APRIL 17, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE SHEPHERD’S FLOCK

In Christian art, the earliest depictions of Jesus Christ were not of his crucifixion or of his resurrection. The first known renderings of Jesus show him as the Good Shepherd, the image put before us in today’s readings. In the Gospel passage Jesus reveals that he is the shepherd and his followers are his “flock.”

In the first and second readings, we are told more about the flock. The passage from Acts assures us that both Jews and Gentiles are called to follow Jesus. It is faith, not birthright, that makes us part of the company of believers. In the passage from the book of Revelation we learn that the flock that follows this Lamb of God will also be washed in his blood. They will endure a time of trial before they enjoy eternal life. Be assured of the promise, we are told, but know there is a price to be paid.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 17, 2016

“I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.”
— Acts 13:47b

Mass/Schedule

SAT. APRIL 16 -
3:30 †Nellie & Patrick Hourihane by Family
5:00 †John Brzostowicz by Rita Zak

SUN. APRIL 17 -
7:30 ♥Spec. Intention for Henry Sanders by G’ma & G’pa
9:00 ♥Spec. Int. of Robert & Marilyn Summers by John & Kristina
10:30 †Vincent Nizza by Vinnie & Lisa Munizza
12:00 †Katrina Mollica
2:00 Latin Mass
5:00 ♥†People of the Parish

MON. APRIL 18 -
8:00 †Lillian Wang by Jim Stejskal Family

TUE. APRIL 19 -
8:00 †Mary Jo Daly by Peg & Ted Christian

WED. APRIL 20 -
8:00 ♥†Living & Deceased Mbrs of Resurrection Guild

THU. APRIL 21 -
8:00 †Carolyn Bradford by Don Bradford

FRI. APRIL 22 -
8:00 †David Korff by Jean Korff

SAT. APRIL 23 - VIGIL MASS
8:00 †William Jopko by Guerin Family

SAT. APRIL 23 -
3:30 ♥Spec. Intention for Irene Jurkowski by Carol & Richard
5:00 †William C. Kearns by Family

SUN. APRIL 24 -
7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
9:00 †Clare Schumacher by Tom & Barbara Sullivan
10:30 †Jacqueline Lorino by Aunt Theresa & Cousin Christine
12:00 †Ann O’Brien by Bernie & Gina
2:00 Latin Mass
5:00 †Gabriela Cohen by Family

Confessions - Saturdays 2:15-3:15 or 30 min. before Sunday Masses or by appointment.

Remember in your prayers......all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Robert Ormsby, Katrina Mollica.

Prayers for priests - Please join us every Thursday immediately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.

Resurrection Prayer Line Ministry
For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: 481-1170.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Cycle C
April 17, 2016

First Reading
Paul and Barnabas preach the good news among the Gentiles and are expelled by the Jews.

Respensorial Psalm
Psalm 100:1-2,3,5
A song in praise of God who shepherds us.

Second Reading
Revelation 7:9,14b-17
John describes his vision of the praises that the holy ones sing to the Lamb.

Gospel Reading
John 10:27-30
Jesus describes his care for his sheep.

Background on the Gospel Reading
The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John’s Gospel follows Jesus’ healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus’ authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31 and 10:39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus’ death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John’s Gospel, today’s Gospel reading is Jesus’ answer to the question, “Are you the Messiah?” Jesus responds by saying, in essence, “If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep.” Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today’s Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another’s voice. Today’s Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn’t just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

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April 10, 2016

Reg. Offertory: $29,179.85

Latin Mass: $421.00

SVDP: $616.00


On-line Giving for March

Offertory: $8,073.00
Education: $323.00

Thank You!

St. Vincent DePaul Distributions for March

Rents: $2,775.00
Electric: $440.16
Water: $341.69
Food: $180.00

Thank You!

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS WHO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES:

VERIFY THAT YOUR NAME, ADDRESS & ENVELOPE # ARE CORRECT ON YOUR MAY/JUNE, 2016 ENVELOPES!!

Due to a computer glitch SOME of the envelopes have addresses that do not match the name and envelope #s.

If yours are NOT correct, throw them away, and a new set will be automatically sent prior to May 1. (there is no need to contact the parish office)
PLEASE JOIN US
FOR ADORATION
EVERY FIRST FRIDAY
AFTER
THE 8:00 MASS

RESURRECTION FOR LIFE

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE ABORTION CLINIC
AT 3900 BROADWAY, FT. MYERS
EVERY 2ND SATURDAY (after the 8:00 Mass)
FOR THE ROSARY, AND TUESDAYS FROM
7:30 AM AND THURSDAYS FROM 9:30 UNTIL CLOSE.
WE ALSO PRAY EVERY WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD, CORNER OF WIN.-
KLER & COLLEGE ANYTIME BETWEEN 9 AM AND 1 PM.

WOMEN’S GUILD

The Women’s Guild will hold a meeting on
April 20 at the Parish Center
immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
Come and join us for a
“WHITE ELEPHANT SWAP PARTY”.
Please bring a “White Elephant” item (something you don’t want in your home) and place it in a
paper grocery bag. If you don’t know how this
“SWAP” works, you will find out when
you get here!! Hope to see you then!!

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL PARISHIONERS
AND VISITORS:

When admitted to the hospital please register as Catholic and
notify the parish office immediately, 481-7171.
Resurrection priests visit the hospitals daily.

To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information
on patients without their permission.

The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in
which they are located:

* Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by St. John XXIII
Parish, 561-2245

* Lee Memorial Hospital - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier
Parish, 334-2161

* Lee Memorial and Hospice at Health Park - visited daily by
St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
In loving memory of
William C. Kearns
by Wife & Children

RESURRECTION CALENDAR

ALL events take place in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated.

Adoration, First Fridays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Bereavement & Beyond Ministry, Every Monday, 8:30am.
For more information call Alouise 481-8168
Coffee & Donuts, Sundays after 10:30 Mass
Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Men’s Club, 2nd Monday of month, 7:00p.m., Sept. - May
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the
8:00a.m. Mass, church
Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, chapel
RCIA, Sundays, 3:30p.m., call 482-6883 for information
Rel. Ed., September - May
Resurrection for Life, for info, call Judy at 287-1237
Resurrection Prayerline Ministry, call Deanna Latell
481-1170.
Rosary, before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30p.m.,
chapel
Rosary Makers, 3rd Thursdays Oct. thru May, 9-11 a.m.
St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting, 1st Tues. every month,
7:00 pm. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749, or email,
svdp@resurrectionch.org
Teams of Our Lady, call Joann for more information, 482-
7982
Women’s Guild, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30a.m. Sept. - May

ALTAR FLOWERS

This Week:

In loving memory of
Jenny Truncale
by John & Joan Leanza
During Mass some years ago, a priest was using the penitential rite for the blessing of people with holy water. As he began the rite, the priest realized that the sacramentary (the book used for prayers in the liturgy, today the New Roman Missal) had been left in the sacristy. Without a word, the priest immediately left to retrieve the book in the sacristy. In the meantime, the little server, not knowing what had happened to Father, picked up the holy water container and went up and down the aisle blessing all the people! The people were smiling and making the sign of the cross. When the priest returned, he laughed and said: “I couldn’t have done a better job myself,” and continued with the Mass. In this true story, we readily understand how the little server saw a need and then felt called to do something about it. The boy had seen this holy action celebrated before—one that reminds us of our baptism—and he was ready to get involved.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we are reminded, as baptized Catholics and all Christians, that our central vocation is both a call to holiness and to service. “Holiness... is the vocation of our times, of all of us,” said Pope Paul VI in Vatican Council II. Pope John Paul II constantly called upon young people and all of us to give our lives in service as followers of Jesus Christ.

We know that all vocations flow from baptism. But what do we mean by the word “vocation?” A good understanding of the word “vocation” might well be considered within the following sequence of statements: 1) Through the sacrament of baptism each person receives a “call” or vocation. 2) God calls all who are baptized to holiness and service. 3) This call is lived as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person.

In this last statement, we understand that “vocation” is to be lived as a life commitment. Those who are single have responded to the vocation of joyfully acknowledging that God has called them to be a prophet witness of what it means to be a single, loving, committed Christian in today’s world. Those who are married have responded to the vocation of joyfully relying upon a God who has called them to a shared witness of what it means to have a covenantal commitment of love in today’s world. Those who are consecrated and ordained have responded to the vocation of joyfully journeying with God’s people as priests, sisters, brothers and others who have promised and vowed to grow in faith and holiness while helping God’s people to do the same. In each vocational commitment we are called to be loving and supportive of one another.

As we celebrate this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Gospel passage could not have been better chosen. In the story of the Good Shepherd, as recounted in John 10, we listen to the words of Christ: “My sheep hear my voice and they follow me.” This passage confirms the contemporary story of a man who went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The man tells of how in the city of Bethlehem he watched two shepherds caring for their flocks of sheep.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations - Sunday, April 17 is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose being to answer the Lord’s instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates Her attention this day on the vocations of priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Please pray that young men and women would hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call to serve.

Parish Vocation Ministry - The "Parish Vocation Team" is a new initiative of the Vocations Office to promote a culture of vocations in every parish in the Diocese. At the heart of this ministry is the Parish Vocation Team. These lay teams will be dedicated to raising awareness for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, promoting prayer for vocations, and inviting young people to consider the call God has for them. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please speak to your Pastor or contact the Vocations Director, Father Eric Scanlan, with your name, parish, and phone number at scanlan@dioceseofvenice.org or the Vocations Office at 941-486-4720.

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NEW PARISHIONER ORIENTATION
ALL ARE WELCOME
SUNDAY, APRIL 24
AFTER 10:30 am Mass in Parish Center
COME FOR DONUTS!!!!
AS A PEOPLE BORN ANEW TO A LIFE OF HOPE!
We come to share our story, we come to break the bread...
We come to discover new light in each other.
We are called to heal the broken, to be hope for the poor, to feed the hungry!
Come discover how this is happening!
NEW PARISHIONERS ARRIVING EACH WEEK! WE WELCOME YOU!
Please come! Meet each other! Discover what is happening!
Meet a member from the Men’s Club, Women’s Guild, Lectors, Ushers, Faith Formation, Bereavement.
Phone Calls & Email Invites are being sent...
If you are new and didn’t get an invite...Call Us! We want to Welcome You!
We would like to invite all who are new to the parish!
RSVP: 481-7172

Join us for Lunch!
Open to ALL—Men & Women
Celebrate EASTER JOY - CHRIST AMONG US!
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at OLIVE GARDEN
Wednesday @ Noon - April 20
Call to reserve your space by Apr. 18
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Share a Meal
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ALL ARE WELCOME!

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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
7:00pm - 8:30pm
THE TALKS
April 20 - The Seven Dogly Sins - Sin, Guilt and Forgiveness
April 27 - Cages and Fences - Surrendering to Christ
May 4 - Yum Scripture—Eating God’s Word
May 11 - The Leash and The Collar - Living Under the Lordship of Christ
May 18 - It’s a Dog’s Life - The Problem of Suffering
May 25 - Do Dog’s Go To Heaven? - Mortality, Grief, and Eternal Life
ALL ARE WELCOME!
WEDNESDAYS
7:00pm - 8:30pm
PARISH CENTER
JOURNALS FOR DISCUSSION AVAILABLE!!!
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Which Child Are You?
For Sunday, April 17, 2016, 4th Sunday of Easter
Which child are you? It is that time of the year: Easter comes; the weather in the Northern Hemisphere begins to warm; school children anticipate summer vacation; families gather. Reunions and graduations, vacations and weddings—whatever the occasion, families and friends anticipate time together for months as they orchestrate arrivals, coordinate accommodations, and plan meals with one another. Family recipes are passed on to new generations; as new members join the family, they bring their traditions and tastes with them. Children bring hope, even as older members experience physical decline.

With the gatherings, come the stories. Grandchildren may roll their eyes as they hear the story of their grandparents’ meeting or the arrival of the first immigrant ancestors. A few children sneak away when the storytelling begins, finding the retelling of old stories tedious and boring. Yet most listen, and in time, they share the stories with their children, passing on the shared history as though the stories were their own. Truly, the stories are theirs, like the flesh and blood that they share, from generation to generation. In the best of times, the gathering draws members closer to one another, extending their bond beyond family. The sheep didn’t “go astray,” the shepherd “lost” it. Thus, the lost person supremely important and suggests blaming the shepherd who wants to keep the job! Yet Jesus considers one precious lamb. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Leisa Anslinger

Jubilee Year of Mercy
April 17, 2016 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday:
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
This Sunday celebrates Jesus as “the Good Shepherd.” When announcing this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis focused on Jesus’ “lost sheep” parable in Luke. “[Who] among you,” Jesus asks, “having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?” (Luke 15:4). A reasonable answer? “No responsible shepherd who wants to keep the job!” Yet Jesus considers one lost person supremely important and suggests blaming the shepherd. The sheep didn’t “go astray,” the shepherd “lost” it. Thus, “when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy” (15:5). That tender image of Jesus adorns the simple cross the Good Shepherd gently carrying the lost sheep home on his shoulders. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, may we, who once were lost ourselves but now are found, join Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home at least one precious lamb.

Catholic Chamber of Commerce meeting -
All Catholic businesses and outreach efforts are invited to the next Catholic Chamber of Commerce Meeting on Tuesday, April 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Resurrection Parish, 8121 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers. There is no charge to attend or membership required. The purpose of the Catholic Chamber of Commerce is to inform and unite Catholic businesses to encourage the use of Catholic values and a culture of life in the home, community and workplace. For more information phone 239-980-0921 or toni@floridacatholicchamber.com

St. Francis Catholic School
End of Year Celebration
You are invited to an evening of camaraderie and musical entertainment featuring a seafood buffet, beer and wine as well as silent and live auction items.

Friday May 6, 2016, 7:00 - 11:00 pm
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Tickets: $50 per person or two for $90
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