on vocation has been summarized in one profound saying: "All are priests, some are priests, only one is a priest." The unique priesthood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the *one* mediator between God and humanity has always been acknowledged by Christians. The universal priesthood of *all* believers, the sharing of all the baptized in the priesthood of Christ, has received special emphasis since Vatican II. What seems to be hard for many people today to understand is the ministerial priesthood of *some* of the faithful, those who are called to make a lifelong commitment to serve as ordained ministers. This misunderstanding, among other things, is at the root of the vocation crisis in the church. If we understood more clearly the true nature and meaning of ordained ministry then we would be in the position to encourage both ourselves and others to respond to God's call to this way of life.

A society of missionary priests used to advertize themselves with this jingo, "Join us and see the world." This ad promises the would-be missionary a life of world-wide sightseeing but says nothing of the sacrifice that is part and parcel of the daily life of missionaries. An ad like that could easily lead to a

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misunderstanding of the meaning of ordained ministry for those who read the ad and go on to become priests. Today's gospel, on the other hand, gives us a very different picture of ministry. The gospel talks of shepherds. The Latin word for shepherd is "*pastor*," which is what we call an ordained minister who is responsible for ministering to a Christian community or parish. To understand the work and life entailed by the priestly vocation we need to go back to Jesus' teaching on the good shepherd.

The life of the shepherd in biblical times was one of personal self-giving and sacrifices. His work was that of watchful care and closeness to the flock. There were two kinds of shepherds. There was the hired hand for whom keeping the sheep was just the available job. He moved from flock to flock depending on the conditions of service and he would not risk his life for them. Seeing wolves or thieves coming, he would flee for dear life and leave the flock at the mercy of the invaders. Jesus said that he is not that kind of shepherd.

Then there is the shepherd-owner of the flock who grows up with the flock and stays with the same flock all his life. He knows each and every sheep in the flock individually. He calls each one by name and could tell you the personal story of each one of the sheep, when and where it was born, the problems it has had in life, its personal characteristics, etc. He attends to the individual needs of each and every one of them. He knows which ones are likely to lag behind after a long walk and he would carry them in his arms. He knows which ones were likely to stray from the flock and he would keep an eye on them when they came to dangerous places. He knows which ones are pregnant and need special food. When attacked by wolves or thieves he would risk his life and fight to defend his flock. He is the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus is the good shepherd. He laid down his life for the flock, that is, the church. In a general way he invites everyone in the church to share in the work of caring for the flock in our own little ways. But he also calls some people from among us to a life-long commitment to the work of shepherding the flock of God. These people are called to share more closely than the rest of the believers in the life and work of Jesus the Good Shepherd. If today you should hear God's voice calling you to this way of life, harden not your hearts. And if you do not hear God calling you to this way of life, then do everything in your power to encourage those who are called to it and who struggle even with faltering steps to follow the footsteps of Jesus the good shepherd.

Swine flu. The Archdiocese of Toronto sent out letters to all parishes in which they shared their concern with us regarding the new flu, stating that, at the time of writing "*there is no need to suspend or significantly alter the Liturgical Life of the parish*". At the same time it reminds everyone: "*You can decrease your risk of getting swine flu by washing your hands, coughing and sneezing into a tissue, and staying home when you feel ill. If you do not have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve or arm*". We ask everyone in this church to **wish "Peace of Christ" to each other during mass without shaking hands** until it will be safe enough again.

♣ **Celebrate life at the National March for Life on Thursday May 14**, gathering on Parliament Hill starting at noon. Join pro-life people from across Canada as we assemble to proclaim that all human life is sacred. For more information call Campaign Life Coalition, 613-729-0379, or visit www.marchforlife.ca
End 40 Years of Abortion. Emails all MPs with Just Two Clicks. - Since May 14, 1969, the date on which abortion was decriminalization in Canada, over 3,000,000 babies have been killed by abortion. Now is time for the Members of Parliament to have their email inboxes flooded by the faithful calling for legislation to protect life and end abortion! You can do this by visiting www.ContactMPs.com and email all MPs with just two clicks. Your emails count, and Canada is counting on you! Use www.ContactMPs.com and share it with others!

♣ **Catholic Education Week – May 3-9, 2009 – 'Good News for All' - Our diocese's Catholic Schools invite parishioners to join them in celebrating Catholic Education Week 2009.** During this week, the Catholic community celebrates the distinctive contribution that Catholic Schools make to our students, our community, to our society and to the province at large. Catholic education continues to integrate Gospel values into every aspect of the school's life and curriculum. For more information about this special week or to find your local school board, visit www.GoodNewsForAll.ca or the Archdiocese of Toronto online at: www.archtoronto.org
Thanks to all those who provide leadership in our Catholic Schools. We pray for all educators and students, giving thanks to God for all those who faithfully spread the Good News.

♣ **A Second Honeymoon** is a perfect way to celebrate a wedding anniversary. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre offers married couples the privacy, hospitality and program that inspire couples to continue exploring their lives together. Whether it is for yourselves or a couple you know, the next weekend is May 29-31st. For information telephone: 416-694-1742 or register at Queen of Apostles: 905-278-5229.