

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Israel's mission—to be God's instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth—is fulfilled in the Church.

By the "Word of God" that Paul and Barnabas preach in today's First Reading, a new covenant people is being born, a people who glorify the God of Israel as the Father of them all.

The Church for all generations remains faithful to the grace of God given to the Apostles, continues their saving work.

Through the Church, the peoples of every land hear the Shepherd's voice, and follow Him.

The Good Shepherd of today's Gospel is the enthroned Lamb of today's Second Reading. In laying down His life for His flock, the Lamb brought to pass a new Passover, by His blood freeing "every nation, race, people and tongue" from bondage to sin and death.

The Church is the "great multitude" John sees in his vision today. God swore to Abraham his descendants would be too numerous to count. And in the Church, as John sees, this promise is fulfilled.

The Lamb rules from the throne of God, sheltering His flock, feeding their hunger with His own Body and Blood, leading them to "springs of life-giving waters" that well up to eternal life.

The Lamb is the eternal Shepherd-King, the son of David foretold by the prophets. His Church is the Kingdom of all Israel that the prophets said would be restored in an everlasting covenant.

It is not a kingdom any tribe or nation can jealously claim as theirs alone. The Shepherd's Word to Israel is addressed now to all lands, calling all to worship and bless His name in the heavenly Temple.

This is the delight of the Gentiles—that we can sing the song that once only Israel could sing, today's joyful Psalm: "He made us, His we are—His people, the flock He tends."

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our pastor, Fr. James Reposkey on celebrating his 48th Anniversary of Priesthood on May 4, 2022. May God continue to bless you in your priestly ministry.

LIVE IN NANNY

An elderly couple who live in the area are seeking a live in nanny. They are Italian and speak English. If you are interested, please contact Lina at 416-783-4471.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

We pray for young mothers, who give life and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

M - O - T - H - E - R

"M" is for the million things she gave me,

"O" means only that she's growing old,

"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,

"H" is for her heart of purest gold;

"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,

"R" means right, and right she'll always be,

Put them all together, they spell

"MOTHER,"

A word that means the world to me.

Author Unknown

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH – OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

St. Alphonsus Church will be going to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Youngstown NY on Monday, May 23, 2022. The cost is \$38.00 per person. The bus will leave at 7:00AM from ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH. For more information and to book your reservation please call **Anna Maringola at 416-651-3185.**

REQUIESCANT IN PACE'

Please pray for the souls Maria Victoria Meneses, Anna Parolin whose funerals were celebrated during this past week in our Church.

IV DOMENICA DI PASQUA

Oggi si celebra la Giornata di preghiera per le vocazioni al sacerdozio e alla vita religiosa. Non si tratta di dire una preghiera più o meno convinta, perché ci è stato raccomandato. Pregare solo se si crede nel sacerdozio. Pregare Dio di far giungere la chiamata a ragazzi e giovani anche nel nostro nucleo familiare: una riserva sarebbe sospetta e ipocrita. Significherebbe che non abbiamo stima per il sacerdozio e la vita religiosa.

Nei tre anni del ciclo liturgico leggiamo gli Atti degli Apostoli, quasi delibando l'uno o l'altro tratto. Paolo è al suo primo viaggio missionario assieme a Barnaba. È un momento importante: Paolo e Barnaba prendono le distanze dagli Ebrei e sempre più si avvicinano ai pagani.

Continua nell'Apocalisse quell che potremmo chiamare la liturgia celeste, con un cerimoniale che usa linguaggio e categorie remote dalla nostra mentalità. Per saperne di più occorre qualche libro specialistico.

Abbiamo chiuso con le apparizioni di Gesù. In questa quarta domenica si legge nei tre anni del ciclo la lunga allegoria del capitolo 10 di Giovanni relativa a Gesù buon pastore. È una lettura opportuna nella domenica dedicate ai pastori.

FESTA DELLA MAMMA

Nel giardino della vita il fiore più bello è sicuramente l'amore della Mamma, un fiore che tutti cogliamo e di cui sentiamo il delicato e meraviglioso profumo. Oggi è un giorno molto importante per ogni Mamma, che ci ha fatto nascere, insegnato il significato della vita e donato tutto il suo amore. Ci ha fatto crescere nei veri valori della vita e non passano giorni senza che noi ringraziamo il Signore per averci dato una mamma perché ogni mamma per suo figlio è sempre una donna straordinaria. Dio benedica tutte le mamme del mondo.

TA TA CONVIVENTE

Una coppia di anziani è alla ricerca di una TA TA Convivente per svolgere lavori leggeri. La coppia, che vive nella zona di Dufferin and Lawrence, è italiana ma parla inglese. Si prega di chiamare Lina 416-783-4471.

Masses of the Week**SATURDAY, MAY 7**

8:00AM Battista Marcuzzi

5:00PM For All Mothers

SUNDAY, MAY 8

8:00AM For All Mothers

9:30AM For All Mothers

11:00AM For All Mothers

12:30PM For All Mothers

MONDAY, MAY 9

8:00AM Maria Grazia Tantalo e Famiglia

12:05PM Man Suen Wong & Mary Ngo

7:00 PM Ida Morrone

TUESDAY, MAY 10

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

12:05PM In Thanksgiving for Blessings From The

Booth Family, Veronica Fermindoza

St. Charles School First Confessions

7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

8:00 AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

12:05PM Mass Association

7:00PM Sts. Cosmas & Damian School Confessions

THURSDAY, MAY 12

8:00 AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

12:05PM Pasquale & Tony Bellissimo, All Souls In

Purgatory

FRIDAY, MAY 13

8:00 AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

12:05PM Maria & Francesco Dinatolo

SATURDAY, MAY 14

8:00AM Maddalena Salvadori

5:00PM Mass Association

FUNERAL HELP

We are looking for adult servers to help serve at funerals. If you are interested in helping out please call the office 416-787-0369 or email parish@stcharlesborromeo.ca. We are also looking for altar Servers for all Sunday Masses (Saturday Vigil).