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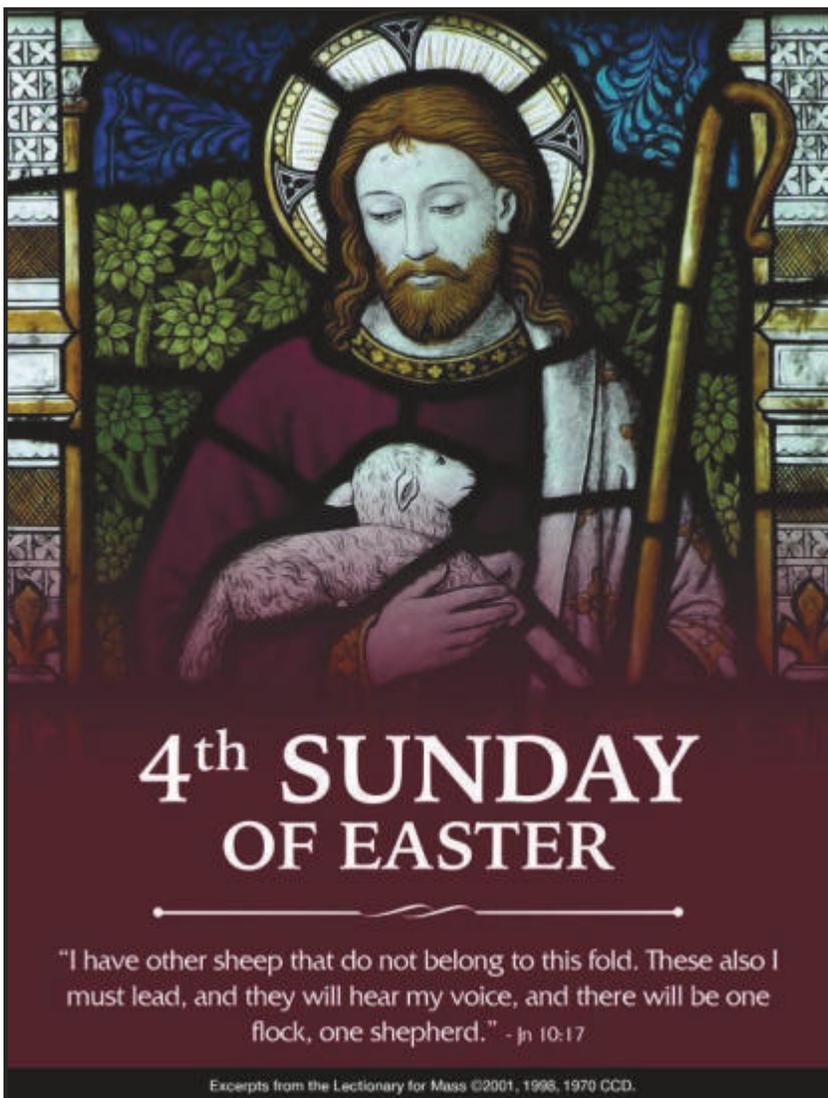
SJOA's Weekly Parish Bulletin



Faith + Community + Service

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4th Sunday of Easter



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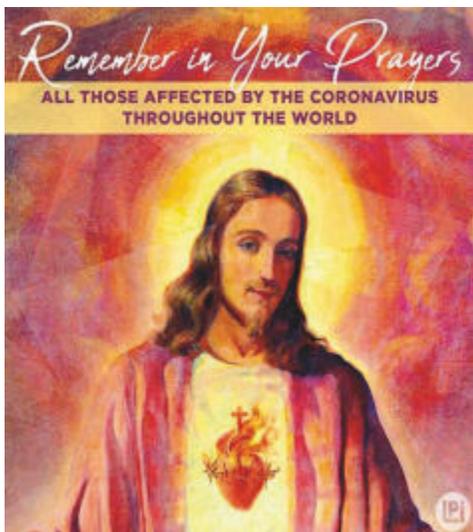
Monday	8:00 AM
Tuesday & Thursday	8:15 AM
Wednesday & Friday	5:30 PM
Saturday	5:30 PM
Sunday	8:30 & 10:30 AM, 5:30 PM

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Mass Intentions April 26-May 2

Monday, April 26

Agnes Brake

Tuesday, April 27

Jim Henry

Wednesday, April 28

Ron Renner

Thursday, April 29

Jim Henry

Friday, April 30

Katie Bender

Saturday, May 1

Virginia Lillibridge

Sunday, May 2

Intention of The Bourque Family
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No One Takes My Life from Me

The fourth Sunday of Easter is observed as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus refers to Himself as the “Good Shepherd” who lays down His life for the sheep. As our Good Shepherd, Jesus comes searching for us at all times, calling us to Himself, teaching us, and leading us closer each day to the home of our Heavenly Father. So great is His love for us that our Shepherd suffered death on the cross for our redemption: for the Shepherd is also the Lamb of sacrifice. Jesus said, of the laying down of His life, “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.” And Jesus gives this same power to all who hear His voice, and follow Him.

What is taking your life from you? There are many things, and people, that want power over us, which try to take life from us, to rob us of freedom, and to use human beings as a commodity for their own gain. And so often, we comply willingly. What are the things which guide you in life? What, or who, is most influential in shaping your thoughts and values? In every moment of life, in every decision, we should reflect on the questions: do I really believe in God? Or is God just an abstract idea? Do I believe in the power of God to be active in my life? Is God’s power a reality for me? Do I believe in life after death? Or am I living as if life in this world is all there is? While so many things and people in the world are eager to take life from us, in one way or another, Jesus desires only to give us life, and freedom, and to share with us His power. Jesus calls us to the fullness of life.

But the voice of the Good Shepherd is often drowned out by the noise of the world, by the cries of those in pain, and by the shouts of the violent. Why is there such evil in the world? Why are there mass shootings, and so many acts of violence? Why is there hatred in the hearts of people? Why do children go hungry? Why is substance abuse so prevalent to the point of destroying families and individuals? Why are our young people so hopeless, to the point of committing suicide? Why are we so aggressive in our approach to life? Why so unrestful? Some might say it is due to an absence of God. But God is never absent: His Son is always calling to His lost sheep. The problem is not the absence of God, but rather, the outright rejection of Him. In our first reading, Peter says, “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.”

Thoughts from Fr. Roberts

To reject God is to choose death. How are we rejecting God by our choices? What are our habits? Are they holy? How are we being informed? Are we seeking the truth? Or are we blindly following an ideology? What are we really seeking in life? Is the way we live life-giving, or life-taking? When we choose death, in any form, life is taken from us. But when we choose God, we find life, and healing, power, blessing, and light. Is our way of life bringing us closer to God? Are we being transformed by His grace into the image of Christ? Are we hearing and following the voice of the Good Shepherd? Are we sincerely His disciples: learning from Him, and seeking Him with our whole heart?

In our second reading, John tells us, “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.” By living as God’s children, we are transformed by Jesus Christ. And, like Jesus, we have the power to give our life in loving service to others, and to take it up again.

Fr. Roberts

From *The Heart of the New Evangelization, A Parish Manual for the New Evangelization* by Fr. Guy Roberts.

Life in the community of Christ, the Church, is a deliberate choice. First, it is the choice of Christ, who calls each of us to Himself; secondly it is our response to that call. In answering the call to Christ we are also choosing to belong to the community of our brothers and sisters in Christ (Pg. 27).

St. Joan of Arc Parish Mission Statement:

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church is a community gathered in Jesus Christ. We welcome all people and provide them opportunities to know God, grow in faith, and use their gifts to serve others. Through Word, Sacrament, Prayer, and Service, we honor our tradition as we extend our ministry to each new generation.



Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOAN OF ARC

The hymns and readings for today's Mass can be found on page 7 of this bulletin.



Congratulations to our young parishioners who made their First Communion on Saturday. We pray that they will always know the special peace, grace and joy of having been able to bring Jesus into your heart.



Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 1, for a super fun night of **virtual Trivia**. Gather your team of 6 and join us for the

most interesting online trivia game that you will ever play. <https://stjoan.hellofund.io> Charge your phones, because you will not want to miss a minute. Hambone's Trivia is the city's best! There will be a live auction bonus as well as silent auction items to bid on virtually throughout the evening. Perhaps you have a unique item that you would like to donate? Auction bidding opens at 5:30 PM and 6:00 PM is Trivia Time



We have already begun the 100 day countdown to the **100th Anniversary of the Founding of Our Parish**. We will celebrate our Centennial on the weekend of July

16-18, so please mark your calendars. Parishioners and former parishioners who have memorabilia to lend are asked to contact Rita Welch Miller at miller2436@sbcglobal.net Leading up to that weekend you will want to tune in daily to our website (www.sjoa.org) and listen to stories and remembrances from longtime parishioners. Look for 100 Days/100 Stories/100 Years. Enjoy listening to memories of our parish.

Weekly Prayer Petition



Heavenly Father, we pray that we will always follow your will for us in all of our actions; we pray especially for our youngsters, that they will come to the knowledge that in doing your will, they will find true joy.

Please Pray For: Leslie Ashburn-Nardo; Kevin Beaty; Adeline Beining; Sam Blandina; Kim Bourque (Kathy Caparo's Sister); Mable Brown; LeJean Buehler; Frederick Bullard; Cathy Chamberlaine; Ronerik Christie and Marvin Colbert (brother & brother-in-law of Yolanda Christie); David Colby; Kelly Colen; Ella Comer; Maureen Cox (d-i-l of Judy Cox); Ian Craig (son of Libby); Alison Croker; Judd Cromer; Ellie Davis; Lyla DeArmond; Mary Ellen Diemer; Gregg Dwyer; Dee Enrico-Janik; Brian Gaddie; Rita Gatzemeyer; Donna Gesell-Stuart; Gail Gerlach; Joyce Geske; Larry Grein; Owen Griffith; Sara Hanlon; Betsy Harvey; Noreen Hazeur Williams; Polly Henn; Susie Hoffman (mother of Erin Kelly); Doris Hogan; Patty Hughes; many members of the Irwin Family; Harley Janssen; Dalaena Johnson; Judith Jones; Rod Kramer, Jim Laidlaw; Charlie Lane; Tom & Marie, (Catherine Hayes brother and sister); Kovan McCauley; Peggy McClellan (friend of Dee Enrico-Janik); JoAnn McDaniel; Betty McKillip; Sherm McMurray; Sharon Montieth; Buffy Moosbrugger; Kathleen Naghdi; James Neal; Teresa O'Connel (daughter of Alison Croker); Rob Ohlemiller; Kidney Patient; Steve Pavicich; Sharon Pence; Angee Poe (friend of Margaret Graves); Mike M. Pointer; Barb Rainbolt; Charles Randall; Mary Roy; Devin Ryan; Beth Salmon; Beth Sellers; Frederick Selm; Helen Setmeyer; Christina Shedrick; Bob Sparks; The Thornburg Family; Jeanetta Torence; Mary Strigari Vish; James Vodde; Sr. Rita Ann Wade; Joe Wainscott; Drake Williams (son of Kyle and Abby); Carole Williams; Jane & Gary Williams; Karen Wilmering; Valorie Woods.



We grieve with parishioner Steve Delaney over the passing of his mother, Rose.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Sgt. Dylan Barnett; P.O. 2nd class Matthew Collier, P.O. 2nd Class James Fisher, LCDR Kurt E. Davis; Maj Rocknee Gardner; P.O. 2nd Class Eileen Grosvenor-Jarp, LCPL Jonah Hollis, P.O. 2nd Class Kyle McClelland, CPT Jon Mecker, GySgt. Tom Mitsch; Marine Jonathan Price, CPT Kevin Zander.

APRIL 17-18 COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,198.00
Weekly Contributions	\$7,425.00
Weekly Overage/Shortage	(\$773.00)
Yearly Overage/Shortage	(\$8,924.18)



50/50 Club: Envelope #77 was drawn and that household DID participate this week. We have a winner! Charles and Hope Blandina will split the \$1051 jackpot with us. The next jackpot will be \$136. ICG#2454



Thanks to our **Arts and Environment Committee** for the beautiful appearance of our church this Easter, and also to the people who contributed to help fund the flowers. Memorials for the

following people were received: *Joe and Betty Caparo, Gretchen Coogan, Ollie Crawford, Jane Doyle, the Krupp Family deceased members, Emma Mai Rienecker, the Simon Family deceased members, Ross Springer, Dolores Yeadon, and Clayton Zearbaugh.* Also, a contribution was made in honor of *Henry and William Roeger.*



Help out the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today. Funds collected help areas in the US without basic pastoral services. Your generosity is appreciated.



Dear Parishioners and Guests,

Thanks to some dedicated parents who served on this year's Annual Fund committee and who worked on all initiatives having to do with the Annual Fund this year, we are excited to announce an upcoming trivia night!

Get your teams together! We would love to invite all parishioners to attend virtually. It's a great deal of fun and a way to support our parish school. <https://stjoan.hellofund.io>

Mark off May 1st on your calendar. The silent auction, which includes prizes such as a reservation to sit in the first pew at the Christmas children's mass, tickets to sporting events, restaurant gift cards and much more opens at 5:30.

Trivia teams are comprised of 6 people, and the game actually begins at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$75.00 per team. <https://stjoan.hellofund.io>

Before the fun, remember to pick up food and libations at Hoagies and Hops, who will be donating 10% of proceeds that evening to SJOA!

We look forward to seeing you there on the screen!

Thank you for your support and prayers,

Janet Andriole
Principal

COMING SOON TO ST. JOAN OF ARC



The **National Day of Prayer** is Thursday, May 6. Please unite with others from all religions in praying for an end to violence and racism and other problems in our country.



Hopefully, you have noticed the red wagons stationed at every entrance of our church. They are there to hold donated food items for our local food pantry. Our loyal St. Vincent de Paul

volunteers haul these donated groceries to the **Boulevard Place Food Pantry**, just several blocks to our west. As expected with the pandemic and the joblessness, the demand these days is extremely high. The average number of clients served per month is 900. Please continue to add your non-perishable food to the red wagons. If you would like to join the volunteers at The Pantry, contact the volunteer coordinator, Amy Taylor at ataylor@svdpindy.org.



On Saturday, May 15, Sr. Nicolette Etienne, OSB will offer a program called **Blessed Mother's Beads** at the Benedict Inn beginning at 10 AM. In addition to hearing Sister's presentation on Mary and the Rosary, you will also be able to make

your own rosary or a rosary bracelet. This is a very popular program so register early.

www.benedictinn.org.



Operation Leftover is an outreach to our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness in downtown Indianapolis. "Rollouts"

take place the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:30 -8:30pm. During a "Rollout," volunteers gather to pray at St. John's, then split into groups with food, drinks, info pamphlets, and a willing spirit to provide fellowship, faith sharing, and resources with our brothers and sisters out on the street. The next opportunity to serve is Thursday, May 13. Join the group and make a difference in someone's life.



Walkers, start your warm-ups! Our annual walkathon will be Friday, May 7. Our goal is to raise \$10,000.00. The money from this event helps with CYO funding as well as the school Physical Education program. If

you would like to donate a prize or make a monetary gift for this energetic event, please contact Claire Jackson: cjackson@sjoa.org or follow this QR Code



The **National Catholic Youth Conference** will once again convene in Indianapolis this fall and it is already time to start planning to attend. At NCYC teens from around the country come to encounter

Christ, experience Church and be empowered for discipleship. The event will take place November 18-20. Even though it is 6 months away, reservations need to be made. The vision is for teens to have a wonderful, joy and fun-filled experience resulting in the knowledge that they, too, are disciples of Jesus Christ. Chaperones are also needed. Please let Kyle Murphy know if you are interested in attending. Contact Kyle at kmurphy@sjoa.org



Bishop Chatard High School Improv Team invites you to the Senior Show on Friday, April 30. The showtime for families is at 6:00 PM and seats are limited and must be pre-ordered online. Visit <https://www.bishopchatard.org/improv-team/> to buy a ticket.



Seventh grade students are encouraged to attend one of the three sessions of the High School Placement Test Academy at Cathedral. The first one is the week of June 14. You will take the test on

Monday, receive instruction Tuesday through Thursday, and then take the test one more time on Friday. Your test scores can be used on your High School applications in the fall. Register through Camp Cathedral.

April 25 Worship Aid

Processional: Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice
Before his throne rejoice
Praise is his gracious choice
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend
Our cry he will attend
His love shall never end
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's joyful shore
His goodness we'll adore
Singing forevermore
Alleluia! Amen!

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. (Refrain)

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us;
You take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. (Refrain)

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. (Refrain)

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Responsorial: Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner-
stone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:14
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and
mine know me.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Save us, savior of the world
For by your cross and resurrection
You have set us free

Communion: Gift of Finest Wheat
Refrain:
You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat
Come give to us, O saving Lord
The bread of life to eat

As when the shepherd calls his sheep
They know and heed his voice
So when you call your family Lord
We follow and rejoice (Refrain)

With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy, Lord
To share this heavenly food (Refrain)

Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ out-poured
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord (Refrain)

The mystery of your presence, Lord
No mortal tongue can tell
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell (Refrain)

You give yourself to us, O Lord
Then selfless let us be
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity (Refrain)

Song of Praise or Sending Forth: How Can I Keep from Singing (vs.1-3)

My life flows on in endless song
Above earth's lamentation
I hear the real though far off hymn
That hails a new creation

Refrain:
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that rock I'm clinging
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing

Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear that music ringing
It sounds and echoes in my soul
How can I keep from singing (Refrain)

What though the tempest 'round me roar
I hear the truth it liveth
What though the darkness 'round me close
Songs in the night it giveth (Refrain)

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