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No. 17 – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – April 25, 2010

CHURCH BULLETIN

Twenty five years on Sheppard – Where to now?

Readings: Acts 13,14. 43-52
 Rev 7,9. 14-17 Jn 10,27-30

Responsorial Psalm: “We are his people:
the sheep of his pasture.”

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

9:00 ✠ élő és elhunyt Fodor és Seidl családtagokért – Fodor család
✠ fia György névnapjára - édesanyja
✠ Makai Eszter felgyógyulására – húga Ági
✠ +Fodor Katharináért – férje és családja
✠ for +Riely Keit – wife and family
✠ +Béla édesapáért - leánya
✠ + testvéréért, Béláért – nővére
✠ +Kollár Emilért – felesége és leánya
✠ +Bácsi Józsefért és Irénért – unokái Evelyn és Vivien

10:30 ✠ Eszter születésnapjára, hálából - családja
✠ élő és elhunyt ciszterci tanárokért és tanulóikért – Észak-amerikai Ciszterci Öregdiák Szövetség
✠ Tóth Gézáért és Emmáért - Shah Marika
✠ Bonnay Béla felgyógyulására – Erzsi
✠ Hálából – Fazekas János és Anna
✠ beteg tagtársaikért – Mária Kongreganisták
✠ +Szendi és Szervó családtagokért
✠ +László Terézért – férje László
✠ +Carol Farnumért – Ilus
✠ +Nyerges Sándorné Annáért – lánya Béni Nyerges Olga
✠ +Tüske Ferencnéért és Széles Károlynéért – tesvére
✠ +Zydrón Lászlóért - Sztanyó László és Marika
✠ +Zydrón Lászlóért – Fazekas János és Anna
✠ +Bolla Margitért - Sztanyó László és Marika
✠ +Zydrón Lászlóért és +Bolla Margitért – Farkas Ágnes
✠ +Serly Éváért – Jenney család
✠ +feleségéért, Margitért – Lajos Ferenc
12:00 ✠ +Mátyás Béláért – felesége és családja
✠ +Csuha Istvánért – Záhonyi család

Monday (26); *Our Lady of Good Counsel*

7.30 for the recovery of Erika and Ronald - family
8.00 Pálért és Etelkáért

Tuesday (27);

7.30 for the Holy Father's general intention
8.00 +Vámosy családtagokért – Berzy Marika

Wednesday (28); *St. Peter Chanel*

7.30 for the wellbeing and intentions of Jeyam Jeganathan and family
12:00 +Fr. Alexander Takácsért – nővére, Kozma Yolanda

7 p.m. +Háry Lászlóért és Józsefért - rokonai

Thursday (29); *St. Catherine of Siena*

7:30 for the conversion of atheists and non believers
8:00 +Fr. Alexander Takácsért – nővére, Kozma Yolanda

Friday (30); *St. Pius V;*

7:30 for the repentance of the sinful
8:00 a magyar politikai élet megtisztulásáért

Saturday (1); *St. Joseph the Worker*

7:30 for the recovery of Erika and Ronald - family
8:00 +Nagy, Szabó és Erdős családtagokért – Nagy Zoltán és Mária
3:30 the marriage of Gábor József & Jennifer McColl

Marriage: Gábor József & Jennifer McColl (3)

Announcements

❖ **FAITH CONNECTIONS' THEOLOGY ON TAP** – young adults (19-39) are invited to a social evening of thought-provoking discussion on "Risking God: Living the Sacramental Life" with guest Gregory Beath, Office of Formation for Discipleship, Archdiocese of Toronto. Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend! Monday May 17, 7:00pm at the Duke of York Pub (39 Prince Arthur Ave, Toronto). More info: 416-222-1426 ext 276 – a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto.

❖ **Baby stuff** wanted for a newborn baby girl (crib, cloths, bathtub, toys, etc.). Tel: 416-444-5654

❖ **Exiting new retreat – first time offered in Canada: ACTS** (Adoration, Community, Theology, Service). Retreat weekend for men – May 27-30, Queen of Apostles, Mississauga, facilitated by a retreat team from the U.S.A. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and to apply it in your daily life. For more information or to register call the Centre at 905-278-5229.

❖ **Northmount Independent Catholic Boys Elementary School**, JK – 8, 100%EQAO. Advanced Math/Sciences, Enriched Curriculum, Nationally Recognized Athletics, 1:1 Advisory and Character Education Program, Dynamic Fine Arts. Special Public **Showcase: Saturday, May 1, 9-Noon**. Science: Robotics, Competition and Boys. Open Houses Thursdays, **1-4** Registration for Summer Knights Day Camp Begins. 416.449.8823 Ext.114
www.northmount.com

❖ Ontario's new and absurd **sexual orientation curriculum** law is now written and about to be implemented in September. It starts mixing our children up sexually at Grade 3 teaching 8 year-old children same sex marriage, sexual orientation and gender identity and then continues with masturbation, etc. (see leaflet at the entrance of the Church). Ontario's new sex education curriculum for 3rd – 7th graders is bordering on criminal. Parents, please protest the new program by **withdrawing your children from school on the Monday after Mother's Day, May 10th**. More info: www.StopCorruptingChildren.ca or 416-391-5000 x 224.

Jesus the Good Shepherd carries us and lays down his life for us

by Fr. Tommy Lane

We all know how popular pictures of Jesus the Good Shepherd are. In some of these images we see Jesus holding a sheep/lamb over his shoulders, holding the two front legs of the lamb/sheep in his right hand and the two rear legs in his left hand. This image or those similar to it appeals to us because of the tenderness of Jesus, his care for the lamb/sheep and his compassion. When we see this image our minds naturally begin to wander and we realize its personal meaning for us. We are that lamb or sheep who is being carried by Jesus on his shoulders. Such an image is reassuring for us; Jesus is our support on our journey through life. When crosses and problems come our way or some personal disasters occurs this image of Jesus the Good Shepherd reassures us that we are not abandoned, that Jesus is supporting and

holding us up. This is portrayed very beautifully in the *Footprints* poem which concludes in this way:

I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?" The Lord replied, "The years when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you."

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. He does this because in Matt 9:36 and Mark 6:34 we read: *At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.*

So Jesus laid down his life for them by teaching them the true way of living. Metaphorically, Jesus carried the sick on his shoulder, and those burdened by a huge number of laws interpreting the Torah. So at the beginning of his ministry in Nazareth Jesus proclaimed a Jubilee, "a year acceptable to the Lord." (Luke 4:19) Then the beautiful prophecy of Ezekiel 34 was fulfilled in Jesus: *As I live, says the Lord God, because my sheep have been given over to pillage, and because my sheep have become food for every wild beast, for lack of a shepherd; because my shepherds did not look after my sheep, but pastured themselves and did not pasture my sheep...I myself will look after and tend my sheep.* (Ezek 34:8-9, 11)

In our time people are also given over to pillage and are food for every wild beast because they are being exploited by the materialistic culture of the West and have forgotten that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. We need to be reminded again and again that we are spiritual beings, with an eternal future as our second reading states: *Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.* (1 John 3:2)

We need to be reminded as Peter reminded his listeners in our first reading, that it is only in Jesus' name we are saved: *There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.* (Acts 4:12)

Today let us pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that many will be inspired to show true love, to the point of sacrificing many other attractive options to become priests of Jesus, to follow him in religious life. In our time, as in Ezekiel's people are given over to pillage and are food for every wild beast. May Jesus the Good Shepherd raise up many shepherds after his own heart to lay down their lives and carry his sheep on their shoulders.