

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mass at 75% capacity

Sunday's Facebook LIVE!

Sunday, April 25, 2021 9:00 am Mass

Monday April 26th NO MASS

Tuesday April 27th 9:00 am

Deacon Melvin Payne

Communion Service

Wednesday, April 28th, 9:00 a.m.

Deacon Melvin Payne

Communion Service

Thursday, April 29th, 9:00 a.m.

Deacon Melvin Payne

Communion Service

Friday, April 20th, 9:00 a.m.

Deacon Melvin Payne

Communion Service

Saturday, May 1st, 4 p.m.

Reconciliation by appointment

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you, your love ones, or any deceased or living person. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule your mass intention).

Prayers for the Bereaved Family

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs. Mary Rigsby and her entire family on lost her sister Mrs. Florence Payne Williams, a resident of the state of California.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. April 25 - Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:14 Jn 10:11-18

Mon. April 26 - Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:14 Jn 10:1-10

Tues. April 27 - Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b -3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:27 Jn 10:22-30

Wed. April 28 - Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 & 8 Jn 8:12 Jn 12:44-50

Thurs. April 29 - Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2 -3, 21-22, 25 & 27 Rv 1:5ab Jn 13:16-20

Fri. April 30 - Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8 -9, 10-11ab Jn 14:6 Jn 14:1-6

Sat. May 1 - Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 8:31b-32 Jn 14:7-14

April Birthday List Happy Birthday to::

Joe Fontenot	2
Taffy Arceneaux Richard	2
Ella Garrett	3
Tremond Warnell	4
Aliyah Gus	11
Clifton Richard	23
Tracy Richard	23
Ryan Edwards	24
Donovan Richard	25
Diane Johnson	20

LECTORS SERVING IN APRIL & MAY

Saturday's/ one reader

April 24 - Freda Guillory
May 1st- Leo Jackson
May 8th - Gary Mims
May 15th - Felicia Richard
May 22nd - Freda Guillory
May 29th - Veronica Berry

Sunday's/ one reader

April 25 - Tina Kindle
May 2nd - Mona Richard
May 9th - Horace Broussard
May 16th - Peggy Green
May 23rd - Cindy Hampton
May 30th - Tins Richard

Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : 17,049.

While we are facing challenging times, keeping safe and preventing the spread of the coronavirus. God challenges us to share what we have with others, to make a commitment to serving His people. Romans 8:28 say's "For those who love God, all things work together for the good." Making your pledge to the BFA is one of the ways we are all called together, one parish, supporting others with what we have. Thank you for your support.

Chairpersons, Adam & Dorothy Jacobs and Fr. Donatus.

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Last week Income & Expenses

Attendance Sat: 10 Sun: 32
Collection

Cleaning Chr	\$ 125.00
Saturday	\$ 149.00
Sunday	\$ 3,144.00

Total Deposit \$ 3,418.00

Expenses paid out

Busi Int. & phone <\$ 322.33>
City of Orange <\$ 204.64>

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Lunch 12-1:00 pm
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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The 4th Sunday of Easter Year B

April 25, 2021

"I am the good
Shepard"



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday
9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays
3:20 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

1st Tuesday of each month
5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Exposition & Adoration Of the Blessed Sacrament

every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the Pastor
two months prior to
desired date of
baptism

Marriage:

Please call the Rectory
six (6) months prior to
proposed date

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Shepherd

The image of the good shepherd has always been with the Church. Pictures of the Good Shepherd crowd our imagination. From childhood on, we can remember a thousand pictures of the same Good Shepherd. The sheep are content and snow white. A lamb rides aloft the kindly and gentle shepherd's shoulder. This image comforts, sustains, and calms. Year in and year out, the Church celebrates Jesus as the Good Shepherd on this Fourth Sunday of Easter. It's a rich image worth our careful meditation.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:8–12 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118:1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 28, 29

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1–2 GOSPEL: John 10:11–18

Comment

Peter's first miracle got him in trouble. As leader of the early Church, he learned firsthand that his life would follow that of his master. A small introduction to today's first reading is in order: Peter's cure of the invalid who asked for money set the onlookers abuzz. Word spread rapidly, and Peter was unceremoniously thrown into jail, and the following day, he was brought before the elders and scribes. He was ordered to explain himself, his words, his actions, and the belief of those he led and served. This was his chance to justify himself and his fledgling community.

But Peter did not justify anything. He simply proclaimed his belief and suggested to the skeptical if not cynical listeners that they also accept this rejected one, Jesus Christ the Nazorean "whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead." Peter's words and eventually his actions witnessed his faith. Peter spoke fearlessly of Jesus who, like a good shepherd, laid down his life for his sheep.

The Gospel reading for this "Good Shepherd Sunday" also follows upon a cure. Jesus cured the man born blind, and for this he was questioned severely by the Pharisees. Jesus' discourse on the good shepherd describes his relationship to the man born blind and to us—all of us, Pharisees included.

It is interesting to note that Jesus uses the image of a shepherd. In Israel's history, shepherds were held in high enough regard. After all, the great king, David, was a shepherd. But now in Israel, shepherds were outsiders. Their consuming occupation kept them outside, literally and figuratively. They were outside in all kinds of weather, and they were also outside the law, in that they were unable to obey its ever-demanding rigors. In the eyes of the harsh rule-makers, the shepherds were among those stones rejected by the builder, cast onto the rubble heap.

Reflection

Jesus uses these outsider shepherds as a new image of redemption. Jesus is not talking about the shepherd as such or the sheep as such, but about the relationship between the shepherd and sheep. Clearly the phony shepherd will flee at the first sight of trouble. And one can safely wager that most shepherds would not be inclined to die for a sheep, but would write the animal off as a loss and one of the costs of doing business in a harsh terrain.

But the good shepherd differs dramatically; he will go so far as to lay down his life for his sheep—an unheard-of claim. The current religious leaders of Israel clearly wouldn't do this; rather they seem to harangue their followers.

In Israel at Jesus' time, shepherds tended relatively small flocks and knew their sheep by name, knew their markings and temperaments. The good shepherd knows his own more intimately than this. He knows them the way the Father knows Jesus. The depth of intimacy between leader and follower is the same as the intimacy between Father and Son. And that intimacy can include everyone on earth.

During this Eastertide, we reflect more deeply on the Resurrection. The leader has laid down his life for the led. He has done so freely for our sake. He has laid down his life willingly and taken up his risen life gladly.

PRAY FOR THE SHUT-IN

Mary Alexander
Mary Brown
Courtney Chavis
David J. Carey
Hollis Fain
Beatrice Guillory
Ella Mae Garrett
Mary Gray
Mark Mitchell Jr.
Westley Papillion
Gloria Richard
Mormon Richard
Alma C Thibodeaux



"My mission - to make God loved - will begin after my death," she said. "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Roses have been described and experienced as Saint Theresia's signature. Countless millions have been touched by her intercession and imitate her "little way." She has been acclaimed "the greatest saint of modern times." In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared St. Theresia a Doctor of the Church - the only Doctor of his pontificate - in tribute to the powerful way her spirituality has influenced people all over the world.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jalen A. Chambers
Carroll Durio
Mable Durio
Margaret Green
Mrs. Doris Hayes
Roy Hayes
Ruby Milton
Clayona Pillette
John Richard Sr.
Claudine Riggs
Sammie Ware
Tiffany Winphrey
Roger Dell White

Daily Catholic Prayer for a Solid Spiritual Life

Catholic morning prayer

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in thanksgiving for your favors, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen.

Grace before meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Before a Day's Work

Direct, we beg you, O Lord, our actions by your holy inspirations, and grant that we may carry them out with your gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always with you, and through you be happily ended. Amen.

Prayer to Keep the Presence of God

Lord, God Almighty, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Defend us today by your mighty power, so that we may not fall into any sin, and that all our words may so proceed and all our thoughts and actions be so directed as to be always just in your sight. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. **Say the Hail Mary**

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. **Hail Mary. . .**

V. And the Word was made flesh. R. And dwelt among us. **Hail Mary. . .**

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Daily Examination of Conscience

1. Place yourself in the presence of God, and ask for his help in examining your day.
2. Examine your day (the three "words"): "Thank you": Thank the Lord for the blessings of the day. "I'm sorry": Acknowledge your faults specifically and directly. "Please help me more": Ask the Lord for help for tomorrow. Make specific resolutions.
3. Make an act of contrition (see below).
4. End with an Our Father and a Hail Mary.

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.