



# SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"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." - Jn 10:14-15

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## Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am  
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

#### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
12:00 pm

#### Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm  
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

#### Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm  
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
in the Sister Carol Center

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

#### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**The Parish Center is open:**  
**Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 5:00pm**  
**Friday: 8:30am—4:00pm**

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

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### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at [stjoan.church](http://stjoan.church) and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

#### Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

**Go to: [livestream.stjoan.church](http://livestream.stjoan.church) to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.**

#### Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am  
Wednesday @ 6pm

#### Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm  
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm





**Stressin' Out the Monsignor (Part ONE):** There's very little that stresses me out. I can deal with chaos. I can deal with instant crisis. But knowing you're on stage

with a scheduled live-streaming event some four hours away from home, and you're not sure it will work ... that totally stresses me out.

Starting on the Friday before leaving for Manistee for Father Rich's sister's funeral, I started assembling all the technology I would need to take on the road. I've learned the hard way that it's necessary not only to gather everything you think you're going to need but also to put it all together ahead of time and ensure it's all working and behaving well with each other. So, after the staff left on that Friday afternoon, I took over the main conference room table in the Parish Center. It was in the Parish Center Conference Room that my faithful "technology elves" started to "throw up" technology, equipment, and wires everywhere. The place was a disaster.

I was like a hermit in my cave, assembling all my equipment on Friday night and Saturday morning. With wires and equipment all strewn out on the Parish Center Conference Room table and plenty of chocolate at my side, I started to piece it all together as if I were "live" up at Manistee. By Saturday afternoon, I decided there was nothing more I could tweak because John and Colleen Schulte would pick up all my stuff that night after mass to drive it up to Manistee in their truck. So, I decided to start packing it all up.

The Schultes met me as planned after the 6:00 p.m. mass, and we loaded it all into their truck. At this point, I said a little prayer and hoped I had everything I needed in those boxes. Since my "events" were Sunday night and Monday morning in Manistee, I had little chance of "running" out to Best Buy or getting something quick from Amazon if needed. Missing one cord or piece of equipment could have doomed my efforts!

The Schultes arrived in Manistee before my mom and I did. Gratefully, they hauled all the boxes up to the choir loft where Dina and I would "hold court" with our stuff. My mom, Dina, Patty and Dave Kesner, and I arrived shortly after the parish's Divine Mercy Sunday events concluded at 3:30 p.m. At this point, it was a full-court press

to get everything in place by 8:00 p.m. I wasn't sweating it out yet because I still had some 4.5 hours to make it all happen.

The unboxing went well. John and Colleen did all the schlepping up and down the stairs to save the old Monsignor some wear and tear on his knees and legs. They focused on the wires and cameras going down from the choir loft balcony into the nave. I focused my efforts on getting all the equipment up and running upstairs.

Things were going well until I had to get the internet connection going. The last time we did this, they had a building-to-building bridge that carried the network from their parish offices to the Church. But that wasn't working this time. I purchased a similar bridge before I left, just in case I needed it. The pastor and business manager gave me keys to the buildings and assured me I could do what was needed to make it all happen. Everything was set up on the inside; I only needed the internet now. But we had a HUGE problem: my streaming was somewhat doomed without the internet. My hotspot didn't work too well in Church, so I focused my time on trying to get this building-to-building wireless bridge to work. By 7:00 p.m. I started sweating and kept repeating, "I'm not sure how this is going to work." I got the wireless bridge in place (one unit was hanging out a 2nd story-stained glass window at Church, and the other was in a corner room in the Parish Offices). While the lights and everything indicated it was live and working, the connection to the outside world wasn't working. I WAS FRUSTRATED. And there's nothing worse than being frustrated (and worried) and having a bunch of choir members start showing up in the choir loft trying to chat with the Monsignor. A recipe for a disaster was being cooked up!

By 7:30 p.m., I was really sweating bullets. I finally decided to drop the bridge work. I loaded up my hotspot and just hoped it worked. My Verizon signal strength was terrible, but my tests showed I had enough to try it. While working with the cameras and making some last-minute tweaks to my setup, I noticed my "downstairs" camera started bouncing around. Right away, I figured someone had touched our camera and the tripod to cause it to go into a dizzying and warbly Vertigo-type motion. I immediately got up from my chair and peered into the crowd to see who was messing with MY stuff. Father Adam immediately looked up like a kid caught in trouble. He immediately pointed to Kevin Hendrick, and Kevin pointed to Father Adam. They got "the look" from afar, and I lowered myself back into my chair. I could

see them laughing as I looked at the video monitors. I was always told people feared "the look;" it obviously didn't work this time!

At 7:50 p.m., I started the streaming and hoped for the best. Immediately, I was getting reports from people back home of a loud buzz and a very choppy video. My heart sank. I messed around with some settings to see if I could reduce the quality of my video streaming in the hopes the reduced settings would be enough to carry us through the broadcast. It just got worse. We did our best, but I now needed another plan for the scripture service and the funeral. I was now sweating worse than Father John Bettin would in the summer!

I was racing for options and could only determine that I'd better record the scripture service and then upload the video when I had a stronger internet connection at the hotel. So, in the middle of the scripture service, I stopped the broadcast to make the necessary changes to record the video on an SD memory card. When I plugged my only SD card into the streaming box, it didn't recognize it (you would have thought I was at SJA). I tried and tried, but nothing was working. So, now I had a very choppy and painful to listen to streaming event but also an SD card that didn't work. There was not enough chocolate or chocolate wine to get me through this fiasco.

Once the scripture service was over, the group staying at the hotel was to gather in the hotel's breakfast area for pizza, snacks, and "provisions." I was in no mood to be around anyone at this point! I only wanted to stay as long as I could at Church to figure out a fix for my problem. But I wanted to head out and get a new SD card or thumb drive to record and later upload the videos. I found a Meijer in town that was open until 10 p.m. So off to Meijer I went. After leaving Meijer, I returned to the hotel and joined the group downstairs. I tried to pretend I was enjoying myself, but 90% of my brain was still racing for a solution. I also knew I needed some sleep because I planned to meet the priests and parish staff at 8:00 a.m. to work out a plan for the two hours I would have before the funeral to make it all happen. Yes, the Monsignor was stressed out ... and it wasn't even the day of the funeral yet!

To be continued!

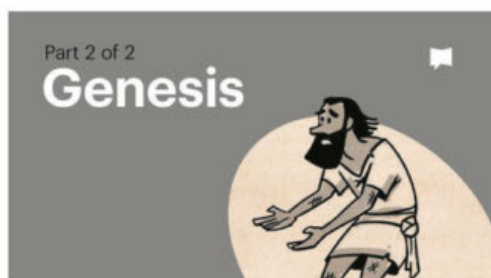
Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of April 21, 2024



## Genesis Part 2 | Old Testament: Book Overviews | The Bible Project

Watch our overview video on Genesis 12-50, which breaks down the literary design of the book and its flow of thought. In Genesis, God promises to bless rebellious humanity through the family of Abraham, despite their constant failure and folly.



## Lectio: Mark

Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful 14-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. Combining the insights of Dr. Tim Gray with the masterful artistry of the Augustine Institute, this Lectio series uses the Church's rich tradition of Lectio Divina to help you better understand and better pray with the Gospel of Mark.



## Beloved - Session 1: Does Marriage Matter?

Is your marriage all it can be? Beloved unlocks the sacrament of marriage in 12 sessions, showing how God designed it to fulfill you. Open to all couples, young or old.

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## Along the Way

### The Importance of the Eucharist

Given that I just celebrated my anniversary of my First Holy Communion and soon our students will be receiving this wonderful Sacrament, I thought we could take a moment to reflect together on the importance of the Eucharist. How does one dare to speak of the Eucharist? It is hard to grasp the immensity of this rich, profound and generous gift of God to his children.



As the Good Shepherd, Jesus is remarkably hospitable; he loves to feed his flock. At the Marriage of Cana, the Lord turned six stone jars of water into surprisingly good wine. On other occasions, Our Lord miraculously multiplies the loaves and fishes in order to feed thousands of hungry followers. After the Resurrection, Our Lord grills fresh fish and invites several of the Apostles: “Come have breakfast.” All of these moments point in a most powerful way to the meal of all meals, the Last Supper and the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the greatest of all of Jesus’ gifts. In this sacred meal, Jesus pledges to pour out his life for us and to feed us with his very self: “Take it; this is my body ... This is my blood of the covenant.” Jesus is our food for the journey, our nourishment for the narrow path to eternal life.

As Emmanuel, God-with-us, Jesus takes on our human flesh in order to walk our dusty streets, look us in the eye, heal us with his touch, preach with words we could understand, and die on the cross for us. Our Lord chooses to draw near; he offers a ministry of presence. Additionally, Jesus deeply desires to remain present to his flock until the end of time. He masterfully crafts a way to remain truly present (Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity) to

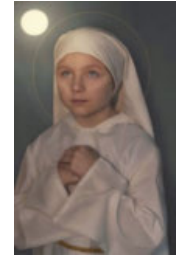
through the magnificent gift of the Eucharist.

As the Lamb of God, Jesus sacrifices his life for the flock and takes away the sins of the world. He lovingly and obediently surrenders his life to God the Father by his death on the cross to redeem the world from sin. Consequently, the Mass is also a sacrifice. When we celebrate the eucharistic mystery, we are made present to Jesus in his paschal mystery, which includes the moment when Jesus commended his spirit to the Father. The sacrifice is not multiplied; rather, the one eternal sacrifice is made present in a real, yet sacramental way. Additionally, we are invited to unite all of the sacrifices of our lives — our trials, our pain and our burdens — to his one sacrifice, which is offered to the Father for the salvation of the world. “This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.”

As Splendor of the Father, Jesus is a most grateful Son. He knows that all good gifts, even the most difficult and hard-to-understand ones, come from his loving hand. Jesus regularly paused during his day and activities to recognize the goodness of his Father and to thank him. At the Last Supper, Jesus offers deep, heartfelt thanks to God, fully aware that he was on his way to painfully lay down his life. The Eucharist, at its heart, is an act of thanksgiving, a sacrifice of praise, rendered to God the Eternal Father for every gift he has bestowed upon us, most especially for the saving and healing work of his only-begotten Son.

For these and many other reasons, the Eucharist is immensely important to Christians. Vatican II’s General Instruction goes on to say, “For the Mass is the climactic expression of both the action whereby God in Christ sanctifies the world, and of the worship that mankind offers to the Father as it adores him through Christ, the Son of God ... All other sacred actions and all the works of Christian life are connected with the Mass, flow from it and are ordered to it.”

### Bl. Imelda Lambertini



Blessed Imelda understood well the presence of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist and the importance of this great Sacrament, even though she was only 11 years old when she died. Bl. Imelda was from a noble family in Bologna – born in 1322. At that time, it was not the custom for children to receive the Eucharist. However, Bl. Imelda lived a life of great holiness and prayed with the Dominican Sisters every day at Mass. She desired to receive Holy Communion but the sisters (and their priest chaplain) continuously told her that she needed to wait. Until one day, Jesus made it clear that Bl. Imelda should be allowed to receive Him.

After Mass, as one of the nuns was clearing the altar, she heard a noise and looked up to the choir to see Imelda, a glowing light shining above her head, with the Sacred Host suspended in the light. The chaplain was called at once, and he understood that Jesus Himself was making his desire known. “Let the little children come to Me and do not stop them.” The priest gave Imelda her First Holy Communion.

We can well imagine that the nuns were amazed and thrilled both at the great blessing to their little one, and to their convent. The prioress allowed Imelda to remain for some time in thanksgiving, and then sent for her to come and have her breakfast. Imelda was still kneeling as they had left her, a smile on her face. Yet when called for, Imelda’s body was still. She had died of pure joy. Her thanksgiving had been well completed, and she had nothing left to desire. Bl. Imelda loved Jesus in the Eucharist. Are you committed to growing in your love for the Eucharist?

Blessings - Fr. Adam



April 21, 2024

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Written by  
THE  
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Acts 4:8-12 | 1 Jn 3:1-2 | Jn 10:11-18

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Several years ago I went to a shopping mall with my six-year-old son, and I could tell he was overwhelmed by the fast-moving crowds; he stuck close to my side. Not long into our trip, he turned a corner and, suddenly, his face lit up. He pointed at a young boy ahead. "That's James! I know him! He's in my class!" he exclaimed, and ran up to talk to him. Out of the sea of strangers was someone he *knew*, and who knew him. That changed the whole experience for him. Today's readings are all about that kind of knowing. In the Gospel Jesus tells us that, like a good shepherd, he knows his flock and they know him. How comforting it is to know that Jesus not only knows each one of us, but he willingly chose to lay down his life for each one of us as the ultimate sacrifice of love. But how do we get to know our Good Shepherd better? By immersing ourselves in Scripture and prayer and seeking a personal relationship with him. If we stay close to the Lord, we'll know his voice when we hear it – in the quiet of our prayer, in the everyday promptings of the Spirit in our decision-making, and even, in the midst of all the noise, as the calming and guiding voice leading us along the right path.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Being known is one of the most fundamental human and spiritual needs. When my son recognized his friend, he also instinctively recognized – without being able to articulate it – this need, in the midst of the anonymity of the mall. And his reaction was so pure: "I know him, and he knows me!" But he didn't leave it at that; he went to engage with his friend. He *encountered* his friend. This is what Christ desires for, and with us – not just to know us, to simply recognize us from afar, but for us to want to encounter him! We are meant to be in community; Jesus is always here for us: in the Church, in the sacraments, in Scriptures and in our hearts.

**PRAY** Spending time in prayer and reading the Scriptures are essential in order to get to know the voice of Jesus. Read the Gospels this week, even a chapter a day, and contemplate what passages stand out for you. Pray about it at Mass. The Scriptures and the sacraments are how Jesus speaks to us, like a good shepherd speaks to his flock so the sheep will know his voice and follow it.



# Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 28 B

### Reading One – Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

### Responsorial – Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

**R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!"

**R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

**R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

**R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

**R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

### Reading Two – 1 Jn 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

### Alleluia – Jn 15:4a, 5b

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel – Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### The Good Shepherd and the Wolf

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs — real or imagined — that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation — not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: *what's in it for Him?* we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. *Why does He keep trying?*

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us.

*"I will lay down my life for the sheep." — John 10:11*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

#### Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the *Lectionary*. The *Lectionary* is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.





Ascension

# Agenda

## The Importance of Hydration

May-2024

Our bodies depend on water to survive. Every cell, tissue and organ in our bodies need water to work properly. Our bodies use water to maintain its temperature, remove waste and lubricate joints. Good hydration is important for overall good health.

We often hear that it is important to drink 6-8 8 ounce glasses of water each day. That's a reasonable goal but that doesn't necessarily apply to everyone. Most healthy people can stay well hydrated by drinking water and other liquids whenever they feel thirsty. For some, fewer than 8 glasses may be enough, others may need more.

Here are a few tips to drink more water -

- Carry a water bottle with you and refill throughout the day.
- Choose water over sugary drinks.
- Opt for water when eating out. You'll save money and reduce calories.
- Serve water with meals.
- Add a wedge of lemon or lime to your water. This can help improve taste.

As we age, drinking enough water is even more important. Dehydration is common among older adults. Adults 60 and older are at greater risk for dehydration for a number of reasons, including natural drops in thirst levels and body composition changes. Older adults are also more likely to take diuretics and other medications that cause fluid loss in the body.

If you are struggling to drink eight 8-ounces of water a day, here are some reasons to stay hydrated.

Improved brain performance  
Digestive harmony  
More energy  
Weight loss and weight management  
Decreased joint pain

Better temperature regulations  
Kidney stone and UTI prevention  
Healthier heart  
Improve detoxification  
Fewer headaches

Ascension Community Health/Interfaith Partnership has teaching aids for your church health fairs and church displays. We have Rethink your Drink and How Much Sugar in One Year. Contact Sally ([sally.sterr@ascension.org](mailto:sally.sterr@ascension.org)) if you are interested in using one of these displays at your church.

# WIND & FIRE

Hosted and led by our Light in the Spirit Prayer Group, this seven-week seminar takes participants from Easter to Pentecost (and beyond) guided by Scripture, prayer and reflections.

**In the Emmaus Fellowship Hall**

**Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm**

**April 9, 16, \*30 and**

**May 7, 14, 21, 28**

*\*Note, no session April 23*

 **St. Joan<sup>of</sup> Arc**

more info at [sjascs.org/wind-and-fire](http://sjascs.org/wind-and-fire)



### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### **Monday, April 22nd**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
10:00 AM Funeral for Donna Kilbride  
10:00 AM Walking with Purpose - EH  
6:15 PM Confirmation - St. Peregrine Rm.  
7:00 AM Walking with Purpose - EH

#### **Tuesday, April 23rd**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
7:00 PM Confirmation - Church

#### **Wednesday, April 24th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
12:00 PM Knitting & Crochet Ministry -St. Mary  
5:00 PM Reconciliation  
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Thursday, April 25th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
4:00 PM 85+ Dinner - Emmaus Hall  
7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

#### **Friday, April 26th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Saturday, April 27th**

11:00 AM Reconciliation  
12:30 AM Baptism of Logan Joel Pena  
1:30 PM Baptism of Wynn Marie Burgio-Herrera

4:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed  
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Sunday, April 28th**

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed  
10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed  
12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

### Words on the Word

#### ***April 21, 2024 – Handle the Truth***

It can sometimes feel like we're living in some sort of alternate reality.

We think we know what "up" is, but we're told by certain people that "up" is actually "down." We think we know what "black" is, but we're told by certain people that "black" is actually "white." Or we think we know what "hot" is, but we're told by certain people that "hot" is actually "cold."

This disconnect manifests itself in political matters, in matters of health and science, and, perhaps most of all, in spiritual matters.

And it matters, very much.

"The story of Babel is the best metaphor I have found for what happened to America in the 2010s, and for the fractured country we now inhabit," a New York psychologist who has studied the issue recently wrote in *The Atlantic*. "We are disoriented, unable to speak the same language or recognize the same truth. We are cut off from one another..."

The good news is that, despite all the wrangling and disagreements, there is, indeed, still such a thing as objective truth.

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God," we hear in today's second reading from the first letter of St. John. "Yet so we are." That, to be sure, is truth.

Our job then, as people of good will and as Christians – and especially in matters pertaining to Jesus and our salvation – is to continue to recognize the truth. To defend it. And to live it.

"He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone," we hear in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

"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."

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## Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

### Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 22, 2024 Easter Weekday (White)</b>
7:00 am	Joseph Fikany
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 23, 2024 Easter Weekday Saine George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop &amp; Martyr (White/Red)</b>
7:00 am	Ann Marie Rogier
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 24, 2024 Easter Weekday; Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest &amp; Martyr (White/Red)</b>
7:00 am	Mary Lou Racine
6:00 pm	George J. Bugarin
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 25, 2024 Saint Mark, Evangelist (Red)</b>
7:00 am	A Special Intention for Joe Schotthoefer
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 26, 2024 Easter Weekday (White )</b>
7:00 am	Elizabeth deLeon and a Special Intention for Rosa Silva
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>April 27, 2024 Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Easter (White)</b>
4:00 pm	Mary Lou Bartoszek Racine, Richard Tisdale, Karen McMahon, Jeannie Ricard, Sam & Grace Valenti, Debbie Albrecht, Richard Fredette, Sam & Grace Valenti, Bonnie Batche, Joe Basirico, Special Intentions for the Kaptur Family, the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank
6:00 pm	Richard & Virginia Robinette
<b>Sunday, April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter (White)</b>	
8:00 am	For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 am	Dorothy Lubinski & her Parents
12:00 pm	Hugo Calisi, the Deceased Members of the Calisi Family who passed in the month of April, Dennis Venuto, Mary Margaret Ortisi, Marie Moroni, Joana Lackey, Dolores Franke, Special Intentions for the Kaptur Family, Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank

### Daily Readings

#### Monday, April 22

Acta 11:1-18  
John 10:1-10

#### Tuesday, April 23

Acts 11:19-26  
John 10:22-30

#### Wednesday, April 24

Acts 12:24-13:5a  
John 12:44-50

#### Thursday, April 25

1 Peter 5:5b-14  
Mark 16:15-20

#### Friday, April 26

Acts 13:26-33  
John 14:1-6

#### Saturday, April 27

Acts 13:44-52  
John 14:7-14

#### Sunday, April 28

Acts 9:26-31  
1 John 3:18-24  
John 15:1-8



### I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

**Nathaniel Washchuck**  
**Jeffrey Blizinski**  
**Nancy Gehrke**

**Donna Kilbride (Mother of Michelle Kaptur)**  
**Michael & Barbara Kilbride**  
**(Brother & Sister-in-law of Michelle Kaptur)**



“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.” *Minnie Louise Haskins*



### Reporting Sexual Abuse

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***Single Catholic Women, age 19-25***

*Come for a weekend of discernment and stay for a week of environmental action.*



**May 11, 2024 - May 12, 2024**

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What is Discernment? | Who are Dominican Sisters? | Time for Personal Prayer & Contemplation  
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**RESERVATIONS DUE BY MAY 3.**



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## Prayers Needed

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Geri Beaugrand	Frank Faiss	Lorraine Jonas	Mary Pore	Kim Thomas
Edna Burton	Ben Fazio	Zayne D. Kapinski	Vicky Pranger	Bernadette Thompson
Lori Cardosi	Ilene Fazio	Lorraine Kilroy	Carol S. Provencal	James Thompson
Ed Cole	Taylor Fisher	Thomas Kler	Tracy Rauch	Linda Vitale
Tom Collins	Jeanne Fleming	Catherine Konen	Alison Reslow	Eileen Wallace
Toni Glaeser-Collins	Linda Frank	Delaney Kraemer	Fe Reyes	Tom Ward
Joan Combellack	Jeanne Gainer	Shirley Kraemer	Sr. Alice Riegel	Larry Weber
Maura Corrigan	Roz Geitzen	Laurie Krim	Paulette Russia	Robert Werthman
John Crawford	Larry Graham	Maria Krzesowski	Jenna Rose	Adrienne Weidenbach
Olivia Crimando	Peter Grantz	Concetta Leone	Victoria Rydholm	Joseph Whalen
Jerry Dedene	Chris Gretchen	Mila Lictawa	Lily Saith	Marilyn Wicker
Joan DeDene	Geoffrey Greve	David Lott	Dianne Schelosky	Joyce Wiekrykas
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George Dickerson	Rich Hanselman	Cyndy McMahon	Palma Strussione	Janet Yntema
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Jane Doucet	Leland Helzer	Mark Moffitt	Gloria Strzelecki	
Kainoa Dunn	Ilona Higgins	Nina Mondalek	Cathy Sullens	
Jean Edwards	Joan Ireland	Jennie Mooney	Mary Surmont	

**Pray for the Sick List:** Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at [info@sjascs.org](mailto:info@sjascs.org).

### PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

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# Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

April 21, 2024

## The Good Shepherd

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For many of us, our only connection with sheep is with illustrations of the cuddly white creatures found on holy cards. However, that image strays from the facts. Sheep are not household animals. They live outdoors; they lie down in grass, dirt, and mud. Furthermore, unlike many other animals, sheep cannot clean themselves. I'm not denigrating sheep, just putting aside any fanciful view of their nature.

Raising sheep was an important occupation in the ancient world. In fact, the royalty's governance of people was often described as shepherding. David was told: "You shall shepherd my people

Israel" (2 Samuel 5:2). Later, when the royalty were not faithful to this charge, God declared: "I myself will pasture my sheep" (Ezekiel 34:15). This startling characterization of God became a characterization of Jesus.

Grime and animal smells, the blood of births and deaths, inclement weather, and the threat of predators mark the life of a committed shepherd. Human comfort was secondary to the needs of the sheep. Sheep actually learn to recognize the voice of the one who feeds them, cares for them, protects them. The shepherd's voice seems to say: *I am here for you because you are mine*. As "the Good Shepherd," Jesus is totally committed to us, his sheep. He attends to our needs, willing to risk his own security in order to save us. His care for us seems to say: *I am here for you because you are mine.* †

**God declared: "I myself will pasture my sheep."**



## A Word from Pope Francis

How beautiful and comforting it is to know that Jesus knows us one by one, that we are not unknown to him, that our name is known to him! We are not a "mass," a "multitude" for him, no.... He knows each of us with our own story.... Each of us can say: Jesus, knows me!

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 25, 2021



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How do you relate to the image of Jesus as a shepherd?
- Where do you hear the voice of Jesus who protects, knows, and loves you?

## Sunday Readings

### Acts 4:8-12

[Peter said,] "He is 'the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.'"

### 1 John 3:1-2

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

### John 10:11-18

[Jesus said,] "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."



# Being Love for One Another

Paula D'Arcy

I was exhausted, hungry, and out of sorts. I had just cleared customs in Atlanta after a series of flights from Europe that caused me to miss a full night's sleep. Now the flight to get me back home was delayed. I had another six hours to wait.

I went to my gate area, delighted to find it empty, hoping for a nap, when an elderly lady pushing a wheelchair approached me. She was bone weary, confused, looking for her gate and a flight to Charleston to visit her daughter. I sighed, helped the woman into the wheelchair, and started walking, looking for video monitors. The last flight to Charleston had already left. I forgot my own weariness. What on earth was she going to do?

I trudged on until we found an



information booth. There was a long line, but leaning on the edge of the booth was a young flight attendant, ready to go home, his shift over. He caught my eye and smiled. "What's wrong?" he asked. I explained. He looked at the sweet woman

in the wheelchair, almost asleep. He looked at me. Then looked right into me. "I think," he said slowly, "I think you've done your part. I think the rest is up to me. I won't leave her, I promise you. Even if she needs a room for the night, I won't leave her until she gets on a plane for Charleston." I said goodbye to the woman and turned to watch the young man wheel her down the walkway until they were out of sight.

On the surface, it was a simple encounter. But it was the way this young man had responded—looking right into my eyes. In that look, we were no longer three strangers. We were three human beings whose paths had momentarily crossed. He took it seriously: We are here for one another. And in that moment of love, he showed me the way to our true home. †

From *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter* by Paula D'Arcy, available at [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org)

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Easter Springs to Life" by Diane M. Houdek

The psalm most often read at funeral liturgies is Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." We know we need God. When Jesus says he is our shepherd, we sense his intimate care for us, his flock. We recognize his voice, knowing he will lead us to abundant pastures and lifegiving water. And we know he laid down his life to keep us safe from danger and the finality of death. We can let go of many of the stresses, large and small, of daily life. We can trust that with his guidance, we will discover where we can go safely—and where we can't. By following the voice of our shepherd, we learn the true meaning of Easter. †

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## PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, amid many voices demanding our attention, help us recognize your voice, trust your love for us, and follow you, we pray. Alleluia! Amen!*

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

April 22–27

**Monday, Easter Weekday:**

Acts 11:1–18 / Jn 10:1–10

**Tuesday, Easter Weekday:**

Acts 11:19–26 / Jn 10:22–30

**Wednesday, Easter Weekday:**

Acts 12:24–13:5a / Jn 12:44–50

**Thursday, St. Mark:**

1 Pt 5:5b–14 / Mk 16:15–20

**Friday, Easter Weekday:**

Acts 13:26–33 / Jn 14:1–6

**Saturday, Easter Weekday:**

Acts 13:44–52 / Jn 14:7–14

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April 21, 2024

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