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PSALM 4

## WEEKEND MASS

### Saturday

4:00 PM Sacred Heart

### Sunday

7:30 AM Sacred Heart

9:15 AM St. Philip

11:00 AM Sacred Heart

## WEEKDAY MASS

### Monday—Thursday

7:45 AM

Sacred Heart

## CONFESION

### Saturday

2:45 PM

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION -  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

April 18, 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.



**May Session: #8    Mary: God's Masterpiece**

Sunday, 4/25    10:30    St. Philip  
Sunday, 5/2      9:30    Sacred Heart



**The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Ages 3-6** at Sacred Heart Parish Center in the atrium classroom. Helping your children learn about Jesus and their faith in a Montessori style setting. Call the office at 782-8096 for more information. *Sessions observe all guidelines for safety and social distancing. A mask or other approved face covering must be worn by everyone at all times.*



**Silver & Gold Mass with Bishop Deeley  
Lewiston on June 19**

Catholics celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries of one year (married during the pandemic), 25 years, or 50 or more years are invited to participate in the annual Silver & Gold Mass, led by Bishop Robert Deeley, on Saturday, June 19, at 4 p.m. at the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul in Lewiston. The Mass will also be livestreamed at [www.princeofpeace.me](http://www.princeofpeace.me). Marriage establishes a holy covenant among three: one man, one woman, and God. This Mass is a testimony to the goodness of Christian marriage and the blessings it can bring. Bishop Deeley will offer a special blessing to all married couples in attendance and participating via livestream as part of the celebration. For more information, including a flyer and a link to register, visit [www.portlanddiocese.org/olff/silver-gold-mass](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/olff/silver-gold-mass).



## Stewardship Offering

April 11

\$ 7,377 (basket)  
1,595 (online)

### CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

### "Encountering God in Nature"

Biddeford April 30 – May 2

"Encountering God in Nature," with Heather Makowicz, will be offered at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford on April 30 – May 2. Makowicz organizes and leads hiking excursions and other outdoor experiences that integrate prayer, contemplation, and reflection to encounter God in His creation. The cost of the weekend, including a private room, is \$250. For more information or to register, visit [www.mariejosephspiritual.org](http://www.mariejosephspiritual.org) or call (207) 284-5671.

### Maine Deaf Ministry Now Providing Signed Masses in Portland and Bangor

Signed Masses for deaf Maine Catholics are offered at St. Mary Church, located on 768 Ohio Street in Bangor, each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. The Masses are offered in person as well as via livestream at the parish website ([www.stpaulbangor.me](http://www.stpaulbangor.me)) and the parish Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/StPaulBangor](http://www.facebook.com/StPaulBangor)). In addition, Fr. Kevin Hughes, S.J., parochial vicar of Our Lady of Hope Parish in Portland, offers a signed Mass on the third Sunday of each month (April 18 this month) at St. Pius X Church, located on 492 Ocean Avenue in Portland, at 9 a.m. All are welcome at the Masses in person or via livestream at [www.ladyofhopemain.org](http://www.ladyofhopemain.org). Deaf Catholics in Maine who are unable to attend the above Masses either in person or via livestream can visit [www.facebook.com/deafmass](http://www.facebook.com/deafmass) to watch a livestream of an ASL Mass each Sunday at 11:30 a.m. or watch a replay of the Mass at any time. To view weekly homilies signed by Fr. Michael Depcik, visit [www.frmd.org](http://www.frmd.org). For more information about opportunities for deaf Catholics in Maine, contact Deacon Bernier, director of the Office of Ministerial Services, at (207) 321-7845 or [peter.bernier@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:peter.bernier@portlanddiocese.org).



### Tithing vs. Stewardship

#### Question:

What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

#### Answer:

Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God. ©LPI

### Free Income Tax Preparation and eFiling

The income tax submission deadline has been extended to May 17th, 2021. If you still have not filed your taxes, help is available.

**AARP Tax Aide** offers free income tax help with federal and state income tax and the Property Tax Fairness Credit at Sacred Heart Church hall. Taxes are prepared and e-filed by IRS-certified tax preparers beginning April 5. Anyone with household income of \$60,000.00 or less is eligible unless you have business or rental income.



[Appointments are required](#)  
**Please Call 513-3170.**





## PRAYER REQUESTS

Joshua Cannady, Melanie Creamer, Marc Frennette, Jeremey Gagne, Gene & Marlene Keene, Matthew Piper, Joanne Raymond, Tony Renaud, Carmen White and Bruno Yomoah

### Maine Virtual Catholic Youth Gathering on April 25

“One Shepherd, One Flock,” a live, virtual, and interactive gathering for Maine Catholic youth will be held on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 25, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. As was done last year, you can meet as a group at one location or individually at home. There will be prayer, activities, short reflections, and games (including “Shepherdly!”) as well as time for participants to share. For more information about the gathering or to register, visit [www.portlanddiocese.org/content/main-catholic-youth-gathering](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/content/main-catholic-youth-gathering).

**Maine Catholic Youth Gathering**

**One Shepherd, One Flock**

APRIL 25, 2021 6:30pm - 7:30pm

*Virtual, Live, Interactive Gathering for Maine Teens*

### What is the Human Person?

**May 21—23**

“What is the Human Person?,” with Paul Lemieux, PhD, will be offered at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford May 21-23. Throughout the Bible the recurring message is that every person, all humans, every creature is related to everyone and everything. Science, too, through the findings of quantum physics, sees relationally as central to everything that exists. At present, however, our world, all creature and ecosystems are suffering greatly. Distrust, hatred, greed, thirst for power and control suggest anything but relationality. Come join us to focus on our true nature as persons that a loving and relational God has intended for us since creation.

The cost of the weekend, including a private room, is \$250; \$130.00 for commuters (includes up to 4 meals)

For more information or to register, visit

[www.mariejosephspiritual.org](http://www.mariejosephspiritual.org) or call (207) 284-5671.





# MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 4/17</b>	<b>4:00 pm Sacred Heart</b>
Georgette Hamel by Aleta Rioux & Bonnie Stone	
<b>Sunday 4/18</b>	<b>7:30 am Sacred Heart</b>
Richard Valcourt by Sr. Dorene Moreau	
	<b>9:15 am St. Philip</b>
Armond Morin by Larry & Lorraine Vaillancourt	
	<b>11:00 am Sacred Heart</b>
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners	
<b>Monday 4/19</b>	<b>7:45 am Sacred Heart</b>
Therese Lepine by Roland Bergeron	
<b>Tuesday 4/20</b>	<b>7:45 am Sacred Heart</b>
Leo Roy by George & Shelley Harris	
<b>Wednesday 4/21</b>	<b>7:45 am Sacred Heart</b>
Theresa Bruni by Bob & Kristine Chaisson	
<b>Thursday 4/22</b>	<b>7:45 am Sacred Heart</b>
Deceased Loved Ones of Parishioners	
<b>Friday 4/23</b>	
NO MASS	
<b>Saturday 4/24</b>	<b>4:00 pm Sacred Heart</b>
Pauline Turcotte by her sister Diane	
<b>Sunday 4/25</b>	<b>7:30 am Sacred Heart</b>
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners	
	<b>9:15 am St. Philip</b>
Janet Turcotte by Jim & Denise Timberlake	
	<b>11:00 am Sacred Heart</b>
1st Anniv. Celeste Drapeau by Family	



### Readings for the Week of April 18, 2021

**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/  
Lk 24:35-48

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/  
Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and  
21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/  
Jn 6:60-69

**Next 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

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