

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

On this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, the Church places before us the image of Jesus as “Good Shepherd”: “**My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.**” We are invited to pray for vocations: that **all** Christians may hear and generously respond to Christ’s invitation to respond to God’s call to life and love, to discipleship and holiness, to service and mission. We pray that each of us may discern our “name”: the unique and personal way in which God is calling us to live our deeper identity. And finally, we pray for particular vocations at the service of the church: in marriage and generous single life; in the many forms of consecrated religious life, and in the ordained ministry of deacons, priests and bishops. Next weekend, our diocesan vocation director, Fr. Gerry Westphal, will preach on this important subject at all of our Masses.

In 2002, when I was involved in vocation ministry at the national level, I helped organize international gathering on “**Vocation – Gift of God, Given for God’s People.**” I remember how much hard work was involved, but most of all, I remember the enthusiasm and the sense of hope. We talked about the call to honour **all** vocations; about the shift from a paradigm of “recruitment” to one based in personal **conversion**, individual and ecclesial **discernment**, and commitment to the Church’s **mission** in the world. We identified the challenge of fostering a “**vocation culture**” in the church by a “preferential option” for youth and young adults, focusing our outreach in the areas of **prayer, evangelization, experiences of community and service, spiritual mentoring, and personal invitation.** Finally, we challenged each other to live our own vocations with passionate commitment, so that with credibility and conviction, we could say to the next generation: “*God asks for your whole life. Give it!*”

Jesus makes the same challenge to us today. Every one of us has a vocation: you are called and gifted, unique and irreplaceable. What is the name by which God calls you? What are your deepest desires? What concrete needs do you see in the world around you? How are you called to share the gift of yourself: in loving relationships, in meaningful work, building up the church *and* the world? In our positive response to these questions, the present “vocation crisis” has the potential to become for each of us a graced **opportunity**: that of rediscovering and reclaiming our unique personal vocation, in the church and for the world.

**THE VATICAN SHINES A LIGHT ON AUTISM****April is International Autism Awareness Month!**

**(Below is a translation of part the Holy Father's address, during a special mass that was held in November 2014)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I am happy to welcome you at the end of your XXIX International Conference organized by the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Health Care, dedicated to the complex issue of autism spectrum disorders. I warmly greet all of you who have come to take part in this meeting, together with people who are affected by autism spectrum disorders, their families and specialized associations.

These conditions constitute a fragility that affects numerous children and, consequently, their families. They represent an area that appeal to the direct responsibility of governments and institutions, without of course forgetting the responsibility of Christian communities. Everyone should be committed to promoting acceptance, encounter and solidarity through concrete support and by encouraging renewed hope. In this way, we can contribute to breaking down the isolation and, in many cases, the stigma burdening people with autism spectrum disorders, and just as often their families. This must not be an anonymous or impersonal accompaniment, but one of listening to the profound needs that arise from the depths of a pathology which, all too often, struggles to be properly diagnosed and accepted without shame or withdrawing into solitude, especially for families. It is a Cross.

Assistance to people affected by autism spectrum disorders would benefit greatly from the creation of a network of support and services on the ground, which are comprehensive and accessible. These should involve, in addition to parents, grandparents, friends, therapists, educators and pastoral workers. These figures can help families overcome the feelings that can sometimes arise, of inadequacy, uselessness and frustration.

Moreover, I want to encourage the hard work of academics and researchers, so that they may discover therapies and support tools, to help and heal and, above all, prevent the onset of these conditions as soon as possible. All of this while paying due attention to the rights of the patients, their needs and their potential, always safeguarding the dignity of every person. *(submitted by Magda Grzechowiak)*

**For more information:**

[http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2014/11/22/pope\\_break\\_down\\_isolation\\_stigma\\_of\\_autism/1112005](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2014/11/22/pope_break_down_isolation_stigma_of_autism/1112005) and

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/sites/default/files/docs/vatican-trip-banner-685-x-200.jpg>

**MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 25 TO MAY 3, 2015**

**Saturday, April 25: St. Mark**

**4:00 In Loving Memory:** Pietro Di Meglio, Mike Kilbertus, Leonard & Terry Winslade, Giovanni & Palma Farinelli, Alessandro Palladini, James Webb,

**Sunday, April 26: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

<b>8:30</b>	Agnese & Guglielmo Teodori	By Vivian Teodori
	Antonio Ricci	By Wife & Family
<b>11:00</b>	Antonio Bei	By Gabrielle Bei & Family
	Desiree Rivas-Aleong	By Ursulene Mora-Farmer
	Fioravante Rotiroti	By the Rotiroti Family

**Monday, April 27: Weekday Mass**

<b>8:00</b>	Tomassina Monti	By Paul, Yolanda, Stephanie & Antony Puccini
	Giovanna, Pietro, Argeo & Americo Forlini	By Michele & Vincenzina Ferrara

**Tuesday, April 28: St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Monfort**

<b>8:00</b>	Joe Brabant	By Pat Brabant
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**Wednesday, April 29: St. Catherine of Siena**

<b>8:00</b>	Eva Ciampini	By Claudia & George Ciampini
	Santa Mattei	By Giuseppina & Family

**Thursday, April 30: St. Maria of the Incarnation, St. Pius V.**

<b>8:00</b>	Cruciano Nardinocchi	By his Mother
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**Friday, May 1: St. Joseph the Worker**

<b>8:00</b>	Pino & Amilcare	By Ignazio Family
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**Saturday, May 2: St. Athanasius**

<b>4:00</b>	Bob Brabant	By Pat Brabant
	Julie Prillo	By Pauline & George Wong
	Vincenzo & Francesca La Posta	By Concetta La Posta

**Sunday, May 3: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

<b>8:30</b>	<b>In Loving Memory:</b> Leona Clarke, Pietro Di Meglio.
<b>11:00</b>	Flavio Ricci By Mother & Family
	Elmer Cere By the Nolin Family

**Your Generosity...**

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for the weekend of April 4/5, 2015 Totalled \$8,001.25; April 11/12, totalled \$3,244.20 and April 18/19, totalled \$2,956.00.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGE TO THE MONTHLY MAINTAINANCE COLLECTION STARTING NEXT WEEKEND MAY 2/3, 2015**

THE MAINTAINANCE COLLECTION ENVELOPES WILL NOW BE COLLECTED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION. (The basket will only be passed once.)

**FAITH FIRST  
REGISTRATION**

Faith First registration forms for the 2015-16 season will be available next weekend May 2/3 at the entrances of the church, church hall, and rectory. **PLEASE NOTE: All new, as well as, returning students must fill out a form before August 15 and return it the rectory to guarantee a spot.** The cost of the program is \$80 for one child, \$105 for 2 children, and \$125 for 3 or more. Please note that your child will not be denied access to the program if you are unable to pay the fee. For further information or if you would like an electronic copy of the registration form, please contact Jennie Parsons-Armstrong at (514) 481-0267 or by email at [jennie.armstrong@bell.net](mailto:jennie.armstrong@bell.net).

**LIVING ROSARY**

To celebrate the month of Mary, please join with us, the Faith First children, in reciting the rosary in a very special way. On **Saturday, May 2 at 3:30 pm or Sunday, May 3 at 10:30 am** we will become the living rosary!



**BAKE SALE**

Our Loyola boys will be holding a bake sale **after the 11:00 am Mass next Sunday, May 3.** Please come and support their parish project.