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CHURCH BULLETIN – April 21, 2013 – 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thirst no more

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” (Ps. 100)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 Boruss Tamás felgyógyulása (családja)
Szabó Mária lelki megtisztulása (Back Ilona)

Katharina Fodor (férje és családja)

Keith Reilly (felesége és családja)

élő és Φ Fodor és Seidl családtagok (Fodor család)

Φ Telekesi Géza, évforduló (felesége és gyermekei)

Φ Resch családtagok (Zoltán)

Φ Fodor Miklós lelki üdve, Magyarország
(Kovács Éva és családja)

Φ Felföldi Helen (barátja)

Φ Mátés Anna (fiai, Miklós és Ervin)

Φ Csizmadia Ferenc (Tóth család)

11:00 az egyházközség (plébános)

Φ szülők (Farkas Sándor)

élő és Φ Ciszterci tanárok és diákok (Ciszterci Ö. Sz.)

Φ Bor Lajos (neje és családjai)

Φ Domokos Lajos és Kerekes Zsuzsanna (Forrai cs.)

Φ Bolla Lujza (Házások Klubja)

Φ Babits György, 10.évforduló (felesége és családja)

Φ Szalai Mária (Bokán Mária)

Φ Aykler Karola, évf. (családja)

**Monday (22) The Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Society of Jesus**

7:30 the intention of the Jesuit General

Tuesday (23) Saint George, Saint Adalbert

7:30 our Φ Jesuits

Wednesday (24) Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

7:30 Jesuit vocations

Φ Bojtos József, Hungary (son and family)

7 PM béke a Kárpát-medencében

Thursday (25) Saint Mark

7:30 Vass István, birthday (godparents)
world peace

Φ John Lim (Patricia Lim)

Friday (26)

7:30 the recovery of Sotera Linay
end of abortion

Φ John Lim (Patricia Lim)

Saturday (27) Saint Peter Canisius SJ

7:30 Etelka and Pál

Φ Vámossy family members (Marika)

Φ John Lim (Patricia Lim)

1:30 the marriage of Kerekes Annamária and
Vazquez Rogelio

4:00 Greek-Catholic liturgy

Funeral: Bíró Júlia (82), Kozma Gyula (79),
Kósa Mária (94), Tóth László (54)
Marriage (1) Kerekes Annamária & Vazquez Rogelio

PARISH EVENTS

Today, April 21-World Day of Prayer for vocations

❖ Fundraising Schnitzel and Bake sale of Caritas ❖
Second ShareLife collection **27** Spring Dinner and
Dance; for tickets please call 416-225-9024 (Varga
Emma) **May 1** All Day Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament **4** Mothers' Day Dinner and Dance **7**
Meeting of the Married Couples Club at 7 PM **11.**
Rummage Sale on behalf of the orphans of Fr. Bőjte
from 9-2 **12** Confirmation with bishop Cserhádi
Ferenc at the 11 AM Mass followed by reception **19**
Pentecost.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ A weekend of prayer and reflection is offered for
single women May 3-5, 2013. Location: summer
home near Orillia. See flier for more information.
Contact dschweitzer@csj-to.ca or call 416-927-0720
to register or for more information.

❖ Come celebrate the Year of Faith at a special
KOLBE EUCHARISTIC "MARIAN" MINI-RETREAT
on Sat. May 4th from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Join us for
Eucharistic Adoration and Marian devotions. Father
Carlos Sierra I.M.C. will speak on "**Do we need the
Virgin Mary**" at ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, 300
Wolverleigh Blvd., Toronto, M4C 1S6, 416-696-8660.
For more info see the flyer posted on the parish
bulletin board or check www.kolbeapostolate.com.

❖ **New Beginnings:** Come and join us for an informative evening. Our Facilitator is Father Brian Clough J.C.D., Topic: **"Annulment: Healing the Wounds of Divorce"** Date: May 7, 2013, Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Location: Archdiocese of Toronto Pastoral Centre - 1155 Yonge St., 4th Floor, Toronto, ON. (It is on the North East corner of Yonge and Shaftebury - Free underground parking off Shaftebury and we are beside the Summerhill subway station.) Enquiries: Deacon James Shaughnessy, MSW., RSW., Psyn.D. 416-921-1163 ext 2227 or email jshaughn@cfstoronto.com.

❖ **SEEING WITH HEART. CATHOLIC PARENTS OF LESBIAN DAUGHTERS AND GAY SONS.** Day of Reflection on Saturday June 8, from 9am -5 pm. Fee: \$40.00 (includes lunch). **MANRESA JESUIT RETREAT CENTRE**, 2325 Liverpool Road Pickering Ontario L1X 1V4. For Brochure and information call John Montague 416-523-6449.

In the Good Shepherd We Understand the Priesthood

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. To help us reflect on the meaning of the priestly vocation, the church presents to us in today's gospel the figure of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Last Sunday we saw Our Lord three times giving Peter the charge to "feed my sheep." In that way he made Peter a shepherd, a pastor. Our Lord continued his work of shepherding his people through Peter and his co-workers: the apostles and disciples, and through their successors: the Pope, the bishops, priests, deacons, catechists, and committed lay people.

Peter was like the captain of a team; by entrusting the work of feeding his sheep to Peter, Jesus was entrusting it to us all. Today we see that this work which Jesus has confided to the church is in danger. In the past forty years many priest have left the priesthood, and vocation to the priesthood is now at an all time low. There are many contributing factors to this crisis but one of them, I believe, is a loss of understanding among the people of God of what the priesthood is supposed to be. That is why on a day like this we will do well to reflect on Jesus the Good Shepherd, because in him we see what a pastor, a shepherd, should be.

In biblical times there were two kinds of shepherds. The was the hired hand for whom keeping the sheep was just the available job. He could move from one flock to the other depending on the conditions of service, but he would not risk his life for them. Seeing the 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 of the sheep, when and where it were born, the problems it has had in life, its personal characteristics, etc. He gives personal attention to each and every one of the sheep. He knows which one is likely to lag behind after a long walk and he would go and carry that one in his arms. He knows which one was likely to stray from the flock and he would keep an eye on that one when they get to dangerous places. He knows which ones are pregnant and need a special kind of food. When attacked by wolves or thieves he would fight to the death to defend even one of his sheep. He is the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

By the way, the expression "laying down one's life" comes from the fact that the sheep were kept in an enclosed space with only an opening for the sheep to go in and out. At night the shepherd usually lay down across the opening so that the sheep would not wander out and wolves would not get in. The good shepherd accepts personal inconveniences like this for the good of his sheep. If any got lost he would climb mountains and hills looking for it and calling out its name. And whether the lost sheep had fallen into a pit or was trapped in a bush of thorns, as soon as it heard the voice of its master it would bleat and the shepherd would go and rescue it.

By calling himself the Good Shepherd, Jesus shows the kind of leadership that should obtain in the community of his followers. It should be a leadership where each person is called by name. In today's computerized society we are no longer called by name. We are known by numbers: your checkbook number, your driver's license number, your social insurance numbers, your credit card number. You are simply number so-and-so. But the Good Shepherd today reminds us that we must not allow that to happen in the church. Each one of us is a distinct personality, with a distinct history and a distinct set of abilities and needs. Like the Good Shepherd, we must show this personal touch in the way we relate to one another. This is the way God relates to us, this is the way priests and all church ministers, including parish secretaries, should relate to the people of God. When people begin to see that we are not just doing a job but a service to God and God's people, then they will be able to see the meaning of Christian vocation and be more willing to join in this ministry. We pray today for all in pastoral ministry that they may display in their work the qualities of the good shepherd and not those of the hired hand, and we make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Ernest Munachi Ezeogu, C.S.Sp.*)