



SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

APRIL 25, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



THE FIRST OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

With social distancing, St. Margaret is spreading out the ceremonies for our second graders' First Holy Communion to several weekends. Last Sunday was the first group of eighteen children. Thank you, parents and catechists, for preparing them to receive Jesus in the Eucharist! *Photo by Michael Pera*

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 p.m. & Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Monday thru Friday at 6:30 a.m.

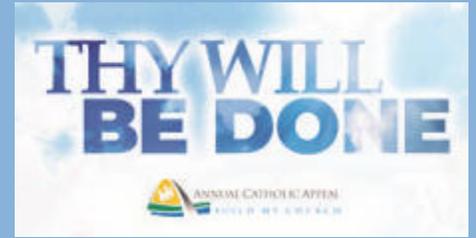
Holy Days and holidays as published in Sunday Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

When those in the world see us, see the Church, what do they see? How do they define us? Through our deeds and our actions, through the impact we make on others' lives. And so, when Jesus announces to the world that He is risen, he does not do it through pomp, through seeking attention. No, he does it through an act of charity. Through the healing of someone in need, giving of Himself and His gifts so that those who need it most may receive God's grace and mercy.



That leads Peter to proclaim, "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:8-12) When we show God's love to others, the joy is contagious. The Good Shepherd knows to lead His flock to where they will prosper, and all He asks is that we follow His holy will. We give of ourselves because He provided the ultimate sacrifice, we love others because His boundless love fills our cups until they are overflowing.

Through our collective support of the Annual Catholic Appeal, we can proclaim with one voice, Thy Will Be Done. The past year has brought considerable challenge and hardship to so many, but your generous support of the Appeal helped provide hope and support for our parishes and our entire community. Please, help our Church continue to make a positive impact in the lives of those who need it most. You can give by completing your pledge card and drop it off at the Parish Office or visit aca.archstl.org to learn more about how the Appeal uplifts the lives of those we serve.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 26

6:30 a.m. Molly Siemer "Happy Birthday"

Tuesday, April 27

6:30 a.m. Michael Rossiter

(8:15 a.m. The Casey Family +)*

Wednesday, April 28

6:30 a.m. Raymond Austermann Jr. +

Thursday, April 29

6:30 a.m. Justine Schluter +

Friday, April 30

6:30 a.m. Marco Kramer "Happy Birthday"

(8:15 a.m. Fr. John J. O'Brien +)*

Saturday, May 1

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, May 2

8:00 a.m. Catherine Alta +

10:00 a.m. Msgr. Cornelius Moynihan +

* For the safe health of our students attending these Masses, they are not open to the public.

To mark a special occasion or to remember a beloved family member or friend, living or deceased, with a Mass intention please call the Parish Office at 314-776-0363. The bishops of Missouri ask the faithful to make a \$10 offering for each Mass if they are able.

THE CRY ROOM IS AVAILABLE AGAIN!

More families are returning to church, and we're happy about that! But we also know some babies and toddlers get fussy during Mass. The St. Vincent Children's Chapel (a.k.a. the "cry room") is available again for a limited number of people. Pandemic protocols for healthy social distancing must be observed. Up to three sets of one parent and one child may be in this space at one time. Adults must continue to wear masks and keep to the seats that are arranged in the room. If there is a need to change a child's diaper please do this in the designated baby station at the restrooms in the church hall. We hope the reopened cry room will help accommodate more families who desire to be with us each Sunday.

BABY TO BAPTIZE?

To schedule your child's baptism, contact the parish office at least two months in advance (the sooner the better). New parents take a one-time preparation session, offered monthly. Baptisms are held AT or AFTER the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, usually limited to twice a month. For more information contact Ruth Pera our Faith Formation Coordinator at ffc@stmargaretstl.org or 314-776-0363 ext. 1002.



The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as “Good Shepherd Sunday,” as Jesus describes Himself in today’s gospel. Pius Parsch, a monk and great liturgical theologian of the 20th century, offers a wonderful reflection of this model of the Savior. It comes from the German translation of his writing in *The Church’s Year of Grace* published in 1953 (The Liturgical Press). Parsch teaches us the richness of this otherwise simple image of Christ, helping explain how this depiction has remained so endearing. The following are Dr. Parsch’s words.



BY FR. MATT O'TOOLE



One of the earliest paintings of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, from the Catacomb of Callixtus outside Rome.

Pictures and images of Christ as Good Shepherd antedate other representations of our Savior and were more widely used in the ancient Church. From the first four centuries we have several hundred pictures of the Good shepherd in various catacombs. It is simply impossible to estimate how often the Good Shepherd is represented in the Christian art of mosaics, statues and paintings after the fifth century.

What truths did this image of Jesus teach the early Christians? Three may be named: 1) Christ sacrificed His life for His sheep, 2) He nourishes their spiritual life by means of the Eucharist, and 3) He leads His lambs to heavenly pastures. Death and resurrection, Eucharist and longing for the *parousia* – these fundamental truths the early Christians saw spontaneously in their beautiful Good Shepherd pictures.

These aspects are especially accentuated during Paschaltide – against the background of Easter joy. In clearest outline we see Christ’s redemptive mission now completed. This could not be expressed better than in terms of the Good Shepherd. Mankind had gone astray, had fallen among the thorns; in the lowly garb of human nature Christ came to seek the lost sheep. The thorns He wove into a crown about His head, and with the Shepherd’s staff of the Cross He rescued the lost lamb, bearing it out of the desert of sin upon His own shoulders.

Now at Easter, when the work of redemption is completed and He is standing in the midst of His redeemed sheep, let us listen to His cry: *“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”* (today’s gospel) These words should engender deepest love, a love that bursts forth in acts of love. Christ’s death and resurrection, our call to grace and redemption are but a part of the great Easter mystery brought home to us in the Good Shepherd picture.

Our blessed Savior’s second function as a Good Shepherd is to nourish His sheep with His own flesh and blood. By means of the Eucharist, He gathers His flock together and remains in closest communion with them. *“I know Mine and Mine know Me.”*

And thirdly, when we peer into the future, we again see the Good Shepherd, now leading His sheep into celestial pastures. That is the chief reason why Good Shepherd pictures appear so frequently in ancient cemeteries. These representations portray hope in a bodily resurrection. To the early Christians, the Good Shepherd among His sheep indicated the “quickening of life after death.”

How inexhaustible the spiritual treasures in the Good Shepherd picture! Our Redeemer, our Nourisher, our Sanctifier – Jesus. Past, present and future come to focus here as I realize how He predestined me and called me through baptism years ago, how He is nourishing me by the Eucharist and divine worship at present, how He will bring back to life my dead body in God’s own good time. I look up to the Good Shepherd picture, it shows how Christ means everything to me. *“For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain.”* (Philippians 1:21)

Rev. Matthew O'Toole

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gathering Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he's leading,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feeding.

Confused and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

Gloria

Mass of Wisdom, Steven R. Janco

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.

We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With
the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said:

“Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed.

He is *the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.*

There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.”

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118: Alleluia

Marty Haugen

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.
Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Alleluia

Mass of Wisdom Steven Janco

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

John 10:11-18

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 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.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and
there will be one flock, one shepherd.

This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it
from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This
command I have received from my Father."

Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

For the time being, the taking up of a collection during the Offertory Rite remains suspended.

*St. Margaret still depends on your stewardship. Please leave your envelope or monetary offering in the designated
collection box at the center aisle. For greater convenience, set up your weekly contribution
by going to WeShare on our parish website – stmargaretstl.org. Thank you for your generosity.*

Preparation of the Gifts

Like a shepherd

Bob Dufford, SJ

REFRAIN

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.

I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them astray.

The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds and pasture them, giving them rest. *REFRAIN*

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke upon your shoulders, I will give you rest. *REFRAIN*

Mass Setting

Mass of Wisdom, Steven R. Janco

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; ... grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

Pan de Vida

Bob Hurd

REFRAIN

Pan de vida, cuerpo del Señor, Cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord.
At this table the last shall be first, poder es servir, porque Dios es amor

We are the dwelling of God, fragile and wounded and weak.
We are the body of Christ called to be the compassion of God.

Ustedes me llaman "Señor," me inclino a lavarles los pies.
Hagan lo mismo, humildes, sirviendose unos a otros. *REFRAIN*

There is no Jew or Greek, there is no slave or free;
There is no woman or man; only heirs of the promise of God *REFRAIN*

Recessional Hymn

Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Ernest Sands

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever, faithful to the end of days.

REFRAIN

Come then all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness, melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music, worship him and bless his name.

Power he has wielded, honor is his garment, risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken, new life he now gives to all. *REFRAIN*

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner, splendor of the living God. *REFRAIN*

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Work is one of the most fundamental of human experiences. It is a complicated and paradoxical subject. Is work a blessing or a curse? Or just a necessity?

Within our religious tradition the creation story is represented as six day's work; the irksome qualities of hard labor are presented as the consequence of sin; Jesus praises the contemplation of Mary over the busy efforts of Martha; St. Benedict's rule (ora et labora) attempts a sublime balance.

Jesus, who entered fully into the human condition, was also a worker, having learned the building trade from Joseph. And thus, St. Joseph is honored as the patron saint of all who labor, of all who work.

Didn't we just celebrate the Feast Day of St. Joseph? (Right after St. Patrick?) Indeed. But this great saint is honored with two feasts in the liturgical calendar (not to mention Holy Family Sunday!). The traditional Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Virgin Mary is March 19. The feast of St. Joseph the Worker was established by Pope Pius XII in 1955 on the First of May. Traditionally celebrated as May Day by the Communist Party, the Church responded with this liturgical feast to celebrate the Catholic Church's commitment to the dignity of labor.

What in your work can lead you on the path to everyday holiness? What might offer you opportunities to witness to and celebrate your faith? It may seem for some people that there is nothing of consequence to focus on. But surely, we all can all try to do everyday things with as much love as possible. (St. Thérèse of Lisieux)

NEXT WEEK – please bring to church some symbol of YOUR work (which need NOT be a paid job). Before Mass place it in front of St. Joseph's altar. You might want to include a prayer intention on a small piece of paper, especially one associated with the need for employment, just wages, an attitude of respect in the workplace, etc.



BY PETER FISHER HESEED

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Thanks to the six nominees for their willingness to serve:

*Julie Bradshaw
Carrie Gallagher Crompton
Roberto Garcia
Dan Herleth
Heidi Klosterman
Jen Lederle*

The election runs from **Thursday, April 29 to Thursday, May 13**. Registered parishioners and current school parents/guardians may vote by paper ballot at church or online (see parish e-blast and Thursday principal's newsletter). Look for bios at church and online. Email questions to schoolboard@stmargaretstl.org.



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