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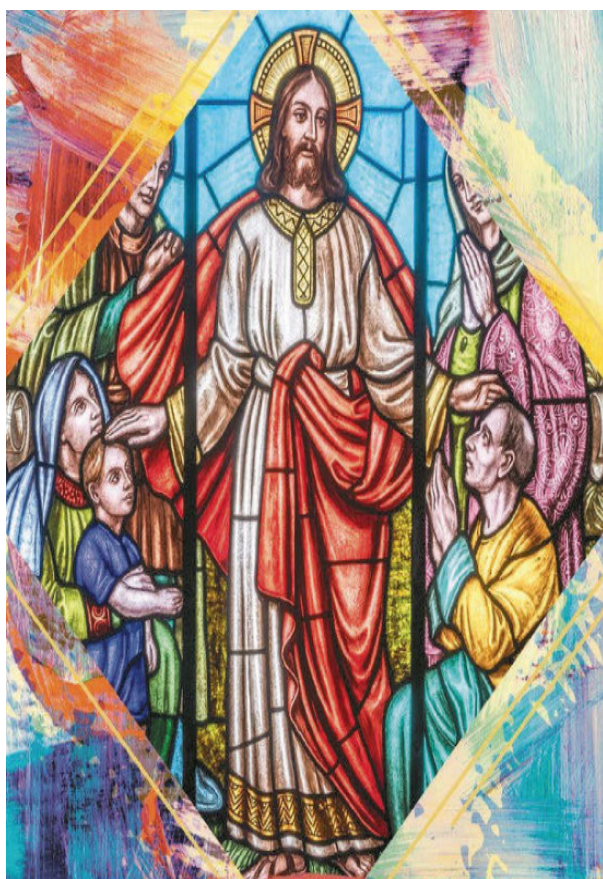
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Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School: 857-2600

Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 8, 2022



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I know them, and they follow me."
- Jn 10:27

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass (2001, 1998, 1970 CCD, ©LPI)

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

God used the image of a shepherd to describe his covenant relationship and care for his chosen people who were called by his name (Psalm 80:1 and 100:3). God called David, who shepherded his father's flock in his youth, to be the anointed king and shepherd for his people Israel (Ezekiel 37:24). Jesus, God's anointed Messiah and King, born from the tribe of David, called himself the Good Shepherd of the people whom his Father had entrusted to his care (John 10:29).

Peter the Apostle tells us that the Lord Jesus is the *Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25). He keeps a close and personal watch over every one of his sheep - his followers (disciples) who belong to him. He calls each of us personally by name to follow him. And he promises to be our guardian and protector from the snares of our enemy, Satan, the father of lies and a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44). The Lord leads us each day to good pastures - places where we can feed on his word and drink from the well-springs of living water which is his Holy Spirit (John 7:38-39, John 4:14). If we feed on his word and drink from the living water of the Holy Spirit, we will find the nourishment and strength we need to live each day for his glory and honor. Do you recognize the voice of your Shepherd and Guardian who calls to you each day?

Excerpt from: Daily Scripture Readings & Meditations

Learning, Living and Sharing the Good News

Meditation
Words of Consolation
(from "My Daily Bread")

Christ:

My child, do not let yourself be crushed by the various activities which you have undertaken for My sake. No labor, no suffering, no penance or prayer should discourage or sadden you. What you do for My sake will help you far beyond your fondest dream.

Your earthly hardships and trials are rapidly passing away. The longest life on earth is short. Only eternity is unending. Bear your difficulties, troubles and sufferings with patience. I will relieve you as soon as it is good for you.

Whatever you endure on earth is a very small price to pay for the Kingdom of Heaven. When you arrive in My heavenly kingdom you will see how truly My Apostle Paul spoke when he said that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come.

Put yourself in My hands and strive to be as independent as you can of your human needs and human consolations. Bring your joys and sorrows to Me. Make Me your best friend and your closest companion. As long as you go through your labors and hardships in My company you will not find them too hard.

Think:

Life's daily hardships and difficulties are less a burden when I let Our Lord help me. I will therefore concentrate more on Him and less on my trials. He will teach me to remedy what should be remedied and to bear what I cannot control. He will show me how much He suffered for my sake. He will remind me of the shortness of earthly life and the grandeur of Heaven. He will encourage me and cheer me up in my sadness and discouragement. Unless I remember to walk with Christ in my daily activities, I shall gradually walk away from Him.

Readings for the Week of May 8, 2022

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/
Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

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

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-7/Jn 10:22-30

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

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

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11b/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-8/
Jn 15:9-17

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Weekend Readings are at (727) 372-8600

Mass Intentions (for the week ahead)

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Isabelle Doyle
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Mariusz Zmuda, S.P. Zbigniew and Frank
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Vocations
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Father Eric
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Terry Roux
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Mary, Vincent and Thomas Colucci
	6:00 p.m.	Parish Family
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Walter Dentel
	8:30 a.m.	Linda Rains
	10:30 a.m.	Domenico & Domenica Pontoriero
	5:00 p.m.	John J. McGill

Mass and Devotions Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm and 6 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am (*Contemporary*),
and 5:00 pm (*LifeTeen™*)

Daily Mass: 8:00 am Monday-Friday

Prayer Group: The 2nd and 4th Mondays of the
month starting Sept. 13th and ending May 23rd.

Holy Rosary after 8:00 am Mass, Mon-Fri,
in Church

Marian Novena after 8:00 am Mass on Tuesdays

Benediction & Adoration: Thursdays at 3:00 pm
until 6:45 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm or by appt.

Parish Calendar

Mon. 05/09 6:30PM Prayer Group Meeting
 Tues. 05/10 9AM Rosary Makers;
 6:30PM Catholic Daughters Meeting;
 6:45PM Boy Scouts
 Wed. 05/11 9:15AM Legion of Mary;
 4PM Traditional Choir;
 5:15PM Edge 6-8
 Thur. 05/12 3PM Benediction/Adoration;
 6PM Girl Scouts;
 6PM Life Teen Core Team Meeting;
 7PM Contemporary Choir;
 7PM Bible Study
 Fri. 05/13 9AM Spiritual Motherhood of Priests
 Apostolate
 Sat. 05/14
 Sun. 05/15 6:15PM Life Nite



Altar Server Training Session for Aspiring Youth Servers!

Sunday, May 15 at noon
in the church



If you are a young person who has received First Holy Communion, you are eligible! Come and join us!

For details, contact Liz Sheridan at x129 or elizabeth@stanpr.org



Parish Information

Office hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.
 Call for information.
 Phone: (727) 372-8600
 Website: www.stanpr.org
Prayer Line: (727) 372-8600
Emergency Number for Anointing of the Sick:
 Nights and Weekends (727) 836-3211

Administration

Business Office Fax: (727) 376-7204
 Asst. to Pastor/Staff Coordinator:
 Cheralyn Quevedo - Ext. 111
 Adm. Asst./Reception: Meghan Snyder - Ext. 110
 Parish Bookkeeper: Cherise Amundson - Ext. 115
 Bulletin Editor: Kate - Ext. 113

Parish Ministry

Faith Formation K-5: Jessica McIlveen - Ext. 132
 Middle School (Edge) and High School (Life Teen):
 Beth DeBella and Cliff Stodden – Ext. 131
 Adult Formation: Michaela Meyers - Ext. 133
 Music: Dan O'Hara - Ext. 128
 Parish Nurse, Ministry to the Sick & Homebound:
 Betty West - Ext. 116
 Sacristan: Elizabeth Sheridan - Ext. 129
 St. Vincent de Paul Society: Ext. 142
 Ambassador: Mary Ellen Taylor
 Coordinator of Ushers: Ada DeFina

STA Early Childhood Center

Alicia Mumma, Director – (727) 376-2330
www.staecc.org

Food Pantry: Monday *and* Thursday
 9:30am until 11:00am *and* 1:30pm until 3:00pm

Gift Store: *Open before and after Sat. 4pm and Sun. 10:30am Masses*

Parish Library: Open during office hours.

Offertory: April 30/May 1, 2022

Offertory: \$13,052.43
 Online Giving: \$ 4,404.00
Total: \$17,456.43

*Thank you to our Parishioners
and Visitors
for your generous support!*



Rights and Responsibilities

One of seven themes at the heart of **Catholic Social Teaching** is “**Rights and Responsibilities.**” Human dignity can be protected, and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected, and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to live and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities – to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

Through a housing project in Nepal following the 2015 earthquakes, **Catholic Relief Services** provided Tara Devi Darzi with a house. “This home is my life . . . I now feel more secure with my family,” she said.

Thanks to your contributions, our **St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference** has been able to help local people pay their rent and avoid eviction.

The Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Apostolate invite you to pray for the Priests and Seminarians of our Diocese.

Please remember to pray for all of our Priests.

Below are the names for the week.

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them.

Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body.

Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood.

Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion.

Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

5/8 Rev. Felipe Gonzalez

5/9 Rev. Justin P. Paskert

5/10 Rev. Gerald Hendry

5/11 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

5/12 Rev. Paul Kochu

5/13 Rev. John McEvoy

5/14 Rev. Michael T. O'Brien



“You are a Priest forever,
in the line of Melchizedek.”

-Psalm 110:4



Having "egg-stra" special fun at the STA Easter Egg Hunt





We want to thank all of our parishioners who have donated money toward the beautiful flowers that adorn our church and parish center during this Easter season. We are deeply grateful!

May God bless you!

Eucharist Ministers Needed for Nursing Homes, the Homebound, and Hospital We can schedule according to your availability.

If interested, contact Betty West, Parish Nurse. at 727-372-8600, ext. 116



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Ct. St. Vincent de Paul #2172 are holding a Baby Shower for their May meeting. The meeting will be held on May 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm. All members are invited to bring items for SOLVE our charity. Items can be from infant to size 6X for both boys and girls. New or gently used items will be accepted.



If you need additional information, please contact Linda Bergeron at 727-203-3498.



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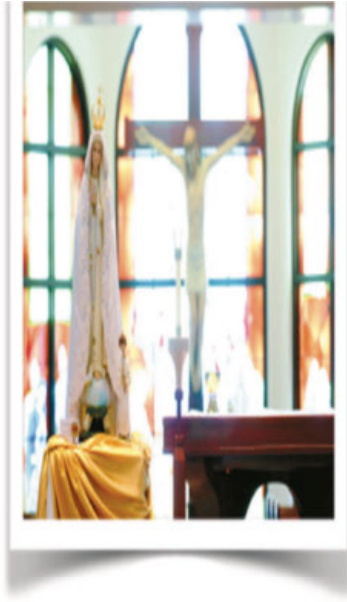
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STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

- Station 1: Empty Tomb
- Station 2: Apostles at the Tomb
- Station 3: Lord Appears to Mary Magdalene
- Station 4: On the Road to Emmaus
- Station 5: Breaking of the Bread
- Station 6: Christ Appears in the Upper Room
- Station 7: The Power to Forgive Sins
- Station 8: The Faith of Thomas
- Station 9: The Sea of Tiberias
- Station 10: Primacy of Peter
- Station 11: The Great Commission
- Station 12: Promise of the Father
- Station 13: The Ascension
- Station 14: Pentecost

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STA Adult Faith Formation ~ Michaela Meyers
727-372-8600 x133



SAVE the DATE

MAY 13, 2022
 Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
 8:00AM-12:00PM

A Morning Retreat of MASS, ADORATION, and PRAYER

Saint Thomas Aquinas
 8320 Old County Road 54
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Speaker: Joan Tarca Alix will share her unanticipated journey of faith that led to travels throughout dioceses in the United States, and a Conference at the United Nations Headquarters. Joan will give an overview surrounding Our Lady's visit in 1917 to three shepherd children, and how we can share Our Lady of Fatima's message today.

8:00 AM MASS
 9:00 AM
 10:00 AM
 11:00 AM

All are Welcome! Gift table: Rosaries Made in Fatima, Portugal.
 All proceeds: Our Lady of Fatima Mother of Mercy (501c3)
www.fatimastatuevisits.com

**The 2023 book for
 Mass Intentions opens
 Tuesday, May 10th**

Please come in during office hours,
 9am to 4pm to reserve mass
 intentions for your loved ones.

**Limit 2 mass intentions
 per person please.**

USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for the following masses: 6pm Saturday; 7am, 8:30am, and 5pm on Sunday. The usher is usually the first person who greets you when you attend mass. If you enjoy smiling and making people feel comfortable, then this is the position for you.

You may be asking yourself, what does this entail and am I committed every single Saturday or Sunday? We'd love to have you there all the time, but if you have another commitment just let your captain know that you will be away so they can get a substitute to fill your spot. Here are the requirements for being an usher:

Opening doors and greeting the parishioners and visitors, helping them find seats, taking up the collection baskets and handing out the bulletins after mass, and assisting at the various celebrations of the mass. We usually have sign-up sheets for the following:

Communal anointing services, communal Penance, Holy Days of Obligation, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Christmas and Easter Vigil.

Main ingredients for becoming an usher: a welcoming smile, kindness to all young and elderly, respectful to each other and be willing to give one hour of your time.

If you can say yes to any of the above ingredients, we would love to have you come on board and join us. Thank you and God Bless you.

Please call Cheralyn Quevedo at 727-372-8600, Ext. 111.

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