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**MASS INTENTIONS**



**Sunday, April 21**

9:00 a.m. No Mass Intentions  
 10:30 a.m. No Mass Intentions  
 12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving-Auren Adler Dabreo

**Monday, April 22**

7:30 a.m. No Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, April 23**

7:30 a.m. No Mass Intentions

**Wednesday, April 24**

7:30 a.m. No Mass Intentions

**Thursday, April 25**

7:30 a.m. Thanksgiving of Serviliano S. Platon by Ligaya S. Platon

**Friday, April 26**

7:30 a.m. Thanksgiving-Mark S. Nery by Ligaya S. Platon

**Saturday, April 27**

5:00 p.m. No Mass Intentions

**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B**

“The readings for the 4th Sunday in Easter Year B (Good Shepherd Sunday) demonstrate that Jesus Christ cares for us as a shepherd cares for his flock. Jesus explains that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep and will do anything to save them. *(www.young-catholics.com)*

**THE LORD’S PROMISE:**

“...they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.” *(Jn 10:16b)*

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This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God’s people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or diaconate, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997, [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org), [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for Your church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

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**REFLECTION ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
*The Shepherd’s Voice*

By Scott Hahn

*Excerpts from young-catholics.com*

“Jesus, in today’s Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel.

He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood (see Ezekiel 34:10–13, 23–31).

His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel (see Isaiah 56:8; John 11:52).

And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In today’s First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church (see John 21:15–17).

Peter tells Israel’s leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the “builders” of Israel’s temple that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church (see Mark 12:10–13; 1 Peter 2:4–7).

Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks (see Luke 10:16), and forgives sins (see John 20:23), and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread (see Luke 24:35). It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today’s Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them (see Exodus 4:22–23; Revelation 21:7).

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.”

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**WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW...**

**THE CHIEF SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY**

- 1) To admonish the sinner
- 2) To instruct the ignorant
- 3) To counsel the doubtful
- 4) To comfort the sorrowful
- 5) To bear wrongs patiently
- 6) To forgive injuries

**SAINT MARK**

*Feast Day: April 25*

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Much of what we know about St. Mark, the author of the Second Gospel, comes largely from the New Testament and early Christian traditions. Mark the Evangelist is believed to be the 'John Mark' referred to in the Acts of the Apostles, the history of the early Church found in the Canon of the New Testament.

He was the son of Mary of Jerusalem (Acts 12:12) whose home became a meeting place for the apostles. He is also the cousin of St. Barnabas (Colossians 4:10), a Levite and a Cypriot.

Mark joined St. Paul and St. Barnabas on their first missionary journey to Antioch in 44 A.D. When the group reached Cyprus, Christian tradition holds that Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem, possibly because he was missing his home (Acts 13:13). This incident may have caused Paul to question whether Mark could be a reliable missionary. This created a disagreement between Paul and Barnabas and led Paul to refuse Mark's accompaniment on their second journey to the churches of Cilicia and the rest of Asia Minor.

However, it can be assumed the troubles between Paul and Mark did not last long, because when Paul was first imprisoned, Mark, who was at the time in Rome with plans of visiting Asia Minor, visited him as one of his trusted companions (Col 4:10).

Mark's hopes to visit Asia Minor were most likely carried out, because during Paul's second captivity and just before his martyrdom, Paul wrote to Timothy at Ephesus advising him to "take Mark and bring him with you [to Rome], for he is profitable to me for the ministry" (2 Timothy 4:11). If Mark returned to Rome at this time, he was probably there when Paul was martyred.

According to Christian tradition, Mark also held a close relationship with St. Peter, who referred to Mark as 'his son' in his letter addressed to a number of churches in Asia Minor (1 Peter 5:13). Clement of Alexandria, Irenaeus and Papias all indicate that Mark was an interpreter for Peter.

Although Papias states Mark had not personally heard the Lord speak firsthand and, like Luke, Mark was not one of the twelve apostles, some believe Mark was likely speaking of himself when he wrote the description of Jesus' arrest in Gethsemani. "Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked" (Mark 14:51-52).

St. Mark lived for years in Alexandria, where he died as a martyr while being dragged through the streets.

Mark's Gospel was probably written between 60 and 70 A.D., and was based upon the teachings of St. Peter. It is believed

Mark provided both Luke and Matthew with basic sources for their Gospel's.

He was probably the first bishop of Alexandria, Egypt and the founder of the Church of Alexandria, although he is not mentioned in connection to the city by either Clement of Alexandria nor by Origen.

In 828, relics of St. Mark were stolen from Alexandria and taken to Venice, Italy. There they are enshrined in a beautiful cathedral dedicated to the saint.

St. Mark's symbol is a winged lion. This is believed to be derived from his description of St. John the Baptist, as "a voice of one crying out in the desert" (Mark 1:3). The wings come from Ezekiel's vision of four winged creatures as the evangelists.

He is often depicted as writing or holding his Gospel. He is sometimes shown as a bishop on a throne or as a man helping Venetian sailors.

[www.catholic.org/saints/](http://www.catholic.org/saints/)

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**PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

- Saturday/Sunday, April 20 & 21 Bake Sale
- Saturday, May 11 Spring Dinner & Dance
- Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day Roses (Youth)
- Sunday, June 23 Summer BBQ
- Saturday, September 22 Guardian Angels Walk
- Sunday, October 13 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass - Parish Consecration
- Sunday, October 27 International Food Festival
- Saturday/Sunday, November 23/24 Bake Sale
- Saturday, December 7 Christmas Concert
- Saturday, February 8, 2025 Valentine's Dinner & Dance



**Spring Dinner & Dance**

May 11, 2024

Guardian Angels Parish Hall

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