

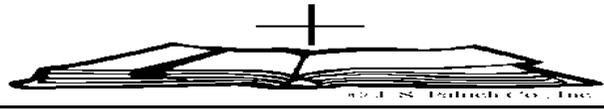
**Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2019**

*"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,
that you may be an instrument of salvation
to the ends of the earth."
— Acts 13:47b*

SHEPHERDS LIKE JESUS

Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today's Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises his sheep enduring, invincible safety: "They shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus' flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis's cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on his shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs.

Mass Intentions



Sat., May 11, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Hotard Family, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Geraldine Armstrong (L), Bradley Family, Murphy LaPoint, Gloria Guyton, Thanksgiving

Sun., May 12, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri, Alvin Satches, David Tucker, Jon Craig (L), Margaret Mary Mule', Larry Kass, Gloria Fabre, The Mehaffey Family (L), Ruth Christie (L), Betty Jane Guidry (L), Kathleen Barrett (L), Darralynn Hahn (L), Hazel Guidry (L), Shirley Caminita (L)

Sun., May 12, 9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., May 12, 11:00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyer (L)

Mon., May 13, 8:00 a.m. Jay Weil (L)

Tues., May 14 NO MASS

Wed., May 15, 8:00 a.m. David Tucker

Thurs., May 16, 8:00 a.m. Ann Babe

Fri., May 17, 8:00 a.m. Mary Navarrette

Sat., May 18, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Hotard Family, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Murphy LaPoint, Gloria Guyton, Barrilleaux Family, Sherman Bradley, Stanley Bradley, Kay McGartlin, Dot Montgomery, Alphonse and Olivia Istre,

Sun., May 19, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., May 19, 9:15 a.m. Mary Jane Mehaffey, Dolores Reiser, Maggie Zimmer (L), Mary LeBlanc (L), Andrew Danenhower (L), Dr. Normi Miller, Craig Schiro (L)

Sun., May 19, 11:00 a.m. Parish

PRAYER LIST

Helen Lafleur	James Michael Cole
Ruth Christie	Louise Cashmere
Edie Stump	Ethel Istre
Carolyn Pierre	Rhonda Taylor
Pappy Pelloat	Rolland Golden
Pam Addotto	Ruthi Olson
Freddie Addotto	John Gavin
Tuck Tucker	Scott St. Romaine
Michael Estrada	Earline Mauthe
Jessica Landry	Fred Kopfler

Please remember these parishioners and friends in your prayers. May they be touched by the healing hand of the Lord and restored soon to the full active life of our community and their families.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes	\$ 2,328.00
Loose	\$ 2,759.00
Bldg. and Preservation Fund	\$ 1,251.00

This weekend will be a Second Collection for the **DIOCESAN PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND**. Your participation in this collection is a way to say "thank you" to our retired priests for their many years of service.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

<i>Sanctuary</i>	Cynthia Patterson & Jess Patterson (L)
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	Mary Anne Treuil (L)
<i>St. Joseph</i>	Bryan (D) & James Casey (L)
<i>St. Ann</i>	Viola Bradford

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are for
All Mothers

Would like to give someone special a thoughtful gift or remember a loved one in a special way? Consider a seven day devotional candle or sanctuary flowers. They both begin in church on a Friday for 7 days. We will be happy to send a special card to the person with personalized message that you would like it to say with the date and the candle or flowers for them. For more information please call the office.

MOTHERHOOD

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. "Easter duty" means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your "Holy Mother Church" is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

LIGHT IT UP!

Set the World on Fire with the Light of Christ, on June 24 thru 28, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Register online at: <https://stjohnbaptistfolsom.org/vbs>. They will learn about Dynamic Catholic Saints, the beauty of the Mass to share in the Light of Christ! Games, Crafts, Music, Food! Come one come all!!!

We are happy to report that the Church Insulation Project has been completed. Thanks to everyone who consulted and helped organize removal of old insulation. On behalf of all parishioners we thank you. Our hope is that the new spray foam insulation will help with the energy bills saving.

Confirmation Class begins May 19th at noon in Odilo Hall. A volunteer teacher is needed to assist Amanda Fraise and the confirmation class for 5 classes, retreat, rehearsal and confirmation. If you enjoy working with teenagers and sharing your faith, please consider volunteering to teach or to assist in the program. Call Theresa Wilfert at 778-4755 for more info.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Registration is still available for this month's Women's Retreat at Saint Joseph Abbey's Retreat Center. It takes place Friday, May 17 through Sunday, May 19, 2019. It is a silent retreat and open to all. The schedule includes conferences organized by the Abbey monks, common prayer, and reconciliation. For more information or to register, visit www.saintjosephabbey.com/womens-league-retreats, or contact Patricia Arceneaux at 225-869-8178 or Mary Ellen Hepting at 504-340-2072.

Happy Mother's Day

Our parish office will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2019, in observance of Memorial Day. The offices will re-open at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28th.

ANNUAL TERESIAN SISTERS ROCK "N" BOWLARAMA

WHY: To raise money to support the Society of St. Teresa of Jesus retired and elderly Sisters, as well as their ministries.
WHEN: June 2, 2019, 6:00 thru 9:00 p.m.
WHERE: 3000 S. Carrollton Ave., N.O. LA 70118
TICKETS: Donations: \$30 per ticket or \$35 (at the door)

Entertainment is included: Dancing/live band Cypress, bowling, food, prizes, fun and surprises. Come and pass a good time and support the Teresian Sisters.

Register now for "Holiness," a free, no travel retreat for both men and women, Friday, evening May 17 and Saturday, May 18 during the day. Meals and materials are included. The retreat is provided as a service of the Marian Servants of the Precious Blood of Jesus and is being held at Most Holy Trinity Parish in Covington. To register or obtain more information call (985) 630-2988 or email frogsanmarf@gmail.com.

REMINDERS!

Knights of Columbus meetings are the second Thursday of month at 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall

First Saturday mass at 8:00 a.m. every month

Catch Fire Youth Group meets the first and third Sunday of every month from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall.

Confirmation Classes every Sunday, noon until 1:15 in library

Monday night bible study, Revelation, 7:30 p.m. in library

Every Thursday men's group meets at 7:30 p.m. in Library