

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MAY 3, 2020**

*He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.*

— 1 Peter 2:24a

### IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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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** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall 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).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory                      Development

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<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$3,541.00	\$2,452.00
Number of Families contributing	145	127
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (15 Weeks)	\$55,741.00	\$54,928.00
Received to Date	\$55,927.00	\$42,715.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$186.00)	\$12,213.00

### LADES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$403.00	\$6,219.00

Thirty-five ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$15.00	\$38,931.00

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

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$33.00.

**BAA** totaled \$90.00.

30 **CHILDREN** contributed \$242.00.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

During an intense war in the battlefield, a young soldier was separated from his comrades while retreating. In defeat, he ran as fast as he could while the enemy troops gave chase. Alone and exhausted, the soldier knew the enemy was close behind. He spotted an old abandoned house and ran towards it. Quickly, he crawled into one of the dark rooms and hid.

Feeling safe for a moment, he knew once the enemy troops found the house, he would be captured and killed. Awaiting his doomed fate, he prayed to God: "Lord, please protect me. My life is in your hands, may your will be done. I love and trust you."

After his prayer, a spider began to weave a web at the entrance of the room. The spider layered delicate threads one by one across the room's doorway. The young soldier thought: "I asked God for protection from guns and bullets, yet He sends a little spider to save me?"

Enemy troops discovered the old house and began searching each room one after another. The young soldier could hear his enemies' footsteps moving closer toward his hideout. As the enemy troops reached the entrance of the room, they stopped and said, "Nobody can be in that room. They would have had to break the spider's web to enter. Let's keep moving." The enemy troops then backed away and searched elsewhere. In amazement the young soldier fell to his knees and prayed: "Lord, please forgive me for I lack faith. Where there is God, nothing is impossible!"

When we face times of distress, do not forget that God works and protects in the most surprising ways.

*With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.*

—Matthew 19:26

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Wife and Family of Duggan in loving memory of him on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Eddie Gerard Riley and Seville Carroll.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Tom Butts Sherlock and Taylor Sherlock.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Johnny Jude Carroll and Jonbenet Carroll.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The second collection next weekend will be for *Catholic Charities*. Please be generous.

**MOTHER'S DAY** Next Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day.

### BEAUTIFUL LINES TO SAVE ANY FRIENDSHIP OR RELATIONSHIP

*"Whenever you find me wrong, bad or rude at any point of time, at least tell me once before telling the whole world."*

**BEAUTIFUL MESSAGES**

1. *Stay away from ANGER...it hurts only you! It doesn't solve anything. It builds nothing, but it can destroy everything.*
2. *If you are RIGHT then there is no need to get angry, and if you are WRONG then you don't have any right to get angry.*
3. *Patience with family is LOVE, patience with others is RESPECT, patience with self is CONFIDENCE and patience with God is FAITH.*

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in honor of the Holy Spirit for a special intention; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Theresa and St. Raphael; a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Precious Blood and St Expedite; and also to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

**LIFE IS LIKE A SEA**

*Life is like a sea. We are moving without end.  
Nothing stays with us.  
What remains is just the memories of some people  
who touched us as waves.*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** My wife wants to lose weight that's why she rides horseback all the time.  
"And what's the result?"  
"The horse lost 10 pounds last week."

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:* Fourth Sunday of Easter;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Tuesday:* Cinco de Mayo
- Thursday:* National Day of Prayer

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday:* For Matt Thomas Sherlock on his Birthday.
- Tuesday:* For Kody Sherlock on his 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- Wednesday:* For the repose of the soul of Rosie Girl on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.
- Thursday:* For the repose of the soul of O'Malley on Mother's Day.
- Friday:* For the repose of the souls of Pat L.'s Ann Marie and Rosie Girl on Mother's Day.

**KEEP HOPE IN YOUR HEART**

*If you have hope in your heart  
Then you'll be as rich as a king,  
For with hope in your heart,  
You can do anything.*

*If you have hope in your heart  
Your day will happy be,  
Then you'll find peace of mind,  
Just try and see.*

*If you have hope in your heart  
You'll never feel sad,  
And all your days  
Will surely be glad.*

**READERS**

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| Sat. May 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4:00 P.M.<br>Dayna     | Sun. May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10:00 A.M.<br>Mary Cat      |
| Sat. May 9 <sup>th</sup> , 4:00 P.M.<br>Dominique | Sun. May 10 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 A.M.<br>Jimmy Joseph |

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

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| Monday    | - | Reed        |
| Tuesday   | - | Rita Weaver |
| Wednesday | - | Ivana       |
| Thursday  | - | Marilyn     |
| Friday    | - | Annette     |

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

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| Monday    | Kim Gallon       |
| Tuesday   | Rose Melissa     |
| Wednesday | Rosie Cat        |
| Thursday  | P.A.'s Ann Marie |
| Friday    | Bridget          |

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

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|                                   | <b><u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u></b> |                                     |
| May 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Winnie Ann |                                  | May 9 <sup>th</sup><br>Bridget Rita |
|                                   | <b><u>Sunday 10:00 A.M.</u></b>  |                                     |
| May 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Rose Marie |                                  | May 10 <sup>th</sup><br>Rose Marie  |

**SUCCESS**

**Life will never provide success directly.  
It can only provide possibilities and opportunities.  
It's up to you to convert them into success.**

**HOW TO FIX EVERDAY MISTAKES**

**Wrinkling your face with a cotton pillowcase.**  
"Persistently pressing your face into a pillowcase causes trauma to the skin," says dermatologist Dennis Gross. "Over time, this trauma, aggravated by the friction of cotton, can cause permanent creases as our collagen breaks down." Switch to silk or satin cases to minimize the creases.

**BREAK THE HABIT**

**Talking about our problems is our greatest addiction.  
BREAK THE HABIT. Talk about your joys.**

**~~~~~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; sooth Your suffering ones; pity your afflicted ones; shield Your joyous ones.  
And ALL FOR Your love's sake. Amen.**