Jesus said: “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.”

The BAD shepherd

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.
SERVANTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 1st - 4:30 p.m.
Knights of the Altar: Fred Ellis
Ushers: Geoff Alford/Ryan Clements

Sunday, May 2nd - 7:30 a.m.
Knights of the Altar: Knights
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Jason Hutzler
Ushers: Robert Rifenburg/Curt Riley/Colin Riley

Sunday, May 2nd - 9:30 a.m.
Knights of the Altar: Tom McConaghy/Geoff Alford
Ordinary Minister: Deacon Jason Hutzler
Ushers: John Dawidowski/Gary Brauer/John Koelbl

Sunday, May 2nd - 11:30 a.m.
Extraordinary Form Mass
Ushers: TBD

CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes $3,119.00
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Vigil candles $89.50
Easter $176.00
Giving Online $618.75
Total $5,062.25

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and follow the instructions provided. For any questions about Online Giving, please contact Maria Stegmeier at: 608-782-7557.

Visitation of the Sick: If you become homebound because of illness and would like to be visited, please call Saint James office 608-782-7557

Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously ill or have been sick for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion. Please call St. James office to make arrangements: 608-782-7557.

HEALING MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, AT 6:00 PM

Jesus said “Come to me all who are burdened, and I will give you rest”. (Matthew 11:28)

Healing Mass with Healing Prayers and the Anointing of the Sick will be at Saint James the Less Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 5, at 6:00 pm.

This Sacrament is offered to all those suffering serious illness, facing surgery or coping with the burdens of old age, and the dying. Like all the Sacraments, the Anointing of the Sick was instituted by Christ to impart grace. The Catholic Church teaches, in accordance with Scripture, that through the Sacrament, Christ heals the sick from their sins, and sometimes, from their ailments. We invite you to bring your family, friends, and loved ones and join us.

Saint Joseph, Pray for us!
Please volunteer. They cannot do it all, nor should they have to do it all. Parishioners who are very generous with their time, but Easter set up. We have a few very dedicated, responsible activities that require assistance, such as Christmas and ther, during the year there are a number of different jobs/j extra to any long-projects throughout the Liturgical year. This is not in refer-

I'm not joking. This is a very serious request. St. James the Less needs occasional help with different projects throughout the Liturgical year. This is not in reference to any long-term or onerous time commitment. Rather, during the year there are a number of different jobs/activities that require assistance, such as Christmas and Easter set up. We have a few very dedicated, responsible parishioners who are very generous with their time, but they cannot do it all, nor should they have to do it all. Please volunteer.

For info, please call Mary Lehn @ 507-894-3825

Eucharistic Adoration

We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday, May 7th, from 9:00 am to 2:45 pm. If you would like to sign up for 1 hour time slots, please contact Elizabeth: 608-769-4014, so that we know there will be people praying before the Blessed Sacrament throughout this time.

The Knights of Saint Joseph

Men and their sons of all parishes are welcome to come Friday the 7th of May from 7-8 pm at St James the Less Church.

Please come to the side door on the south side of the church.

We are a fraternal gathering that meets on the first Fridays of the month for a Holy Hour of Adoration.
Dear family, at each and every Holy Mass, the priest calls all the faithful to pray the Lord’s Prayer, reminding you that we pray that prayer, quote, at the Savior’s command, and further, that we pray that particular prayer because we were formed by Divine teaching. Therefore we dare to say Our Father, because Jesus’s Father is Our Father too. And we conclude that Lord’s Prayer with these words: “lead us not into temptation BUT - here it comes - deliver us from evil.”

And then the priest continues with a similar prayer: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We have heard all these most-profound prayers so many times that we go through it like on auto-pilot, without serious consideration. Yet there is a reason, all that is prayed just before we receive Holy Communion, Jesus, the source of Grace and heavenly glory. The timing of it all is a clue to its greatest importance.

To even begin to understand it, we have to have a firm grasp on what actually is evil, or what evil actually is. Few people get it.

For instance, in the first reading on Tuesday, we heard of the martyrdom of St. Stephen, who was stoned to death by the mob. We can bet St. Stephen knew the Lord’s prayer, and we can bet he prayed it countless times, yet look what happened notwithstanding. St. Stephen prayed “deliver us from evil” but that did not stop people from stoning him. Did his prayer not work?

What about us? When we, in our lives, are faced with evil, even after we have prayed time and time again, deliver us from evil,” does that mean our prayers are not working?

Dear family, on this day last year, we were on about day 43 of so many of the hierarchy consenting to, even encouraging, the Lock-Out. Either we get this answer right, or our souls are at risk. Dear family, it bears repeating that for the first time in the entire history of the Catholic Church, the actions of so many of the hierarchy have taught the people what is essential in life - Walmart and Home Depot - and they have taught the people what is not essential for eternal life - The Holy Mass, the Sacraments, Baptism, Confession and The Holy Eucharist. Oh dear family, the ramifications, the repercussions, to this unimaginable, unmitigated and relentless attack on the foundations of our Faith - we have no clue.

But one year later we do know this: Before the Fear-demic Hoax, from which 99.65% of people recover with little or no symptoms, 75% of people did NOT come to Holy Mass even on Sunday and now that number is far greater. Before the Fear-demic Hoax, 70% of Catholics did NOT believe in the Real Presence and now it’s up to about 80%. And to this day we still have MANY shepherds acting like they don’t have a brain in their heads, masking up in the Sanctuary and calling police to arrest people who do not.

To fully comprehend the Godless sacrilege these shepherds perpetuate, the cowardice they perpetuate, hear this about one our great Saints to whom we ask intercession: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, who was not a coward when faced with a real deadly and contagious plague:

In 1591, a plague broke out in Rome. The Jesuits opened a hospital for the stricken, and Aloysius volunteered to work there. After begging alms for the victims, Aloysius began working with the sick, carrying the dying from the streets into a hospital founded by the Jesuits. There he washed and fed the plague victims, preparing them as best he could to receive the sacraments. But though he threw himself into his tasks, he privately confessed to his spiritual director, Fr. Robert Bellarmine, that his constitution was revolted by the sight and smell of the work; he had to work hard to overcome his physical repulsion. He died of the plague on June 21, 1591.

Dear family, we now are 13 months into the global Fear-demic Hoax, brought about because so many people at the top -in both the secular world and in the Church - are in fact doing everything they can to establish a Godless Humanist one world government, and a meaningless one world church. This I have said before – so many shepherds might as well have put a blinking neon sign above their churches, “not essential – not essential – not essential.” Recently a shepherd of the Church said that if a person cannot find a priest, then one could make a sincere act of Contrition and be forgiven, quote: “People who cannot get to confession because of the coronavirus lockdown or another serious reason can go to God directly, be specific about their sins, request pardon and experience God’s loving forgiveness.”

At the time, a nationwide lockdown was in effect in an attempt to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Churches were open for private prayer and priests could hear confessions if and only if they were wearing a mask and gloves and stay more than 3 feet away from the penitent. Clearly such shepherds failed to read the example of a saintly Jesuit, St. Aloysius Gonzaga. Dear family, far as I know, there was not a single death in that country related to starvation because people still drove to and from the grocery store and gas station. And yet, Confession suddenly was made non-essential. Is it any wonder the weak in Faith just found ready excuse to not come to Holy Mass, to not go to Confession, and to not believe in the Real Presence?

Dear family, “Deliver us, Lord, from every evil” does not mean make sure we do not feel pain and suffering, or suffer severe or even terminal illness. What “deliver us from evil” means is deliver us not from those things or persons that can kill the body, but rather from those who can kill the soul.

So let us not drink the Kool-aid of the Fear-demic Hoax, nor follow those cowardly shepherds who hide from something from which 99.65% of people recover with little or no symptoms at all. Let us avoid those who fear mortal death so much that they put eternal souls at risk. And – even in the midst of such egregious abandonment of the flocks to which those shepherds have been appointed to tend, let us, now more than ever, adhere to the testimony of St. Paul in 2nd Thessalonians:

“[God] as called you through our gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brothers, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught, either by an oral statement or by a letter of ours.” 2 Thess 2:14-15
Catholic Traditions
Because building our Faith does not happen by accident

A 14-day lockdown to “flatten the curve?”
400+ days of Government oppression, and counting ...

Jesus said, “… do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” Mt 10:28

St. Damien of Molokai was not worried about what could kill the body. A priest from Belgium, he traveled to Hawaii to minister to lepers who were required to live under government-required medical quarantine!

He dressed residents' ulcers, built a reservoir, made coffins, dug graves, shared pipes, and ate poi by hand with them, providing both medical and emotional support.

After eleven years caring for the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of those in the leper colony, Father Damien contracted leprosy. He continued with his work despite the infection but finally succumbed to the disease on 15 April 1889.

St. Gianna Molla
Killing the soul is the evil from which we should beg God for Divine Assistance. Everything else is stuff that Our Father has allowed just like Our Father allowed Jesus to suffer on Calvary. Everything else is just life lived in God’s Providence and for His purpose - for His greater glory. Everything else is an opportunity either to be a Witness of Faith under trial - or a witness of NOT Faith, but a witness of cowardice in the face of trial.

What kind of witness are we seeing in the Catholic Church today? Are we seeing the witness of the great Saints and Martyrs, or are we seeing the witness of cowards?

Let us ponder the heroic witness of Faith of yet another Catholic great, St. Gianna Molla. During pregnancy for her own 4th child, her doctors discovered she had developed a fibroma in her uterus, meaning she was carrying both a baby and a tumor. Rather than electing to remove the tumor via hysterectomy, which would kill the child in her womb, St. Gianna Molla pleaded with the surgeons to save her child's life over her own.

A few days before the baby was to be born, she recognized she may lose her life during delivery. Gianna was quite clear about her wishes, expressing to her family, "If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate: choose the child? I insist on it. Save the baby." On April 21, 1962, her daughter Gianna Emanuela Molla was successfully delivered by Caesarean section. The doctors tried many different treatments and procedures to ensure both lives would be saved. However, on April 28, 1962, a week after the baby was born, Gianna passed away from septic peritonitis.

St. Gianna Molla, pray for us.