

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday

On this Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Church reminds us of our call to become good shepherds of God's flock and good sheep of His parishes and invites us to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life. Both the Old and New Testaments use the image of a Shepherd and His flock to describe the unique relationship of God with Israel and of the Christ with Christians. The first reading is taken from St. Peter's first sermon, given on the day of Pentecost. He reminds his Jewish listeners that they have crucified their true Shepherd. Hence, they need to receive forgiveness for their sin by getting baptized in the name of Jesus and acknowledging the risen Jesus as their Lord and Savior, as Jesus had commanded. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23), introduces Yahweh as the Good Shepherd of Israel Who cares for us, His sheep, providing for our needs. In the second reading, Peter encourages the suffering Christians to follow in the footsteps of their Good Shepherd, Jesus, the "suffering servant," realizing the truth that Jesus' suffering and death have enabled them to become more fully the children of God. In today's Gospel, two brief parables show us Jesus, the first, as a selfless, caring "shepherd" who provides for his sheep protection and life itself, and the second, as our unique gateway ("sheep gate"), to eternal salvation. That is, besides guiding his flock to Eternal Life as the Good Shepherd, Jesus is himself the gateway to Eternal Life.

Let us consider how the spirit of this Sunday applies to us on a daily basis:

1) We need to become good shepherds and good leaders: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, and caregivers, among others, are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents and blessings for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties toward their children, giving them good example and instruction and training them in Christian principles. 2) We need to become good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd: Our local parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our shepherds. Jesus is the High Priest, the Bishops are the successors of the Apostles, the pastors are their helpers and the parishioners are the sheep. Hence, as the good sheep of the parish, parishioners are expected to a) Hear and follow the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling and advice. b) Receive the spiritual food given by our pastors through our regular participation in the Holy Mass, our frequenting of the Sacraments, and our participation in the prayer services, renewal programs and missions they offer. c) Cooperate with our pastors by giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, by encouraging them in their duties, by offering them loving, constructive correction when they are found misbehaving or failing in their duties, and always by praying for them d) Actively participate in the activities of various councils, ministries and parish associations. 3) We need to pray for vocations.

May Minister Schedule at St. Joseph

<u>Saturday 4:00 PM</u>	<u>Sunday 8:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>
• <u>Sacristan</u> Tiny Parrie	• <u>Sacristan</u> Mary Rachel Ertel	• <u>Sacristan</u> Paula Rivers
• <u>Lectors</u> Staci Anderson Connie Martinez	• <u>Lectors</u> Valarie Remedies Kelli Boydston	• <u>Lectors</u> Autumn Sepulvado Mckenzie Collins
• <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> Barbara Remedies Ethel Diener Shirley Angus Ashley Martinez Martha Henderson	• <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> Tatiana Brandon Vanessa Leone Jennifer Martinez Becky Anderson Priscilla Craig	• <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> Beverly Rivers Kristi Steele Hilary P. Remedies Toby Remedies Volunteer Needed
• <u>Greeters</u> Volunteers needed	• <u>Greeters</u> Joe & Kelli Boydston	• <u>Greeters</u> Sam A. & Carolyn F. Rivers
• <u>Ushers</u> Thomas Z. Rivers Danny Sepulvado Chris Martinez Joshua Z. Rivers	• <u>Ushers</u> Rodney Rivers James Faircloth Glen Ezernack Joe Boydston	• <u>Ushers</u> Sam A. Rivers Henry Rivers Clark Rivers Mike Rivers

May Ministers
incase we are
able to resume
masses this
month.

Welcome to

May 2 & 3, 2020

St. Joseph Catholic Church- Zwolle

St. Ann Chapel- Noble

Father Joseph C. Ampatt,
Pastoral Administrator

Parish Staff

Sandy Lovelady
645-6845/ 315-5092 for after hours &
weekends ONLY
Secretary

Luci Jo Parrie
Religious Education Coordinator

Diamond R. Adair
Bulletin Editor

Thelma Small
Matrimonial Tribunal Lay
Advocate

Gary Sepulvado
Maintenance

Parish Volunteers

Anna Garcie
Lee McCann
Parish Trustees- Finance Council

Cindy Ezernack
Pastoral Council Chairperson

Gatha Martinez
Ione Durr
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Colleen Britt
Council of Catholic Women

Andie Sepulvado
Candace Wilson
Altar Server Directors

Kelli Boydston
Liturgy Coordinator

MASSES are suspended until further notice.

Anticipated Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM (St. Joseph)
Sunday: 8:30 AM (St. Joseph)
11:00 AM (St. Joseph)
5:00 PM (St. Ann)
Tuesday-Friday: 7:30 AM (St. Joseph)
3rd Thursday: 10:00 AM at Toledo Nursing Center

Baptism: Children should be baptized within the first few months after birth. Baptism should take place in one's proper parish. Registered parishioners should contact the Office for information about scheduling a baptism class, regarding the selection of Godparents, any required preparations, and the date and time of Baptism.

Reconciliation: Confessions are normally heard on Saturdays before the mass from 3:15-3:40 PM. Other opportunities are possible by appointment by calling Father Ampatt.

Eucharistic Adoration: Spend a refreshing hour before the Lord in prayer in our daily chapel, from the conclusion of morning Mass until 3:00 PM on Thursdays.

Marriages: Either the bride or the groom must be a registered parishioner of St. Joseph/ St. Ann Parish. At least six months of preparation time is required in our Diocese. Weddings are never booked by phone or by third-parties; a **personal interview is required**. Call the office for an appointment.

Funerals: Contact the office to make necessary arrangements for the funeral liturgy.

New Parishioners: Welcome! To register, fill out one of the blue forms located at the church office or in the church foyer and return it to the church office or drop it in the weekly collection basket. Change of address or phone number? Please provide your updated information to the church office as soon as possible.

Parish Office Information

Hours: Monday 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM,
Lunch 12:00-1:00 PM

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Zwolle, Louisiana 71486

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Diocesan Web Site: www.dioshpt.org

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****During the mandatory suspension of masses, Fr. Ampatt is continuing to say the mass intentions.**

Mass Intentions:

May 2, Saturday

St. Joseph
For our Nation

May 3, Sunday

St. Joseph
Benny R. Rivers †

St. Ann
For the Parishioners

May 4, Monday

May 5, Tuesday
Thomas Ferguson †

May 6, Wednesday

Glen and Casi Ebarb †
William Laroux †
Fr. Danny Walsh †

May 7, Thursday

Pauline Ebarb †

May 8, Friday

J.W., Ricky, Lester, and Ray Longoria †

May 9, Saturday

St. Joseph
For the Parishioners

May 10, Sunday

St. Joseph
Benny R. Rivers †

St. Ann
For our Parishioners

Readings for this week:

- † **Monday:** Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1-18/ Jn 10:11-18
- † **Tuesday:** Easter Weekday
Acts 11:19-26/ Jn 10:22-30
- † **Wednesday:** Easter Weekday
Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Jn 12:44-50
- † **Thursday:** Easter Weekday
Acts 13:13-25/ Jn 13:16-20
- † **Friday:** Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33/ Jn 14:1-6
- † **Saturday:** Easter Weekday
Acts 13:44-52/ Jn 14:7-14
- † **Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1-7/ 1 Pt 2:4-9/ Jn 14:1-12



Please take a moment each day to read and reflect on these passages from Sacred Scripture. It is a wonderful way to join our personal prayer to the public prayer of the church.

We pray for:



Jackie Craig; K.C. Sepulvado; Lula Mae Sepulvado; Thomas "Tin Man" Foster; Maurice Martinez; Annie Rivers; Amanda David; Raymond L. Ebarb; Juanita Manshack; Delma Rivers; Linda Sepulvado; Paul L. Rivers; Martin Crooks; Greg Crooks; Kathy Ebarb; Boyd Miles; Priscilla Walraven; JoAnna Presseau; Carolyn C-tright; Helen Laroux; Staci Anderson; Catherine Hammon; Marilyn Laroux; Mary Martinez; Benny Remedies; Frances Sepulvado; Gary Bozzell; John D. Ebarb; Elaine Henderson; Pedro Ebarb; Abra Lachaussee; Van Martinez; Elaine Henderson; Wanda J. Rivers; David Louis Moore; Joe Garcie; Doyle Hagieh; Linda Meshell; Draven T. Ebarb; Sue Ellen Remedies; Gerald L. Sepulvado, Jr.; Monica E. McManus; Pedro Ebarb; Derrick Jordan; Allen Ray Garcie; Fr. Williams; Jeanette Garcie; Dagel Ebarb; Mattie B. Sepulvado; Kenneth McCormick; Billy Wayne Procell; Sammy Procell; Elsie Ezernack; Robbie Meshell; Tina L. Sepulvado; Phillip & Laura Jones; Vernon & Doris Ebarb; Cheryl Ebarb; Chandler Ebarb; Ann Rivers; Rose Meshell; Yvonne Maskai; Anne Bryant; Laurie & Reinardo Montero; Jimmy Brown; Ace Bowling; Richard Doggett; Ashlie & Eli Nolan; David Nichols; Kevin Leone; Norman & Jeannie Arbuckle; Celena Rivers; Rosella Sepulvado; Michael Dewayne Ebarb; Felicia Whitlow; Jackie Rivers; John Douglas Malmay; Felicia Whitlow; Maggie Manshack; Ronnie Brummerloh; Debbie Rutherford; Judy Ebarb; Tommy Leone; David Meshell; Robert Hersberger; Ricky Cryer; Jacob Wooley; Lucy Burns; Judy Ebarb; Joseph C. Sepulvado; Mark Austin; Benny Ray Sepulvado; Edward Pastureau; Howard Rivers; John LeRoy Meshell; Hosea Meshell; Eddie Remedies; Lula Mae Sepulvado

(The names on the prayer list go through a cycle. Once they make it to the top they are removed as new names are added, to keep the prayer list current. Contact the office to add, re-add, or remove names from the list. Thank you.)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

- In the near future there will be ad space on the back of the bulletin. If you are interested in advertising your business please leave a name and contact number with the office. Ray from the company has been making calls to some of the local businesses and leaving messages to those he was not able to speak to.

- We will post information as we receive it on our Facebook page and website.
- Although we can not have an actual mass we are leaving the church open from 7 AM until 5 PM at St. Joseph for those to have private Adoration and prayer.
- Thank you to those who have continued to respond with contribution envelopes.
- Anyone in need of spiritual help during this time, Fr. Ampatt can be reached at 318-426-0142.**

Week of: April 26

Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of
Mary Ann Rivers

St. Joseph Candle

Health of
Fr. Ampatt

Blessed Mother Candle

In Memory of
Theresa Sepulvado

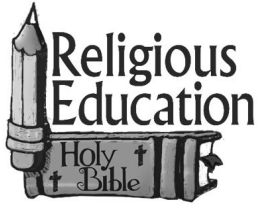
St. Ann's Candle

In Memory of
Bert Sepulvado &
Dena Fletcher

Diocesan Stewardship Appeal 2020 (4/23/2020)	Fam.	Donors	% Fam. Pledged	Goal	Pledged	% Goal Pledged	Pledge Paid	% Pledge Paid
St. Joseph, Zwolle	750	143	19%	\$62,500	\$51,800	82.88%	\$30,886	59.63%
St. Ann, Ebarb	125	36	29%	\$17,000	\$11,195	65.85%	\$5,255	46.94%

Prayer in Time of Sickness. Jesus, You suffered and died for us; You understand suffering; Teach me to understand my suffering as You do; To bear it in union with You; To offer it with You to atone for my sins And to bring Your grace to souls in need. Calm my fears; increase my trust. May I gladly accept Your holy will and become more like You in trial. If it be Your will, restore me to health so that I may work for Your honor and glory and the salvation of all men. Amen.

All classes are suspended until further notice.



Baptism class for parents and Godparents will be **rescheduled for a later date**. Please call 508-0203 to have your name added to the list and you will be informed at a later time of the date and time. Baptism class must be completed before you can schedule your child's baptism date. Any questions please call or text 508-0203.

Collections:

St. Joseph Church Collection:	\$ 7,627.00
Second Collections:	\$ 568.00
St. Ann Collection:	\$ 2,810.00
Second Collections:	\$55.00

Reminder: Fr wants 100% of our Parishioners to give something to the Diocesan Appeal no matter how large or small. We would surpass our goals with 100% pledging.