



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 21, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is called “*The Good Shepherd*” Sunday because in the Gospel of this Sunday our Risen Christ calls Himself the Good Shepherd, who is ready to lay down his life for the sheep.

Many things have rocked the Church, but they cannot destroy the Church which is built by the Risen Christ Himself. We realize that the church needs more good shepherds who would be molded as the Good Shepherd Jesus Christ.

With what is going on in our world, our society and our Church, we might think that it is not easy to have good and holy shepherds for the Church. I, however, always firmly believe that the Catholic Church, which is built BY JESUS CHRIST on the Rock, Peter, will stand firm to the end, to the time that Jesus Christ the Builder will come back in glory. No matter what happens to the Church caused by any forces from inside or outside, I will stand firm and remain in the Catholic Church. I encourage you to do the same with grace from God, who initiates every grace and blessing for us and to us.

The Good Shepherd Jesus Christ will provide for the needs of His Church and protect it and keep it in the truth.

Will our faith in the Risen Christ stand firm to the last minute? Will we remain faithfully to His Church to the end? What should we do to keep the “YES” to these two important questions?

We need to pray more, fervently and consistently, to the Good Shepherd to send more good shepherds, and we also need to encourage and sow the seed of vocation into

the hearts of our children or grandchildren. People cannot hear the Good News of the Risen Christ if there is no one to proclaim it to them.

We need more good shepherds who know and love His flock. And the good shepherd also needs the flock that “hears” His voice and follows it.

Dear friends in Christ, keep your faith, practice it with love and courage. Do not try to “converse” with the devil. Develop your “prayer life.” Love and support and protect your “shepherd.” Encourage and pray for your priest and also forgive him. Prepare yourself worthily (at least not having mortal sin) to receive the Holy Eucharist. Sacrifice your time; make more effort to attend daily Mass. Do not kill the seed of vocation to the Priesthood from young boys/men/ your sons/your grandsons, and so forth. I ask you to do these with love for Christ, our Risen Lord, and His Church.

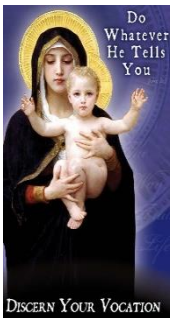
God will provide. Yet we must do our part! Actually, in our country there are now more young men applying to enter the seminaries with a zeal for the works of God. I am still praying that one or two of our Altar Servers will discern the vocation to the priesthood. Could you join me?

May God send more good and holy shepherds to the Church. May many young men respond generously and courageously to the call from God in serving Him and His people as good and holy priests. Amen.

Peace and Love in Christ,
Fr. Tien

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2024 falls on Sunday, April 21st, Good Shepherd Sunday. The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

Whilst the church recognizes that everyone receives a vocation from God, be it to married life, single life, or some form of ministry, the church focuses on this day, to pray for vocations to ordained ministry (priesthood & Diaconate) and to religious life in all its forms.



Due to the kitchen renovation in the Family Life Center, the Women's Guild Good Stuff Sale is postponed until August. Keep gathering your donations as more information will be shared soon.

Does it matter what you wear to Mass?

When you wake up in the morning, how do you decide what to wear? Most of us take into account what is happening that day, who will be there, and what the goal of the day is. Whether it is for work at the office, a date, a wedding, a hike, or staying at home, we dress accordingly. So, when it comes to Sunday Mass, we should dress accordingly. If Mass matters, then what we wear matters. But what does that look like? If you have not thought about it in a while, here are a few guidelines to help you choose what to wear to Mass.

Before deciding what to wear at Mass, think about the event. What is happening? Mass is about worshiping God. It is important enough that Catholics are required to go every week. We believe that a miracle happens every Mass wherein our God comes to us in the Eucharistic, the real presence of Our Lord, Jesus. So, it makes sense to dress up for Mass more than you would for say, a sporting event or a day of errands. questions and concerns, seeking spiritual direction and guidance.

On the one hand, it does not matter if you look terrible or amazing – Mass will go on. But on the other hand, be wary of investing too much effort into how you look at Mass. Do not wear something to purposefully draw attention to yourself. Be respectful of the other people attending Mass, and dress for what you are doing: **praising God.**



Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Robert Barnable, Ray Behr, Rick Conner, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Carter Hellerer, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Michelle Mercer, Dee & Germaine Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamin Nemeth, John Ontiveros, Doris Price, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell

Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:

Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriguez, Elizabeth Scoon



Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.

Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass; Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, April 20

- 5:00 P.M. † Bill Moffitt & † Alice Yuzzi by Dee Moffitt
 † Petra Diaz Pacheco and
 † Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos

Sunday, April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

- 9:00 A.M. † Aaron Burke by Cindy Derry
 † Carmen Tan, † Damaso Daniel Acevedo
 † Holy Souls in Purgatory
 11:30 A.M. † David Ruiz Ordaz and † Modesta Ordaz
 by Luisa Ruiz
 † Petra Diaz Pacheco and
 † Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos

Monday, April 22

- 9:00 A.M. Basilia Ruiz & Antonio Ortiz by Abigail Ortiz
 Flora Acevedo
 † Petra Diaz Pacheco and
 † Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos

Tuesday, April 23

Saint George, Martyr,
 Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
 NO MASS

Wednesday, April 24

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

- 5:30 P.M. † Diego Gopar and † Francisco Gopar
 † Petra Diaz Pacheco and
 † Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos

Thursday, April 25

Saint Mark, Evangelist

- 9:00 A.M. † Petra Diaz Pacheco and
 † Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos
 † David Ruiz Colmenores and
 † Alvaro Ruiz by Heladia Ruiz

Friday, April 26

- 9:00 A.M. Abigail de los Angeles Ortiz-Ruiz
 Diaz Family
 † Sele Diaz Pacheco and
 † Holy Souls by Sele Ramos

Saturday, April 27

- 5:00 P.M. † Joey Hoefeyzers by Rosalie Perreault
 † Sele Diaz Pacheco and † Holy Souls by Sele Ramos
 † Tomasa Nuñez Sanchez by Silvia Ortega

Sunday, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 9:00 A.M. † Damaso Daniel Acevedo, † Holy Souls
 † Cecilia Rios, † Juan Acevedo
 John & Joyce Mielnik by Stan Michalik
 11:30 A.M. † Modesta Ordiz, † David Ruiz Ordaz by Luisa Ruiz
 † Petra Diaz Pacheco and
 † Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos