

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2017

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

THE CALL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Twenty-third Psalm, today's responsorial psalm, is arguably the best known of all the psalms. The line that reads "Even though I walk in the dark valley / I fear no evil; for you are at my side / with your rod and your staff / that give me courage" (Psalm 23:4) connects this week's scriptures to the wonderful story of the road to Emmaus, which we heard last week. The Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is constantly at our side. He calls us each by name, beckoning us into a deeper relationship with him. That call, issued to each of us at the moment of our baptism, carries with it the promise of the Good Shepherd: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

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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
Last Week's Collection	\$2,576.00	\$1,729.00
Number of Families contributing	106	84
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (18 Weeks)	\$56,540.00	\$64,234.00
Received to Date	\$61,815.20	\$53,308.20
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$2,275.20)	\$10,925.80

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$325.00	\$5,924.00

Thirty-two ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	
Amount Received to Date	\$5,197.41
Amount Outstanding	

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

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$200.00	\$5,496.00

Five people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$4.00.

36 **CHILDREN** contributed \$135.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$42.00.

RICE BOWL totaled \$220.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 135, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 120 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 140.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A daughter ran crying to her father. "I'm so exhausted," she said, "Life is so hard. Every time I overcome one obstacle there's another one waiting for me just around the corner. I don't think I can go on living like this."

Her father wiped the tears from her eyes and led her by the hand to the kitchen. He then filled three pots with water and set them to boil. Then he went to the pantry and he returned with potatoes, eggs and ground coffee.

"What are you doing?" she asked. But her father said nothing. The water began bubbling in the pots. In the first pot he added the potatoes, in the second the eggs, and in the third the coffee. His daughter was becoming impatient. "Tell me, what you are doing," she demanded, but the father said nothing.

Finally he took the pots off the stove, put the potatoes and eggs on a plate and poured the coffee in a cup. "What do you see?" he finally asked. "Potatoes, eggs, and coffee," she snapped, "I don't see how that can help me." "Look closer," he said. She poked at the soft hot potatoes. She peeled the shell from an egg noticing how hard and white it was underneath. She sniffed the rich dark coffee. "I still don't understand," she said. "The potatoes, the eggs and the coffee all faced the same obstacle. They were all put into hot water," he explained, "The potatoes went in strong and hard, but the water made them soft and weak. The eggs were fragile, but the water made them harder. But the coffee wasn't changed. Instead the coffee changed the water and made it into something new."

He put his arms around her and smiled. "Which are you?" he asked. Are you a potato, an egg or a coffee bean?"

When challenges come along will you weaken, turn hard inside or turn it into an opportunity to make something new?

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Rouks in loving memory of Johnny Rouk on the 11th Anniversary of his death and Annie Rouk on her 86th Birthday;
2. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for David Patrick Sherlock and Jewel Sherlock.

FEAST OF BLESSED CEFERINO

will be celebrated this Monday, May 8th at 7:00 P.M. Mass. All are requested to participate and get yourself blessed. The Our Lady of Epiphany Legion Group will organize the Feast.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend will be for the *Trinity Dome Collection* and the second collection next weekend will be for *Catholic Charities*. Please be generous.

MOTHER'S DAY

Next Sunday, May 14th is Mother's Day.

MAY PROCESSION

will be held on Sunday, May 21st at 7:00 P.M.

OFFLINE

Computer addicts never die, they just go offline.

7:00 P.M. SATURDAY MASS Saturday, May 27th will be the last 7:00 P.M. Saturday Mass until further notice.

WORRYING

Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes way today's peace.

THANK YOU to a member for donation in honor of St. Gerard and two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

BIBLE GUIDE

What are the Seven Wisdom Books of the Old Testament?

The Seven Wisdom Books of the Old Testament are: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes(or Qoheleth), Songs of Songs, Wisdom, and Sirach (or Ecclesiasticus).

JOKE OF THE WEEK After Church service, a mother with a fidgety 7-year-old boy told a friend how she finally got him to sit quietly. "About halfway through the sermon," she said, she leaned over and told him, "If you don't be quiet, the preacher is going to lose his place and will have to start all over again."

FUNNY SENTENCES

- *I don't remember* being *absent minded*.
- *If walking is good for health*, the postman would be *immortal*.
- *It is not hard to meet expenses*, they are *everywhere*.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Wednesday: St. Damien de Veuster

Friday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

Saturday: Our Lady of Fatima

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.

Tuesday: In thanks for Styles Sherlock on his 3rd Birthday.

Wednesday: In loving memory of Blonde Mary on her 80th Birthday.

Thursday: For the repose of the souls of Ed and Susie Sherlock.

Friday: In loving memory of Mary O'Malley Carroll on Mother's Day.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

*As daily I pray for family and friends,
Within myself I create peace.*

*I know that each person, in God's loving hands,
Will find comfort and love that won't cease.*

*Through Divine nature, the power of Him
Will strengthen and nurture each soul.
The presence of healing from His giving heart,
Well-being and wholeness, the goal.*

*So, I lift them in prayer, in assurance He'll hear;
I put them in His loving care.
Then I settle myself knowing full in my heart
That He will consider my prayer.*

*Whatever the outcome, it's His Will, I know;
I question not what that will be.
For the Father above knows better than we;
The "best," His decision, you see.*

READERS

Sat. May 6th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Julie Ann
Sat. May 6th, 7:00 P.M. Dominique & Natalie

Sun. May 7th, 10:00 A.M. Mary Cat & Jimmy Joseph

Sat. May 13th, 4:00 P.M. Rita Riley & Scott's Mercedes
Sat. May 13th, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Apple's Carolyn

Sun. May 14th, 10:00 A.M. Theresa Maria & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Stephanie Boo
Tuesday	Natalie
Wednesday	Kara
Thursday	Cathy Lisa Butts
Friday	Karen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	May 6th
Front	Bridget Ann
Front Left	Rose Marie
Left Cup	Catherine Ann
Front Right	Rose Melissa
Right Cup	Ann T.
Sick	Bunk's Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

May 7th	May 14th
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Ann T.
Thursday	Rose Marie
Friday	Bridget Ann

RECEIVING & GIVING

No Person in this World has Ever been "Rewarded" for What He has "RECEIVED" he is Always "Honored" for what He has "GIVEN" to others.

FOR BETTER LIFE

- Kill tension before tension kills you.
- Reach your goal before goal kicks you.
- Live life before life leaves you.

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

FILL US WITH YOUR JOY

Lord Jesus, You fill us with the joy of Your saving presence and you give us the hope of everlasting life with God our Father in Heaven. Show me the Father that I may know and glorify Him always. Amen.