

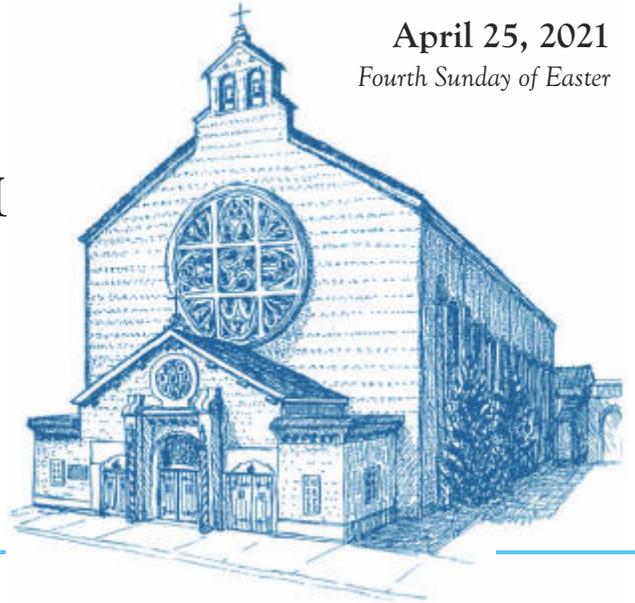
The weekly bulletin of

April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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4th Sunday OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me." - Jn 10:14

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 pm (English)
6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday

7:30 am (Vietnamese)
9:30 am (English)
11:30 am (Vietnamese)
1:30 pm (English)

Weekdays

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am (Bilingual)

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Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday – Year B

In the Gospel of this Sunday, Jesus gives us a clear picture of the hireling and the good shepherd. In His discourse, we can see the differences between the two kinds of worker. With the hireling, taking care the sheep is just a job. He just works for wages. He does not want to know the sheep or care about them, and the result is the sheep suffer!

On the other hand, with the good shepherd, minding the sheep is not just a job. He loves his work and puts his best in it because it is his work of life. He takes interest in and is dedicated to it. With that mind set, a good shepherd knows his sheep, and cares about them to the point that he is prepared to risk his life to save them. So the sheep flourish.

We have no doubt but believe and profess that Jesus Christ is our Good Shepherd. Every so often, following our Lord, the Good Shepherd, we can get a little frightened. Why? Because we don't know where He is taking us. Sometimes He takes us through a rough path as shepherds do in order to bring us to a green pasture or wellspring. And in seeing difficulty ahead we might ask why He does this to us!

Our Good Shepherd will do all things to protect us, and He asks all of us to trust and follow Him.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is dedicated by the Church to pray for the vocation to the priesthood and religious life. We pray and do our best to help our young people so that more young people recognize the call of God, and then respond to the Lord's invitation to the consecrated life and the life of serving our brothers and sisters.

We also pray to our Good Shepherd that those who live the consecrated life and the life of service always be blessed and preserved. May they stay faithful and fully live out their vocation. May the presence of God be with us always.

Fr. Phi Nguyen

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

These are exciting times at Holy Child Jesus Parish as we move forward with our unification process. We would like to share with you the facilities work that is in progress or that is planned for the near future. We are working with the Archdiocese on all these projects and we have sufficient funding for them.

Repair of boiler room roof and chimney – This work is underway. The boiler room roof is being repaired and the chimney is being tuckpointed.

Church lighting – Lighting will be improved in the church so that it is warmer and brighter. This project is scheduled to begin in May.

Shrines – A new shrine has been built in the confessional on the northwest side of church. This shrine will hold the statues that are now in the back of church of St. Margaret Mary, St. Henry, and a new statue that is being sculpted of St. Timothy. The shrine in the back of church will be dedicated to a new statue of the Holy Child Jesus.

Bathrooms – We are working with the Archdiocese to secure bids on building new bathrooms in the back of church. These bathrooms will be larger and ADA compliant.

Air conditioning – We have accepted a bid to install air conditioning in the church. Work will begin sometime this summer.

The church will remain open for worship during these projects. We ask for your patience and understanding while the work is going on; the contractors will make every attempt to cause as little disruption as possible.

Thank you for your support and your care for Holy Child Jesus Parish as together we enhance our new house.

Fr. Phi

BORING MASS

Part 1

Mass is boring? NO! Mass is not a tedious chore we do for God, but a miracle Jesus does with us, for us, and in us. Every Mass is the renewal of the most important and critical event that ever occurred: the eternal, infinite sacrifice of praise of God the Son, Jesus, to God the Father, on a cross on Calvary. Many of us forget about this sacrifice of God the Son for our salvation. Mass reminds us of this sacrifice, of our salvation. Mass is not about us, but about God.

Going to Mass is about growing in relationship with God. Our relationship with God should not be dependent upon priests, music, liturgical style, or our personal feelings. For our relationship with God to be authentic, we must be open to God's call. What is God saying to us? What is God asking us to give back?

We don't attend Mass to be entertained. We go to pray and to offer sacrifice and praise to God. Everyone who comes to Mass is making an offering. Every one of us has the opportunity to breathe life into Holy Child Jesus Parish.

The good news is that we can offer sacrifice and be authentic if:

Do our best to arrive ten or fifteen minutes before Mass starts – not ten or fifteen minutes after it starts. Getting to church on time helps us to prepare our hearts and minds for worship and to open our hearts to be ready to receive Jesus during Holy Communion.

Turn cellphones off before Mass starts. Even vibrations from cell phone can distract us and take our minds away from the liturgy.

Listen actively to the readings. How are these readings speaking to you?

The lay faithful should join in with the words of the liturgy and join in singing the hymns – engaging their hearts and minds. (During these unusual times, please keep your mask on when you join in singing and in prayers.)

When we leave Mass and go forth into world, become evangelists. We are all called to discipleship. Get involved in spreading the Good News through what we do and what we say. As St. Francis of Assisi declared, "Always preach the Gospel. When necessary, use words."

Commit to volunteer work and to ministry that the Church and the parish needs. What is God calling us to do? Be open to that call! Be the seed of change and make that small sacrifice for the honor and glory of God.

It takes more than a priest to make a parish. Become his support and help energize him.

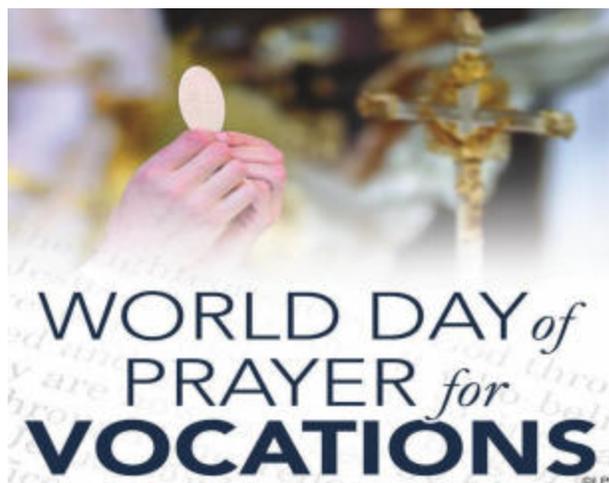
What a perfect opportunity to teach not only our children, but everyone who is present, how to behave and act through our words and actions during Mass, to help us understand the love and sacrifice that our Lord Jesus Christ has given us. Through the Mass, we praise and adore the One and Only One King of the universe, of Love, of Forgiveness, and of Patience, who holds nothing back, and who takes nothing and makes it into something. The something of God reaching out to us, calling us to a relationship with the Divine. Let us hear God's call, see God's glory everywhere and especially in the Mass.

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FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Pope John Paul II stated, "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in the sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith."

As believers we know that we can pray to God anywhere; after all, God is everywhere.

But the greatest treasure of our faith is that Jesus Christ is present in Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity under the appearance of the consecrated host in the Holy Eucharist. When we adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus draws us to Himself and gently transforms us. We marvel at the presence of Christ, to be in communion with Him and to experience His unconditional love. We are blessed and graced to adore Him, to be grateful, to ask for forgiveness, to say our supplication, and to intercede for others.

Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray."...Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."... And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matthew 26:36-41).

Beginning on Friday, May 7, and every first Friday of the month thereafter, Holy Child Jesus Parish will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in church after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 6:45 p.m. The last time slot each day will be at 6:00 p.m. We invite you to sign-up between these hours if you want to have a Holy Hour with Jesus. Mass will follow at 7:00 p.m.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for those who are interested. You may also sign up online through SignUp Genius on our website. Please remember that the Blessed Sacrament cannot be left alone under any circumstances. If you cannot fulfill your schedule, please contact the person in-charge so they can find a substitute for you.

CYCLES OF FAITH

4th Sunday of Easter

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

- Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
- Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24–13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26–2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/
 Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/
 Mt 13:54-58
- Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



REST IN PEACE

Our blessed Lord has called home **Carys Castillo** for whom we promise our prayers that he may live in joy in His presence.



6 WORSHIP CALENDAR

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 25

4th Sunday of Easter

Vietnamese

7:30 am xin bình an cho gia đình và xin cầu cho
inh hồn Phêrô.

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Cầu cho linh hồn Antôn (mới qua).
Cầu cho linh hồn Olivia Fleming (mới
qua đời)
Cầu cho linh hồn Maria Nguyễn Thị
Nghiem

English

9:30 am Richard Schaefer
James Bruner
Bernadette Edom (living) Thanksgiving

Vietnamese

11:30 am Cầu cho linh Maria (Lễ giỗ).
Cầu cho linh hồn Vincente Nguyễn Hồ.
Cầu cho linh hồn Phêrô Nguyễn Long và
các linh hồn tiên nhân.

English

1:30 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Monday, April 26

8:00 am Cầu cho linh hồn Nicolas Trịnh Khải.
Cầu cho linh hồn Gioan Kim và hai (2)
inh hồn Anna
Colleen Poleski (living)

Tuesday, April 27

8:00 am Cầu cho linh hồn Maria và Phêrô
Cầu cho hai (2) linh hồn Đaminh Trịnh
Bính và Trịnh Bình
Dr. Mario Vega

Wednesday, April 28 St. Peter Chanel

St. Louis Grignon

8:00 am Jack Garrity - anniversary
Anabel Yuen (living)
Xin tạ ơn Chúa và xin bình an cho gia
đình
Cầu cho linh hồn Maria Lê Thị Tám
(Giỗ 9 năm).

Thursday, April 29 St. Catherine of Siena

8:00 am Cầu cho linh hồn Maria Trần Thị Nguyệt
(mới qua đời).
Cầu cho hai (2) linh hồn Maria

Friday, April 30 St. Pius V

8:00 am Cầu cho đất nước Việt Nam.

Saturday, May 1 St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 am Agnes Robst
Elsie Heyler
Cầu cho linh hồn Maria Lê Thị Tám
For the personal intentions

English

4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Sunday, May 2

5th Sunday of Easter

Vietnamese

7:30 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

9:30 am Barbara Isaacson
James Brunel
Christopher Murtaugh
Bernadette Edom (living) Thanksgiving

Vietnamese

11:30 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

1:30 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

PLEASE REGISTER FOR MASS

Have you been walking into Mass without pre-registering? We ask that you now register on a weekly basis either through the parish website at www.hcjp.org or the church office at (773) 764-0615. Please don't rely on your name being on a walk-in list. We have expanded the number of reservations that we accept as more people are returning to Mass. Pre-registration will make it easier for our volunteers to greet and seat you. At this time, however, the capacity limits remain the same. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Arrangements should be made at least three months in advance.

Baptism: Sunday, 3:00 pm

2nd in English
3rd in Vietnamese

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

1st & 3rd in English
2nd & 4th in Vietnamese

R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

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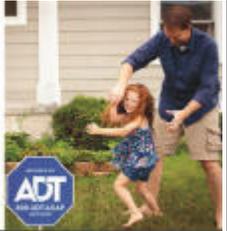
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