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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

*"The Lamb will be their shepherd"*

Rev 7: 14

The language of the Book of Revelation is different from other New Testament writings. It uses a lot of symbols, imageries, signs, metaphors, and ideas from the Old Testament. The early church probably understood this strange language well. They held that this book was also a book of prophecies. Though, most of the prophecies were fulfilled during the early church time – in the historical setting of the Roman Empire – it is also a forecast of the entire life of the church, until the second coming of Christ.

Revelation was written primarily to the seven churches of Asia Minor (present day Turkey), which were facing the brunt of Domitian's persecution of the infant church. Because of the Roman persecution, many believers compromised their faith in Christ. Thus, Saint John is encouraging the believers to repent and get back to their first and best love (faith in Christ). John is reminding them of the dire effects of human sin, especially, compromise and defection from true faith.

Secondly, John is writing this book to encourage faithful believers to continue their fight

against all evil. He is reminding his people to see things beyond their physical world in which a fight against God is waged by Satan. This fight will continue until the second coming of Christ. Those who stand with God will be victorious. John invites believers to remain faithful even unto death.

Finally, the book is written for all the faithful of every generation. John is giving us help to identify the patterns in which evil functions. He discloses the events that will unfold prior to the second coming of Christ when to vindicate the faithful, God will pour out His wrath on Satan's kingdom. Hence, this book is written to encourage, warn and rebuke.

The imagery of "the Lamb becoming our Shepherd" is a greatest consolation to all who read Revelation in their time of trials. The imagery explains the life of Jesus, who though was God became man, for our sake and was sacrificed as a 'lamb' for our salvation. Jesus is our Shepherd because like a true guide, He gave up His life, that we may have life for eternity.

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us courage to face every tribulation that diabolic entities bring forth, for we know that the Risen Christ, our Shepherd, is always with us. –

## PARISH LITURGIES

—FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—

**Tuesday May 13 - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima**

8:30 am + Andrew Zuchkan

**Wednesday May 14 - St. Matthias**

8:30 am + Charlie & Rita McAlinden

**Thursday May 15 - St. Isidore the Farmer**

8:30 pm + Fernando Angeloni

**Friday May 16 - St. Simon Stock**

8:30 am + Gerald McGraw

9:00 am Adoration

— FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER —

**Saturday May 17 - St. Paschal Baylon**

4:00 Reconciliation

5:00 For:

Int. Marius - Mihai, Int. James Moulden,  
Int. Shawn Kelly, Int. Courney Pinheiro,  
Int. Thomas Pinheiro, Int. Hayden Pinheiro,  
+ Stephen Antenucci

**Sunday, May 18**

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners

**Easter Season: April 28 – June 08**



#### HABEMUS PAPAM – POPE LEO XIV



*O Lord Jesus Christ, You have given us a new shepherd to guide Your flock. Pour forth Your Spirit upon our Holy Father, that he may walk in holiness, wisdom, and truth. Grant him courage to proclaim Your Gospel, compassion to tend to Your people, and strength to carry the Cross with joy.*

*Bless him, O Lord, as he leads us in faith, uplifts the Church in hope, and serves the world in love. Amen.*

#### ORDER OF HOLY GARDENERS



We hope you are enjoying the spring flowers! Next year there will be more!

Our first gardening meeting this year will be on Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>

at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited to come and help. We will be planting and weeding. If you would like to sign up, please come and meet us, or email Peter at [ohg@saintdominic.ca](mailto:ohg@saintdominic.ca) Volunteer hours will be given to students. Hope to see you there!

#### SANCTUARY LAMP



***Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week:  
In Memory of Pat Conlon and  
for the Intentions of the Jacques Family***

#### AN INVITATION FROM THE CWL TO THE LADIES OF THE PARISH



Please join us on Sunday, May 25th, at 12 noon, as the CWL and the Young Vincentians co-host our annual Baby Shower for the young Moms and babies of Shifra Homes. A complimentary luncheon will be provided and the 'price' of admission is an unwrapped baby gift.

Our get-together with Shifra Homes Director, Nancy Romic, and the Moms and their babies has become an annual event and we look forward to your continued support.

In order to track numbers and prepare the luncheon, complimentary tickets may be picked up in the Narthex and at the other two entrances after each Mass on the weekends of May 10/11 and 17/18. If you are unable to attend and still wish to help with a gift or donation, you may leave these items at the display table that will be in the Narthex starting next weekend. For information about what items would be greatly needed, please check the posters at the doors of the church and in the Narthex.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 11, 2025

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations. Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[hamiltondiocese.com/vocations](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations)

## HEARTACHE TO HEALING GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo, has a support group that follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. A monthly informal drop-in support is available at the parish on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. St. Michael's, Waterloo, is also offering a more detailed 6-week program, When Life changes (Part 1), which will run on Wednesday evenings from May 14 to June 18, 2025. Registration is required for this program by contacting their parish office at 519-884-9311, or emailing [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca)

## PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH #169

Loving guidance and care for our children is a foundational principle of our Catholic teachings on parenting. Teaching our children how to live as disciples of Jesus provide them with a firm faith foundation, but also the tools for success in life. So don't be afraid to set boundaries, have solid expectations and provide correction when necessary. God has entrusted us with his precious children to raise, and the hard work of childhood will become a loving adult relationship when we parent with firm love and respect of our children. (Teresa Hartness Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250).

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, May 12	Rev. Joe S. Selvanayagam Canada Health Day
Tuesday, May 13	Rev. Anton Sebamalai
Wednesday, May 14	Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, S.S.M.I.
Thursday, May 15	Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
Friday, May 16	Rev. Peter Meyer
Saturday, May 17	Rev. Timothy Higgins

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## SPECIAL BLESSINGS TO ALL MOTHERS



Blessed is the Mother  
who lets the Lord be her guiding  
hand.  
Whose faith brings her family courage.  
Whose wisdom comes from God,  
and whose children still stand and  
honour her.

## THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only—those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration can be found under Upcoming Events on the home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com), or by calling Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

*"The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock,  
Alleluia."*

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