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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024



Morning Church!

Few of us are considered rich, powerful, competent, or even influential. For some, this is a huge drawback and may cause a person to be uncomfortable, hesitant, or even fearful to take leadership, initiative, or support those who do take the risk to lead.

In Luke's Acts, sometimes called the Fourth Gospel, the First Followers did not have the graced strength of Christ's visible presence, nor could they wait for someone else to step in to take the consequential risks and leadership entrusted to them. Peter and John were dragged into the court of the same Sanhedrin who judged and condemned Jesus to death. The Sanhedrin questions Peter and John's God-given authority. How can they heal and save the crippled man in the Name of Jesus? Peter is unapologetic in his proclamation: everyone who calls on the Name of Jesus will be saved!

If you recall, in an early proclamation, Peter boldly states that, Jesus whom the leaders and people crucified, is the Risen Savior! Not holding back, Peter quotes Psalm 118: the stone which the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone!

The image of the rejected and scorned stone is reflective of how the leaders treated Jesus. The leaders, still unmoved, had no reply to Peter. They refused to believe, to take the risk and declare Jesus as the Messiah they are willing to follow.

Our faith in the Good Shepherd calls us to take risks, to lead by word and example, and to do everything we can to protect *every member of his flock*; and make the necessary sacrifices to protect one another from the cultural wolves who seek to devour us.

Jesus Christ is our Good Shepherd, whose voice and vision we know very well. He risked his life to gather, protect, and reconcile his flock.

Our Good Shepherd always seeks us out when we wander off from The Way, gathers us in his loving embrace, and carries us home.

Christ, who has gathered us into *one fold*, calls us to be Good Shepherds, too. All of us are entrusted with the care of his entire flock.

Following the Good Shepherd is risky and has spiritual consequences for us and those entrusted to us.

Stay together. Include *everyone* in the flock. Protect each other. Nudge each other in the best direction, and lead each other to the places of life-giving nourishment.

Be prepared to lay down your life for the flock and do all of this in the Name of Jesus, who shepherds you.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants...

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🌱 **HEARTwork ~ Reflecting & Acting on The Word ~**

*Take a spiritual walk with Jesus.
What's in your heart that you want to share with him?
What does Jesus want to say to you?*
Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

APRIL	
	21 4th Sun Easter Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
	23 Communion Service, 12:15p
	24 RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
	28 5th Sun Easter Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
	30 Communion Service, 12:15p
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	01 Feast: St. Joseph the Worker RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
	05 6th Sun Easter Family Faith Formation 10:30-12N
	07 The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p
	08 RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
	12 Feast: Ascension <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>
	13 Ladies Guild, 5p
	14 The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p
	15 RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
	16 Wise Ones, 1p
	18 Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
	19 Pentecost Sunday <i>Wear Red Sunday</i>
	20 Give Blood Elkin Rescue Cntr. 1:30-6:00p 
	21 The Chosen, 10a; Ministerial Association, 12N Communion Service, 12:15p
	22 RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
	26 Feast: The Body & Blood of Christ

☪ Mass Intentions	
21	+John G. Collins
28	+McKenzie & McKinley Orta
05	+Georgette Dyer
12	All Mothers, living and deceased In gratitude for our Ladies Guild

Birthdays & Anniversaries



21 Sally Allred	28 Luis Rodriguez
26 Michael Hadfield	30 Liza Go-Harris
27 Dianne Crawford	Vanessa Lopez

21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez
29 Julie & Patrick Colglazier
30 Luma & Cleo Peruzzo



+S. Kathleen McMemamin, SSJ

<i>Born</i>	November 13, 1945
<i>Born to Eternal Life</i>	April 13, 2024
in the 61 st year of religious life	

The Biblical view of things is **Resurrection** ~ not a future that is a consolation for the life we never had but a restoration of the life you always wanted. This means that every horrible thing that ever happened will not only be undone and repaired but will in some way make the eventual glory and joy even greater. ~ Tim Keller, [The Reason for God](#)



Who We Are *Change for Global Change* is a 501(c)(3) organization founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph (Phila.) in 2006. With even greater urgency, our organization represents a necessary response to the unmet needs of persons who are poor, marginalized, and vulnerable by committing to the flourishing of Earth through sustainable practices.

What We Do We raise awareness of sustainability issues that affect the lives of every person on our planet. We collect donations – large and small – from caring people, so that joining together in a neighbor-to-neighbor, across-the-street and around-the-world effort, we can make a difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers in need. This allows us to provide grants for sustainability projects sponsored by our Sisters and Associates throughout the world, where the people they serve lack many basic necessities, especially potable water.

Receptacle for your donations/change is in the lobby. **Thank you!**



Our Good Shepherd



This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel reading Jesus tells His friends that He is the Good Shepherd who loves His sheep.

When sheep are out grazing in open fields, the shepherd watches them and protects them from hurting themselves, getting lost, or being killed by wild animals. Jesus looks after us like a shepherd looks after his sheep. He gave us the Church so we could know what is good for us, and He protects us from being ruined by the devil by giving us grace in the sacraments.



Now, Jesus did something that an ordinary shepherd would not do. Besides guiding and protecting us, He died to save us! Because He died for our sins, all of His sheep can now go to Heaven where they will be happy forever! How blessed we are to have such a loving Shepherd!



Answer to word-find: Follow Jesus

The Kids' Bulletin

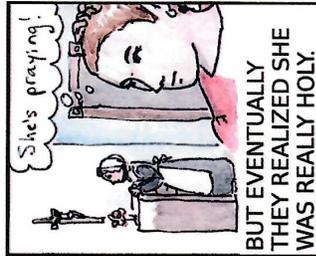
4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
April 21, 2024



*Help the sheep
find the Good Shepherd
and stay away from the hungry wolf!*

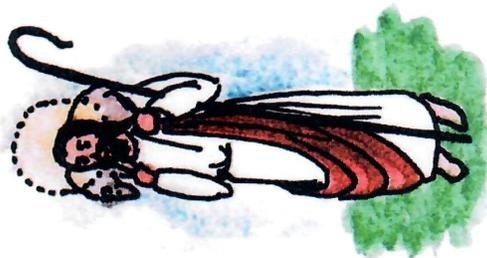
Saint Zita

April 30



SAINT ZITA IS THE PATRON SAINT OF HOUSEKEEPING. WHEN THE OTHER SERVANTS OR THE FATINELLIS WERE MEAN TO HER, SHE OFFERED UP HER SUFFERINGS TO GOD. WHEN THEY BEGAN TO RESPECT HER, SHE WORKED JUST AS HARD AND REMAINED HUMBLE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO WORK WELL, FOR GOD!

Good Shepherd Word-Find



F O C O N C E R N L M
 S C A T T E R S G L A
 F J T L A Y S N O T N
 A E C S O W H O L F
 T S H E P H E R D E W
 H U E E A I E U M A O
 E S S Y R P N I V R
 R J L I F E E S N E K
 S K N O W D U S E S S

Try to find the words in CAPITALS. The left-over letters will tell you what Jesus wants you to do.

JESUS said: "I am the GOOD Shepherd. A good shepherd LAYS down his life for the sheep. A Hired MAN, who is not a shepherd, and whose sheep are NOT his own, SEES a WOLF coming and LEAVES the sheep and RUNS away, and the wolf CATCHES them and SCATTERS them. This is because he WORKS for PAY and has no CONCERN for the SHEEP. I am the Good SHEPHERD, and I know mine and MINE know me, just as the FATHER knows me and I KNOW the Father; and I will lay down my LIFE for the sheep.



