

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2023

*“The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.”  
— Psalm 33(32):5-6*

### OUR PROTECTOR

Today’s readings invite us to recognize our need for one who ensures our safety, nourishes us, and leads us to peace and security, like sheep who rest in the care of a good shepherd. Such a shepherd will protect and save the sheep, even from the most deadly of predators. Today, we ponder the incredible news that Jesus accepted death on the cross in order to open the gates of eternal life with God for us. Through his resurrection, Jesus protects and saves us from the power of sin and death. We need only accept his love and live as God’s people in this life, relying on the Lord who is the door to new life for us and for all.

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

**Psalm** — My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

**Gospel** — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A young woman bought a beautiful vase and placed it on a table in her room. The vase made her see how ugly the rest of the room really was. So, she cleaned the room and painted it. Next, she washed the windows and fitted them with new curtains. Finally, she waxed the floor and put down throw rugs. Gradually she transformed the room into something beautiful—almost as beautiful as the vase.

In a similar way, Paul exhorts the Colossians to transform their hearts into something beautiful—as beautiful as the Christ who now dwells in them.

What is one beautiful thing I might do to the room of my heart to make it more like the Christ who inhabits it? Think about it and do it.

*Evil finds a ready home where beauty is despised and ugliness enthroned.*  
—CALVIN MILLER

*Paul writes, “You have been raised to life with Christ, so set your hearts on the things that are in heaven, where Christ sits on his throne at the right hand of God.”*

—COLOSSIANS 3:1

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$2,120.00	\$1,519.00
Number of Families contributing	96	79
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (16 Weeks)	\$53,032.00	\$53,798.00
Received to Date	\$47,307.00	\$39,782.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,725.00	\$14,016.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$291.00	\$3,328.00

Twenty-eight contributed last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$30.00	\$37,970.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$2,761.00	\$19,882.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$77.00.

23 **CHILDREN** contributed \$83.00.

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS** totaled \$472.00.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Wife and Family of Duggan in loving memory of him on the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death;
2. Landrie and Family in loving memory of Pat Michael on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his death;
3. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Hunter Sherlock and Gracin Sherlock.

**WELCOME FR. PRASAD ANTONY** St. Edward’s Parish Family welcomes Fr. Prasad as our new Pastor. He is a member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We look forward to our spiritual growth under his leadership. Welcome to St. Edward’s Fr. Prasad!

**FAREWELL FR. CHERIAN THALALAULAM** It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to Fr. Cherian. He has been our pastor for 21 years. We thank him for everything he has done here at St. Edward’s. We have grown and prospered under his leadership. He is loved by everyone and will be greatly missed. We wish him the best as he moves on to the next chapter of his life. Fr. Cherian’s phone number in India is 91-944-649-2827.

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER** will be celebrated this Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 A.M. Everyone is asked to attend this Mass and bring tools to be blessed. The Society of Mary Immaculate will take care of the feast.

**THANK YOU** to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for a special intention received; a parish member for a donation in thanks to the Blessed Mother for a special intention received; and also, to two parish members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

**MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE.**

**MORNING PRAYER** Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.  
**EVENING PRAYER** Monday thru Thursday 3:30 p.m.  
 Friday 6:30 p.m.

**FEAST OF BLESSED CEFERINO** On May 4, 1997 Pope John Paul II declared Ceferino Blessed. Blessed Ceferino is very special to us. Hence it is our honor and privilege to celebrate his feast this Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. Mass. All are requested to participate to be spiritually blessed. The Youth Group will take care of the celebration.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** The story is told of a politician who, after receiving the proof of a picture, was very angry with the photographer.

He stormed back to the man's studio and screamed at him: "This picture does not do me justice!"

The photographer replied, "Sir, with a face like yours, what you need is mercy, not justice!"

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
**Monday:** St. Joseph the Worker  
**Tuesday:** St. Athanasius  
**Wednesday:** Ss. Philip and James  
**Thursday:** National Day of Prayer  
**Friday:** First Friday; Cinco de Mayo  
**Saturday:** First Saturday

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Duggan on the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.  
**Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Raid on the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death.  
**Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory and Apple's Johnny Key on his Birthday.  
**Thursday:** In thanks for Kody Sherlock on his 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
**Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Rosie Girl on the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death and for the repose of the soul of Susanne on her 78<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**POINT OF VIEW**

*Thank You for Your beauty, Lord.  
 At times I don't look out.  
 I only look within and see  
 My shades of pain and doubt.*

*But if I looked at You, lord,  
 Amidst Your clouds on high,  
 My worries would become as clouds  
 And softly drift on by.*

**READERS**

**Sat. Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Christina & Julie Ann  
**Sat. Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Bridgette Anna & Christina Apple  
**Sun. Apr. 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley  
**Sat. May 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Natalie & Macy  
**Sat. May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Dayna & Leah  
**Sun. May 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

**Monday** - Dayna  
**Tuesday** - Marlo  
**Wednesday** - Julie Ann  
**Thursday** - Ashley Carroll  
**Friday** - Lauren Ashley

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS**

**Monday** - Theresa Hun  
**Tuesday** - Jack's Mary Rita  
**Wednesday** - Julie Ann  
**Thursday** - Betty Jo  
**Friday** - Ned's Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **April 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Right** Winnie Ann  
**Left** Bridget Rita  
**Saturday 7:00 P.M.**  
**April** Mary Margaret & Mary Cat  
**Sunday 10:00 A.M.**  
**April 30<sup>th</sup>** **May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 Nora Ned's Rose Marie

**JUST TO LAUGH**

When your life is in darkness, pray to God and ask Him to free you from darkness. Even after you pray, if you are still in darkness —  
**PLEASE PAY THE ELECTRICITY BILL.**

**THREE KINDS OF PEOPLE**

There are three kinds of people in the world:  
 The **WILL'S** – The **WONT'S** – The **CANT'S**.  
 1. The **WILL'S** accomplish **EVERYTHING**.  
 2. The **WONT'S** oppose **EVERYTHING**.  
 3. The **CANT'S** fail in **EVERYTHING**.

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~  
**EVENING PRAYER**

*Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch or weep tonight, and give Your angels and saints charge over those who sleep.  
 Tend Your sick ones, O Loving Lord; rest Your weary ones; bless Your dying ones; soothe Your suffering ones; pity Your afflicted ones; shield Your joyous ones. All for Your love's sake. Amen.*