

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 22, 2018

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1

SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There is no other name under heaven by which we are to be saved than the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene (Acts 4:8-12).

Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

Gospel — I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,918.00	\$2,541.00
Number of Families contributing	142	119
Total Pledge for 2018	\$166,199.00	\$167,136.00
Pledged to Date (15 Weeks)	\$48,722.00	\$47,468.00
Received to Date	\$44,894.00	\$36,539.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$3,828.00	\$10,929.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$154.00	\$2,952.00

Twenty-six ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2018 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$3,385.00
Amount Outstanding	\$22,320.00

Eleven people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$0.00	\$1,385.00

No one made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$6.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$64.00.

29 **CHILDREN** contributed \$106.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 98, and 7:00p.m. 180; Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 120.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Eddie has a little daughter called Ella. One day, Ella and Eddie were having dinner together in a restaurant. When the food was brought to the table, Ella was captivated by a homeless man she could see from out the window. She got up from the table and asked her father, "Can I just give..." Surprisingly, Ella picked up her dish and walked out of the restaurant. Her father picked up his camera, curious about what his daughter was planning.

She handed the food to the man. He ate the food like a man who hadn't eaten for weeks. Eddie asked her why did she do this. She told him that he looked like he needed it more than she did. "Good job, Ella, you're amazing. I think you've just made his day," he said. Two days later he uploaded the video of his daughter's generous act on the internet. It went viral, even major news channels picked up the story of Ella's act of kindness.

After a few days, he received a phone call. An emotional woman was at the other end of the line and introduced herself as Roseanne. She told him that her brother had left his home six months ago and he hadn't been seen since. His name was David and he was a 62 year old suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Roseanne saw the video of Ella, and was so relieved to see that her brother was okay. Eddie took to Facebook to spread the message. Now Roseanne got her brother.

Sometimes it only takes only one act of kindness and caring to chance a person's life.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Nonsense Jay and Family in loving memory of Hody's Bridget Marie on the 16th Anniversary of her death;
2. The Family of Shirley Suedle Carroll on the 13th Anniversary of her death;
3. the Family of Mary Girl Carroll in loving memory of her on the 7th Anniversary of her death and in loving memory of Tommy Scotty Costello on his 73rd Birthday;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

THANK YOU to Derrick, Leah, Ethan and Will for a donation to the church in honor of St. Expedite for Gryphen on his 7th Birthday.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second this weekend will be for Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Please be generous.

THANKS to a member for a donation in honor of St. Expedite; a member for a donation in honor of St. Benedict; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Joseph and St. Expedite for the needy; and two members for their donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

CONGRATULATIONS to Scotland Costello, Gryphen Gorman, Barrett Cash McNalley, Keyon Riley and Wealth Sherlock for achieving the all "A" Honor Roll and to Richlie Carroll for achieving the A-B Honor Roll.

MOST EASY & MOST DIFFICULT

What is the “*most easy*” and “*most difficult*” thing in life?

Answer is “*Mistakes.*”

Easy to judge when others do it and *difficult to realize* when we do it.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A pastor was opening his mail one morning and one envelope had only a single sheet of paper with a single word printed on it: “FOOL!”

The following Sunday the priest announced, “I have known many people who have written letters and forgotten to sign their name. But this week I received a letter from someone who signed his name and had forgotten to write a letter.”

CHURCH BULLETINS

- The Church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.
- Today’s sermon: “How Much Can a Man Drink?” with hymns from a full choir.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Earth Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Monday: St. George; St. Adalbert
Tuesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
Wednesday: St. Mark; Administrative Professionals Day
Friday: Arbor Day
Saturday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For Pete Suedle Carroll.
Tuesday: For the repose of the souls of Black Barney and Winnie.
Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Thursday: In thanks for Asher Carroll on his 3rd birthday.
Friday: In thanks for Edward Joseph Riley on his 16th Birthday and Eddie Owen Riley on his 11th Birthday.

FILL THEM WITH FLOWERS

*Find the black holes and fill them with flowers
Get rid of your sadness, bring joy to your hours;
Color your grief with bright hues and soft petals,
Velvet green leaves shield from the nettles.*

*God didn’t mean for your sadness to grow,
His eyes are blue skies and sunsets that glow;
Even the rain showers nurture the earth,
Rainbows from storms show what’s life’s worth.*

*Touch a loved one, laugh with a friend
Whose life can you touch, love’s message to send?
Find their black holes and fill them with flowers,
Share with a friend life’s joyful hours.*

READERS

Sat. April 21st, 4:00 P.M. Skylar & Christie
Sat. April 21st, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Mary Melissa Carolyn

Sun. April 22nd, 10:00 A.M. Miranda & Jimmy Joseph

Sat. Apr. 28th, 4:00 P.M. Grace & Rita Riley
Sat. Apr. 28th, 7:00 P.M. Carolyn & Bridgette Anna

Sun. April 29th, 10:00 A.M. Theresa Maria & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Reed
Tuesday	JonBenet
Wednesday	Erin
Thursday	Skylar
Friday	Karen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 8:30 P.M.	April 21st
Front	Bridget Ann
Left Cup	Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

April 22nd	April 29th
Pete Man’s Nora	Pete Man’s Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Mary Cat
Tuesday	Pete Man’s Nora
Wednesday	Ann T.
Thursday	Bibbie’s Catherine Ann
Friday	Bridget Ann

CARRY YOUR ROSARY ALWAYS

- **When you carry a Rosary, Satan has a headache.**
- **When you use it, he collapses.**
- **When he sees you praying it, he faints.**
- **Let us pray the rosary every time, so that he’ll keep fainting.**
- **Did you also know that when you are about to share this post, Satan will try to discourage you?**
- **Share it anyway and help hasten the triumph of Mother Mary!**

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER FOR FEELING AFRAID

Heavenly father, I feel afraid, and need your comfort and guidance. You are the source of strength and courage in my life, and in this moment I need your direction. Jesus, I place my trust in You and know that if You are with me, nothing can defeat me. In Christ’s most holy name I earnestly offer up this prayer. Amen.