

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 2021

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

— 1 John 3:1

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There is no salvation through anyone else (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 — The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$2,226.00	\$1,468.00
Number of Families contributing	99	60
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (15 Weeks)	\$50,692.00	\$37,006.00
Received to Date	\$45,309.00	\$37,006.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,383.00	\$14,114.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$245.00	\$3,206.00

Twenty-four ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$50.00	\$73,167.00

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

POOR BOX totaled \$75.00.

17 **CHILDREN** contributed \$61.00.

BAA totaled \$20.00.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

There was a rich man in a certain place. One day his son was sitting in his father's garden. At that time, many birds came and ate up the fruits. Cattle trampled on the plants. The son saw but did not drive them away.

"Is it right for you to see your father's garden destroyed in this way and keep quiet? Can you not drive these things out?" said the people to him. "My father has not asked me to do so," said the son. "So that is not my work." Then the father, hearing of what happened, drove his son out of the house.

For it is not a special voice, but the needs and imperfections of those around us which constitutes a call for God's service.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Shirley Suedle in loving memory of her on the 16th Anniversary of her death;
2. And a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

FUNNY CHURCH BILLBOARDS

- *You may party in Hell....
But you will be the barbeque.*
- *Honk if you love Jesus....
Text while driving if you want to meet Him.*
- *Church parking trespassers will be baptized.*
- *How do you make Holy Water?
You boil the hell out of it.*
- *What is missing from CH_CH?
UR*
- *The best vitamin for a Christian....
B1*
- *You are not too bad to come in...
You are not too good to stay out.*

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER will be celebrated Monday, May 3rd at 10:00 A.M. Everyone is asked to attend this Mass and bring tools to be blessed. To prepare ourselves for the feast, we shall begin a Triduum Prayer beginning Friday, April 30th. The Society of Mary Immaculate will be taking care of the feast.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

MORNING PRAYER Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.
EVENING PRAYER Monday thru Thursday 3:30 p.m.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Teresa and St. Raphael; and to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

PROBLEMS

Speaking lips can **REDUCE MANY PROBLEMS...**

Closed lips can **AVOID SOME PROBLEMS...**

Smiling lips can **SOLVE ALMOST ALL PROBLEMS!!!**

HAVE FAITH

People will hurt you.
God will heal you.
People will humiliate you.
God will magnify you.
People will judge you.
God will justify you.
Have faith.

BIBLE QUOTES

- ❖ *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm. 27:12)*
- ❖ *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 15:13)*
- ❖ *Fear not, for I am not with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous hand. (Is. 41:10)*

JOKE OF THE WEEK One of the third graders was wearing a Fitbit watch, which prompted the teacher to ask, "Are you tracking your steps?"

"No," said the little girl. "I wear this for Mommy so she can show Daddy when he gets home."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Wednesday:** St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort
- Thursday:** St. Catherine of Siena
- Friday:** St. Pius V; National Arbor Day
- Saturday:** St. Joseph the Worker; First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Big Pierre on his Birthday.
- Tuesday:** For a special intention.
- Wednesday:** In thanks to the Infant Jesus for the sick and the Holy Souls and Eddie Owen on his 14th Birthday.
- Thursday:** For Matt Thomas on his Birthday.
- Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Duggan on the 4th Anniversary of his death.

ELLA: OF INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

*Wide-eyed in wonder,
Ella beholds the world.
"How old are you?"
Her grandfather asks.
She holds up five fingers.
Ella traces her grandfather's mosaic of wrinkles,
Touching his face with those same fingers.
Seeing tears form in her dark, dark eyes,
He asks: "Why so sad?"
"Because you are shrinking."
"But I am not sad," Grandfather replies.
"Why not?"
"Because you are growing."*

READERS

- Sat., April 24th, 4:00 P.M.** Christina & Natalie
- Sat. April 24th, 7:00 P.M.** Ritz & Savannah
- Sun, Apr. 25th, 10:00 A.M** Jimmy Joseph & Jersey
- Sat., May 1st, 4:00 P.M.** Reed & Cathy Lisa
- Sat. May 1st, 7:00 P.M.** Carolyn & Bridgette Anna
- Sun. May 2nd, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Marilyn
- Tuesday** - Ann Rita
- Wednesday** - Cathy Lisa
- Thursday** - Natalie
- Friday** - Christina

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday** - Cathy Pole
- Tuesday** - Kim Gallon
- Wednesday** - Rosie Cat
- Thursday** - Mary Cat
- Friday** - Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** April 24th
Front Mary Margaret
Right Cathy Pole
Left Kim Gallon
- Saturday 7:00 P.M.** May 1st
April 24th Kim Gallon
May 1st Rosie Cat
- Sunday 10:00 A.M.** May 2nd
April 25th Rose Marie
Mary Cat
May 2nd Rose Marie
Mary Cat

PRAYER CHANGES

One song can change a moment, one idea can change the world, one step can start a journey, but,
A PRAYER CAN CHANGE EVEN THE IMPOSSIBLE.

NEGATIVITY

Some people won't like you because your strength reminds them of their weakness. Don't let their negativity slow you down.

GOOD QUALITIES

ANGER comes alone,
but takes away all the GOOD QUALITIES from us.
PATIENCE comes too alone,
but brings all the GOOD QUALITIES to us.

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

FOR DECEASED PARENTS

O God, who commanded us to honor our father and our mother, in Your mercy have pity on the soul of my father (of my mother), and forgive him (her) his (her) sins. May I see him (her) again in the joy of everlasting brightness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.