



ST. PRISCILLA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 25, 2021



4TH 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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PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 9:00 AM

† Donna Jasin by William & Mary Anderson
 † Ella Mitchie by Al & Diane Novotny
 † Marino & Rosa Benedettini by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 11:00 AM

People of St. Priscilla
 † Valerie Marks by Tony & Judy Pyrkosz
 † Maria Van Hoang by Luong & Hang Vu
 † Donna Jasin by Kay Kermode

SUNDAY, APRIL 25 1:00 PM

Andrew Crichton by Robert Wenderski

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 8:00 AM

† Carol Castrovincini by Silvana Carta
 † Rocco Corsi by Corsi Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 8:00 AM

† Peppino Seu by Silvana Carta

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 7:00 PM

† Rosemary Pawlak by Kenny Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 8:00 AM

Alan Pugulayan by Amy Golonka

SATURDAY, May 01, 4:40 PM

Retired Parish Staff
 † Franco Ledda by Silvana Carta
 † Holy Souls of Purgatory
 † Jill Anna Donelly Pebbles by Parish Family
 † Marino & Rosa Benedettini by Grazian Canini
 † Florence Dickey by Barbara & Jim Smith

SUNDAY, MAY 02, 9:00 AM

† Curtis Pickens by Randy & Laurie Dalziel
 † Raymond Bernard Elam by Maryann Waskelis & Kevin Waskelis
 † Franco Ledda Jr by Antonina Ledda & Family

SUNDAY, MAY 02, 11:00 AM

People of St. Priscilla

† Cecelia Kermode by Kay Kermode

SUNDAY, MAY 02, 1:00 PM

† Thomas Balleza by Family

DATE	LECTOR	EMHC
May 01 4:30pm	M. Kummer	A. Pastucha R. Roney
May 02 9:00am	D. Nakamura R. Hominga	M. Taylor B. Ostrander
May 02 11:00am	D. Dreffs M. Nelson	L. Curtis P. Bastien
May 02 1:00pm	Extraordinary Form (Latin Traditional)	

Pray for Our Sick

Michael Di Capua	Diane Novotny	Ned Rice
Lauren Bloetscher	Jim Pongracz	Kenneth Ricer
Wendy Bongero	Pete Arciero	Connie Lark
Debbie Picano	Antonio Gabbana	Rose Schmidt
Judy Pyrkosz		
Barry Broden		
David Nowak		
Linda Nowak		



Pray for Our Servicemen & Women

Natalie Yurgil	Coast Guard
Benjamin Schmidt	Air Force
Brent Vann	Army
Brian Golonka	Army
Jacob Stanton	Marines
Kyle Nelson	Marines

REVISED To have someone enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office at 248-476-4700. Names of the sick will be **listed for 3-months** unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.

SERVICE MEMBER FAMILIES

Call us to add your **ACTIVE DUTY** spouse, child or grandchild.

Good Shepherd Sunday



O Glorious St. Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations, to work with gratitude and joy, in a spirit of penance for the remission of my sins, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God, to work with order, peace, moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from weariness and difficulties, to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, having always death before my eyes and the account that I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thine example, O Patriarch, St. Joseph. Such shall be my motto in life and in death. Amen.

"This we solemnly affirm: the majority of those who are condemned to eternal punishment fall into this everlasting misfortune through ignorance of the mysteries of the faith which must necessarily be known and believed by all who belong to the Elect."

-Pope St. Pius X

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PRIDE

Talk about being bold. St. Peter has not been holding back on these people in Jerusalem the past couple weeks. "Peter filled with the Holy Spirit..." Of course! We have to be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit when we are standing up for our faith. In this week's readings, both Peter and Jesus are explaining to the people what it means to have Jesus be their guide to heaven. But in both times, the people are showing their ignorance. Or maybe this would be better described as their arrogance.

When reflecting on Pope St. Pius X's quote above I have to wonder if ignorance was the word that he meant to use there. Maybe it is a translation issue. Yes, there are people that are not educated on the faith and that is their ignorance. I am sure you would agree with me though, that the majority of people that are doomed to eternal punishment are on that path because they chose to not learn and follow the faith. That is arrogance. And arrogance leads to pride. In fact, they are so closely related, you could often use the terms interchangeably.

And this pride that people hold so firmly to—their love of themselves and others before God—simply leads them down a path of continual sin. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, not only is pride one of the capital sins because all other sins stem from it, but it leads directly to hatred of God (CCC 1866, 2094).

How many people listening to St. Peter believed him when he called Jesus the cornerstone? A lot probably believed St. Peter because we know there were witnesses to Christ's in his glorified body returning to

earth. But what about today? When people proclaim Jesus as the cornerstone—the one that makes the path "straight" for us to heaven—a majority of listeners allow their pride and arrogance to get in the way.

It's in all of us even if it is a small amount. We are all sinners and therefore there will always be some point in our life when we think we know more than God. Some times we stray and follow the herd with the hired shepherd. You know, the false promises this world offers us. Those promises that disappear as soon as a threat appears. Jesus reminds us today that he is the good shepherd. He knows you and he knows your struggles and he knows what threats are to appear. We must strive every day to believe this and not let our pride and arrogance get in the way. The first step is to humble ourselves. We don't need to look far on how to do this—it is right in the Bible!

- Confess your sins (Luke 18:9-14)
- Acknowledge your sin to others (James 5:16)
- Take wrongs patiently (1 Peter 3:8-17)
- Associate with those of lower state than you (Luke 7:36-39)
- Serve others (Matthew 23:11-12)
- Be quick to forgive (Matthew 18:21-35)
- Have a grateful heart (1 Thes 5:18)
- Speak well of others (Eph 4:31-32)
- Treat pride as a condition for embracing your cross to bear (Luke 9:23-24)



2021 Vacation Bible School

Save the date!

June 28-July 1, 9am-12pm

Let's try this again...

Students will be learning God's Word through marine, civil, chemical and environmental engineering. Just like the program in 2019, this curriculum is unique to St. Priscilla and provides students the opportunity to learn the faith while discovering and applying science and engineering concepts.

We are looking for lead and assistant catechists to make the program a success! Please email Alyssa at dre@saintpriscilla.org if interested.

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 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

SECOND READING

1 Jn 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

JN 10:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

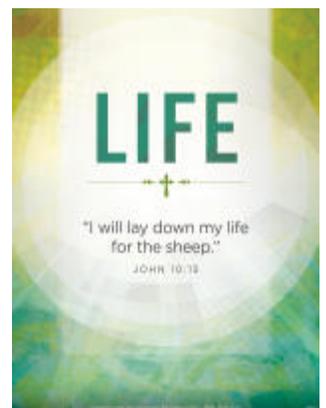
JN 10:11-18

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."



THE WORD OF GOD AS THE BREATH OF LIFE By: Mary Rice

From his mother's womb, he was lame (Acts 3:2). He never went through the stages of creeping, crawling, and the first unsteady steps of walking—ever! His parents never had the wonderful moment of seeing his first step and it seemed that his future was not bright.

As an adult he had no way of making a living but family and loyal friends laid him daily at the gate of the Temple (that is called Beautiful) where he hoped for generosity from worshippers who came to the Temple.

One day he saw two men approaching and he asked for alms. They did not wear elegant clothing nor have the appearance of wealth, but he would try. To his amazement, the elder of the two spoke to him. *Peter directed his gaze at him, with John, and said Look at us. I have no silver and gold, but I will give you what I have: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk (Acts 3:4,6).*

*The man who spoke to him lifted him up; and **immediately** his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up, he stood and walked and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God (Acts 3:7,8).* Someone who had never taken a single step was suddenly alive with moving! His begging days were over! He couldn't bear to leave Peter and John but stayed with them as onlookers stared in amazement.

This was the **good deed** spoken of by Peter after his arrest. Peter took no credit for the undeniable miracle but spoke the name of Jesus Christ boldly and told large gatherings of Temple authorities that all of the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of *Jesus Christ whom you crucified. .that this man stands before you healed (Acts 4:10).* Seeing the man standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

The apostles were severely threatened by powerful Temple officials but they refused to be silent. *They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness (Acts 4:31).* Luke's dynamic description of this event makes me wonder:

How can each one of us witness to the power of Jesus Christ in our own lives and the lives of people we know?

Christ is Risen!

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS 04/25/2021

"The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch."

READINGS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY, April 26

Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30

TUESDAY, April 27

Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:1-10

WEDNESDAY, April 28

Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Jn 12:44-50

THURSDAY, April 29

Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
Jn 13:16-20

FRIDAY, April 30

Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11 Jn 14:1-6

SATURDAY, May 01

Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14

SUNDAY, May 02

Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-28, 30-32
1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8



**Each Monday following
Morning Mass**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Eucharistic Adoration
Benediction at 7:00PM
Followed by Prayers to St. Joseph

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS BEGIN

MAY 3rd

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
3rd Sunday of the Month 10 AM - 1:30PM

LOOKING FOR:

You, Your Time and... Your Talents

Many ministries, commissions, and committees, are looking for an extra hand or two. Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors, Altar Care, Sewers, Gardeners and more... Could that parish volunteer be you? Call the Parish office at 248-476-4700.

USHER SCHEDULE

MAY 2021 Saturday Team A
Sunday Team A

MARY'S HELPERS April/May 2021

04/27 RoseMarie Schmidt & Amy Golonka
05/04 Cathy Karasinski
05/11 Vi Hanis & Dorothy Iannarelli
05/18 Marge Kelley

St. VINCENT de PAUL

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Mac n Cheese, Jelly, Canned Peas

The **CLOTHING DONATION BIN** has returned. Place your clean, gently used clothing **inside** the bin. If you find the bin full please **DO NOT** place your bags on the ground. Loose bags become a breeding ground for pests. Contents of bags that have been rained on can become a mold hazard for those who are required to keep our grounds clean.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

by: Deborah Hachey, RN

Tips to Keep Joints Healthy

Stay in Motion. It's a golden rule of joint health: The more you move, the less stiffness you'll have. Whether you're reading, working, or watching TV, change positions often. Take breaks from your desk or your chair or activity and get active.

Safety First. Padding is your pal. So suit up when you do things like skating, contact sports or running. If your joints already ache, it might help to wear braces when you play sports or certain activities.

Shed Some Pounds. Your size affects some of the strain on your hips, knees, and back. Even a little weight loss can help. Every pound you lose takes 4 pounds of pressure off the knees. Ask your doctor what's the best way for you to get started.

Don't Stretch Before Exercise. Flexibility helps you move much better. Try to stretch daily or at least three times a week. But don't do it when your muscles are cold. Do a light warm-up first, like walking for 5-10 minutes to loosen up the joints, ligaments, and tendons around them.

Go Low-Impact. Which exercise is good? The best choices are activities that don't pound the joints, like walking, bicycling, swimming, and strength training.

Flex Some Muscle. Get stronger to give your joints better support. Even a little more strength makes a difference. A physical therapist or certified trainer can show you what moves to do and how to do them. If you have joint problems, avoid quick, repetitive movements.

Work on Your Range. Are your joints too stiff? You'll want to get back as much range of motion as you can. That's the normal amount a joint can move in certain directions. Your doctor or physical therapist can recommend exercises to get yours where it should be.

Power Up Your Core. Stronger abs and back muscles help your balance. That means you're less likely to fall or get injured. Add core (abdominal, back and hip) strengthening exercises to your routine. Pilates and Yoga are great workouts to try.

Know Your Limits. It's normal to have some muscle aches after you exercise. But if you hurt for more than 48 hours you may have overdone it. Don't push so hard next time. Working through pain can lead to an injury or damage.

Keep Your Bones Strong. Calcium and vitamin D can help. Dairy products are the best sources of calcium, but other options are green leafy vegetables like broccoli and kale.

Target Your Posture. Stand and sit up straight to protect joints from your neck down to your knees. A walk can improve your posture too. The faster you go, the harder your muscles work to keep you upright.

Chill Your Pain. Ice is a natural pain reliever. It numbs the ache and eases swelling. If you have a sore joint, apply a cold pack or ice wrapped in a towel. Leave it on for up to 20 minutes at a time. You can also try a bag of frozen vegetables wrapped in a towel. Never put ice right on your skin.



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THIS WEEK at ST. PRISCILLA

Monday	04/26	Prayerful Creations 1:00 PM Parish Council Mtg 7:00 PM
Tuesday	04/27	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer 8:30 AM
Wednesday	04/28	Bible Study with Mary Rice 1:00 PM Boy Scouts Mtg 7:00 PM
Thursday	04/29	No Events
Friday	04/30	1st Communion Practice 6:30 PM (in Church)
Saturday	05/01	St. Joseph the Worker (Prayer on pg 2)
Sunday	05/02	May Crowning of Our Lady 11:00 AM First Holy Communion 11:00 AM

O Holy Spirit,

Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30 PM

Sunday - 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM
& 1:00 PM Extraordinary Form

Monday, Tuesday, Friday - 8:00 AM

Thursday - 7:00 PM

Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:30 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
3rd Sunday of Month 10:00 AM- 1:30 PM

SICK CALLS

Arrangements made by notifying the Parish Office.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Immediately following
8:00 AM Holy Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Adoration - All day
Benediction & Repose - 7:00 PM

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of six months prior to the **WEDDING**

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated the 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the office to register for a Baptism Preparation Class.

OUR MISSION:

We, the people of St. Priscilla Parish, grounded in the Word of God and Sacred Tradition, find strength and joy in the transforming power of Christ's sacrificial love as manifested in the Eucharist. We commit ourselves to lifelong spiritual formation, compassionate service, evangelization and the generous sharing of God's gifts with our parish family and the community at large.