



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Sunday, April 25, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 **Rev, Steve Angi** Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **Rev David Endres** Americo DiPuccio from Linda Bose

12:00 **Rev David Endres** Jeff Luther from Carol & Larry

### Monday, April 26

12:10 Jack Ruppert from Rob & Jan Krehbiel

### Tuesday, April 27

12:10 Bill Clark from Sheila Hein

### Wednesday, April 28, St. Peter Chanel, Priest

12:10 Ebbitt Family from Kathleen

### Thursday, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin

12:10 Thomas Butler from Ruth Miles

### Friday, April 30, St. Pius V, Pope

12:00 Charles McCafferty from Bridget Bardau

### Saturday, May 1, St. Joseph the Worker

12:10 **BW** Marianne Kurtinitis from Kathleen Mason

7:00 **BW** George Thelen from Mary Kerr

### Sunday, May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 **BW** Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Ralph Drees

12:00 **BW** Howard Mushaben from Kay & Bill Russ

## From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE REGISTER for Saturday evening and Sunday masses at [strosecincinnati.org](http://strosecincinnati.org)

**ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH.** Thank you for your understanding, patience and cooperation.

**THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.**

To join us for Live Streaming of mass go to our website [STROSECINNATI.ORG](http://STROSECINNATI.ORG) and click on **WATCH LIVE**. I want to thank everyone who continues to support us with their generous contributions. God Bless, Fr. Barry

## Here at St. Rose

The CRS collection was \$5,678  
Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

SAFEPARISH – NEW CHILD PROTECTION PLATFORM STARTING JULY 2021

The Safe Environment Office would like to start getting the word out to all parish volunteers about the upcoming switch from VIRTUS to the new child protection platform called SafeParish effective July 2021.

Are you prepared?

Let us help you.

Join us at Archdiocese of Cincinnati Gate of Heaven Cemetery for our pre-planning seminar.

This seminar will help educate you and guide you and your family when making your decisions.

The opportunity to pre-plan provides you with the peace of mind that your needs have been cared for and that they will not become either an emotional or financial burden to your family at the time of death.

Please join us on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 7:00PM  
Gate of Heaven Cemetery Administration Building  
11000 Montgomery Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45249

RSVP via phone or email by April 26th.

Please provide your name, and other family member names attending, along with the name of your parish to [community@gateofheaven.org](mailto:community@gateofheaven.org) or 513-489-0300.

CAN DO ALL THINGS IN HIM WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH. ~Phil 4:13

**Reflection.** By myself I can do nothing, but in union with God I can do all things. Out of love for God, I want to do all things! ~St. Vincent Palloti

**Prayer.** God of all might, grant that I may place myself in Your hands and never despair. Let me not shrink from even the hardest task—for with Your help I can do anything.

I want to tell you about the small restaurant that has opened on Riverside Dr. named "Sinners & Saints Tavern." They are located at 2062 Riverside Dr., website is [www.sinsaintsmoke.com](http://www.sinsaintsmoke.com), In this time when small restaurants are struggling I hope you will consider trying this new place.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT** - Are you concerned about an aging parent? Is your spouse depending on you more and more due to their chronic illness? Do you have siblings or adult children who are struggling? Caregiver groups provide helpful resource information, understanding and encouragement. Consider joining a caregiver group or taking our caregiver self-care class so you can get the support you need! Caregiver groups are always open to new members and provide powerful tools for caregivers. Please call Angie Homoele at 513.672.3834 or visit [www.ccswoh.org/programs/caregiver-assistance-network/](http://www.ccswoh.org/programs/caregiver-assistance-network/) for our current calendar and more information. Sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded through the Council on Aging and the National Community Care Corps

## Sunday Sunshine

Always Remember This:

You don't stop laughing because you grow old,  
You grow old because you stop laughing!

## A reading from the first letter of St. John:

Beloved:  
See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Today's gospel presents us with Jesus saying of himself, "I am the good shepherd." As our Good Shepherd, Jesus fights for us, saves us from the gaping jaws of whatever or whoever seeks to grab and destroy our discipleship and wound the "little flock" of the Christian community.

In contrast to the Good Shepherd is the hireling who is concerned primarily with his own self-interest: his reputation, remuneration, and safety. Through the prophets, God had denounced the shepherd leaders of Israel who had prostituted their pastoral ministry. "I myself will pasture my sheep" (Ezek 34:15). There are still some political, social, and ecclesial "hired men" with us, but there are also the magnificent shepherds who are willing to lay down their life for their sheep.

In her book Oscar Romero: Memories in Mosaic, Maria López writes about watching a poor man, dressed in rags, his hair curly with dust, carefully cleaning the tomb of the slain Archbishop Romero. When she asked him about why he was doing it, he responded, "I'm just a poor man, you know? Sometimes I make some money carrying things for people in the market. And sometimes I spend it on liquor and end up lying hungover on the streets. But I never get discouraged. I had a father! He made me feel like a person. Because he loved people like me and didn't act like we made him sick. He talked to us, he touched us, he asked us questions. He had confidence in us. You could see in his eyes that he cared about me. That's why I clean off his tomb."

As a child, as a son, Jesus the Good Shepherd lives, dies, and is raised to life in the power of the mutual love between him and his Father. Into this love Jesus gathers his disciples so that they may also share in it.

Closing Prayer

Good Shepherd, attuned to your voice, we follow. Your crook and staff keep us safe from the wolves that might seek to destroy the herd. Truly, you are goodness and life, you know us better than we know ourselves. We rejoice in your sacrifice and in your guidance. Amen.

For Reflection:

• In the gospel parable Jesus says, "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." Who are the sheep that you are called to shepherd and how do you give of your life for them?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

- 1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in The Roman Missal called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Gospel

John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.



This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

Readings for the week:

Table with 10 columns: 4th Sunday of Easter, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 5th Sunday of Easter. Each column lists the day and the corresponding Bible readings.