

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Peter is quite blunt in addressing his audience, adding “this Jesus whom you crucified” to the end of his proclamation (Acts 2:36). Not surprisingly, they were “cut to the heart.” But Peter is able to identify with them when he instructs them to repent, for he too failed Jesus in his moment of need and then later received forgiveness. When Jesus was arrested he fled. While Jesus was being tortured and tried he denied him three times. But after the resurrection, when Jesus appeared to the apostles on the seashore, he sat Peter down and asked him if he loved him. Peter made up for the three denials with three affirmations of his devotion, at which time Jesus forgave him and gave him the responsibility of tending the flock he had gathered. Therefore, Peter knows that all the people of Jerusalem, from those who shouted “Crucify him” to the silent ones who stood mutely by, can be forgiven, for he himself has received that precious gift. • Later in this passage from John’s Gospel Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd, but first he identifies himself as the gate. In that time and place villages generally had a common sheepfold with a low stone wall in which several flocks of sheep would be kept when they were not grazing. A gatekeeper would be employed to guard the sheep and monitor the shepherds. As the gate, Jesus would be able to protect all the sheep from predators and keep wayward sheep from straying. His forgiveness is the gate through which we can return to the flock, through which we can be welcomed into the pasture of eternal life.

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Sunday, 26, 2020

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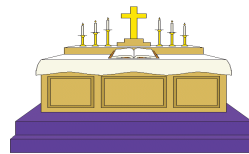
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• Because sheep from several flocks were gathered in the same sheepfold, sheep had to be able to pick out the voice of their own shepherd. We sometimes struggle ourselves to distinguish the voice of the Good Shepherd from among all the voices we hear in our lives, from our friends and neighbors to those on television or online. Let us become attuned to Jesus’ voice and pray for the grace to recognize what he is calling us to do and be.

Question of the Week: How is the Good Shepherd calling me? For what do I need to seek forgiveness so I can be reunited with the flock?



Prayer intentions will be remembered during private Masses said by Fr. Jimmy & Fr. Steve, daily:

Richard Romaine, Sr., Rita Brandt, PJ & Marietta Flettrich, Philip Flettrich, III, & Duane Keller, Ann Severns, Laurent & Betty Verdin, Gervais & Mark, Jr. Lasserre, Betty & Michael Daigle, Paul Ponthieux, Edward Christian Gerding, Lay Carmelites living and deceased, The Ockmand Family, Jack Vidrine, Gerri R Bourgeois, Julian Henriquez Castro, Ladies Altar Society living and deceased, Elizabeth Cricket Montecino, Jamie David & Sal Monfra, Sr., Alan Chighizola and all Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church.

Prayer to Our Lady of Prompt Succor

Let us pray,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill, and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessings to those in health care and protect them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.
(His life was taken while caring for the sick in the yellow fever epidemic.)



*Easter Flower Intentions:
Forrest Plaisance, and
Suzanne Plaisance*

Mother's Day Remembrance

May 10, 2020

*Genevieve Castellano, Jeanne D. Keller, Mrs.
Alma Michel, Ms. Lucille Boudreaux, Mary
Margaret Loyola Martinez, Betty Marie
Loyola, Debbie Loyola St. Romaine,
Marianne Hidalgo, Jennifer Pate, Guadalupe
Loyola, Antoinette Barrett.*



Daily Reading for Sunday May 3, 2020.

*Reading 1, Acts 2:14, 36-41. Responsorial
Psalm, Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6. Gospel, John*

10:1-10

**Archbishop Aymond: God has Opened
a Church in Every Homes**

“Your home has become a place of prayer. It has become a holy place where you alone—or you with others—are able to meet God and to experience his love. Yes, you cannot receive Communion, and for that we are sorry. But you make a Spiritual Communion, and you are one with us in this celebration. Our churches are not closed; we have opened a church in every home, and I am grateful to our priests for doing this.” - Archbishop Aymond.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



CLARION HERALD NEWS

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EVENING PRAYERS MONDAY—FRIDAY AT 5:30 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES VARY, CHECK WEBSITE.

