

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25, 2010

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010

(Acts 9.31-42, John 6.53, 60-60++)

5:00 Margaret & Harry Mariasine by their family
Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010

(Acts 13.14, 43-52, Rev 7.9, 14b-17, John 10.27-30)

10:30 Gilles Tremblay by his family

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010 - NO MASS

(Acts 11.1-18, John 10.1-10)

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010

(Acts 11.19-26, John 10.22-30)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010

(Acts 12.24-13.a, John 12.44-50)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010

MEMORIAL - ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

(Acts 13.13-25, John 13.16-20)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2010

(Acts 13.26-33, John 14.1-6)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2010

(Acts 13.44-52, John 14.7-14)

5:00 Hon. Frederick Collins & Mrs. Irene Collins by their family
Lorraine West & family (Estate)

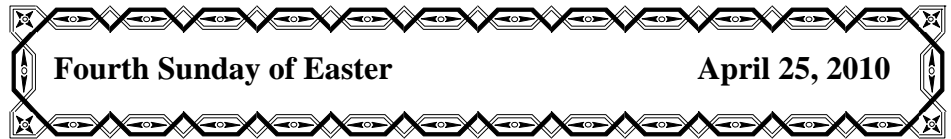
SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010

(Acts 14.21b-27, Rev 21.1-5a, John 13.1, 31-33a, 34-35++)

10:30 Margaret & Harry Mariasine by their family

This Week at Ascension

- Monday: **Christian Meditation** at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room for information call 931-5536.
- Thursday: **Choir Practice** at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.
- Friday: **Faith First - First Communion Rehearsal** at 7 p.m. in the Church.



4th Sunday of Easter (*John 10:27-30*)

Since Easter, the Sunday Gospel readings have all had something to do with Jesus' resurrection. Today's reading seems to be an exception until we look at it more closely.

The reading begins with Jesus saying his sheep know his voice and follow him. The Bible mentions sheep over 500 times but that's not so unusual when we consider how important sheep were to everyday life, providing meat to eat, milk to drink, and wool to make clothing. Ancient people even used their horns as containers for oil and as musical instruments.

Because shepherds had a very close relationship with their sheep, all a shepherd had to do was call his sheep and they immediately would come to him even if several flocks had mingled together. These same sheep would not budge an inch if a stranger summoned them.

The sheep in today's reading represent those people who have a very close relationship with Jesus. Jesus promises to give eternal life to his sheep and he says he will never let them perish just as he himself will never die again. In other words, Jesus vows that those who are faithful to him will share in his resurrected life, with death no longer having any permanent power over them either. This eternal life is what we mean when we say we believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

The reading ends with Jesus claiming he and the Father are one, thus making himself equal to God. The Jews would have considered this assertion blasphemous and their law required them to stone to death the person who spoke these words. Being good Jews, the apostles also would have had problems with this statement unless Jesus had already died and been raised. Only after the resurrection would they have been able to accept what Jesus was saying. Thus, although we find today's reading in the middle of John's Gospel as if Jesus uttered these words before he died, it is more likely John is recalling words the resurrected Jesus spoke to his apostles.

For Reflection: Practice being a good sheep. Learn to recognize Jesus' voice by listening for him. Find a quiet place, get comfortable, and relax. Clear your mind of all distractions and for ten minutes let Jesus speak to you. Don't say anything and don't try to imagine what Jesus would say. Just sit quietly and listen. The more often you do this, the easier it becomes.

First Communion Next Sunday

The children who have been preparing since last September will make their First Communion next Sunday, May 2nd during the 10:30 Mass. We look forward to celebrating this special day with them.

A Reminder - There will be a rehearsal for First Communion children only on Friday, April 30 at 7 p.m. in the Church.

You are not Forgotten: If you, or a loved one, are not able to come to church, we would be happy to come to you, have a little chat and bring you the Lord in Holy Communion. Let us know by calling the parish office (932-3131) and we will get to you ASAP.

Father Pat

A DAY AWAY FOR CAREGIVERS

(sponsored by the Dept. for Family Life & Pastoral Home Care)

A day of reflection to help renew the spirit of those providing care for others. If you are providing long term care to a special needs child, a spouse, a family member or friend, please join us for an opportunity to share, pray and reflect together.

When: Saturday May 1, 2010 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where: Archdiocese of Montreal, 2000 Sherbrooke St. W.,
Rooms 130 – 135

Cost: \$12 incl. lunch.

Contact: To register contact 514-931-7311 ext. 219

Montreal Directed Retreats -

Enjoy a quiet weekend in peaceful surroundings ...

Silent directed weekend retreat at the Cistercian Abbey in Rougemont. Begins Friday evening, May 28, and closes Sunday afternoon.

Registration before May 14

Call 626-9462 or 697-6684 or visit www.montrealretreats.org

Parish Support

We encourage all parishioners to use the regular Sunday envelopes. These are mailed to parishioners four times a year. To obtain envelopes please call the parish office (932-3131) or fill in the form below and place it in the collection plate. We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Msgr. Harty & Fr. Donnelly after Mass.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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