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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Mass**

8am

10am

4pm

**Monday-Friday**

8am

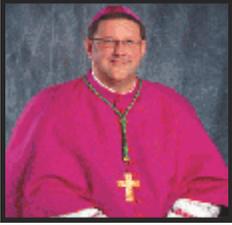
**Saturday**

4pm

**Confessions:** Saturday 3-3:45pm

**Drive through Holy Communion:**

From 10:15-10:50 in front of the New Building on Sundays



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**April 25, 2021**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**The Voice of Truth**

“They will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.” – John 10:16

Are you in it for the money or are you in it for the love of the game? We hear this often with professional athletes. Really the same can be said for many who are employed. Some jobs have great meaning and worth---more often than not it is how the employee sees his value and the value of the work.

In John’s Gospel this weekend we hear the story of the Good Shepherd. Jesus compares the shepherd who is only in it for the money to one who is in it for the love of sheep and the mission. The one in it for the money flees when a wolf appears so as to protect himself. Consequently, the wolf has his way with the sheep.

Jesus reminds his followers that He is the Good Shepherd, and they are like sheep. Because He is the Good Shepherd who cares for His flock, they respond to by following and trusting Him. The wolf is the evil one, Satan, who will do anything to confuse, scatter and kill the sheep. A good shepherd will oversee the flock from a high point to keep approaching danger away. When a sheep gets separated from the flock, the shepherd uses his staff and crook to pull the wayward sheep back. The good shepherd is always there for them. The good shepherd makes sure that they are well fed and their thirst is quenched. He provides everything they need.

Many of us are like sheep and will follow whatever voice we think is true. Jesus Christ came to show us the truth, to shepherd us through a world of danger and sin. He established His Church to help us, to lead and guide us, to shepherd us. And for centuries the Church has embraced this mission.

If we do not listen to the voice of truth, then we risk separation from the flock and may fall into danger. Jesus tells us, “They will hear my voice, and there will be one flock and one shepherd.” Take some time today to sit in quiet reflection and listen to the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to hear what He saying to you.

Bishop Gregory Parkes

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Reading I [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. (22) 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.**

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

**R. 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.”

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## A NOTE FROM FATHER PAUL

This is the year of St. Joseph. We do not hear his words in the Gospel. We have plenty of St. Joseph's deeds to guide us in life: his faith in God, his openness to accept God's word even when it came in dreams, his courageous journeys to protect and save those under his care, his continuous watch of Jesus and Mary to protect them and the hard work he did to provide the Holy Family, are examples for us to emulate as disciples of Jesus. Mary and St. Joseph intercede for all of us.

Thank you to everyone who made an attempt to participate at our Easter celebrations. It was indeed a joy to see some of you back after a whole year. I invite you to make an effort to slowly return to weekend participation in our Masses. Our children need to witness that we are very serious and consistent about the practice of our faith. Parents, please start bringing your children to Church. Invite and also encourage your friends and neighbors to come to Mass. We are called to be witnesses of the resurrection of Christ by professing and living our faith.

### **Villa Madonna School Alumni Association**

The Salesian Sisters have launched the Villa Madonna School Alumni Association. We welcome students who attended or graduated from Villa Madonna, St. Joseph, Christ the King, or ANY SALESIAN school along with parents, teachers, and school staff. Please go to [villamadonna-school.com](http://villamadonna-school.com) (alumni tab top right) to learn more or call Cynthia Spano at 813-833-4883.

### **Presence**

Join us for *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*, a 4-session program created by FORMED, on Wednesday, May 5, 12, 19 and 26, 7:15-8:15 p.m., in the new Parish Hall (you can also connect via Zoom). A Study Guide (PDF) will be provided. A 40-minute video needs to be watched at FORMED.org in advance of each session. Then, each session will include prayer, discussion, Q&A, and reflection. Explore the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. Contact Jean at [jcaragher@capstonemarketing.com](mailto:jcaragher@capstonemarketing.com) to RSVP and receive instructions.

### **Praying the Rosary to Honor Mary, Mother of God**

Join us in praying the Rosary on Thursday, May 6, 13, 20 and 27, 7:15 p.m. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/98623709543>. To participate by telephone, call 646.876.9923. Organized by the Knights of Columbus #12196 Ladies Auxiliary.

## **Second Collections**

1st Sunday of the Month— APA

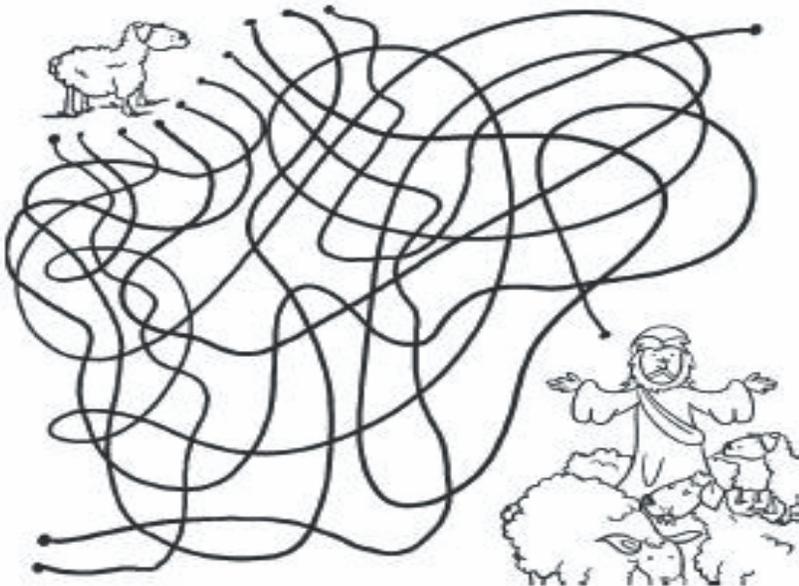
2nd Sunday of the Month—Building Fund

3rd Sunday of the Month—Outreach

# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B

## PUZZLE

Help this lamb find his way into the sheep pen with Jesus.



**Gospel:** Without a good shepherd to lead them, sheep would get lost. Without a good shepherd to protect them, sheep would get hurt. A good shepherd would even die, just to keep his sheep safe. Jesus is your good shepherd, and you are his precious little lamb. When you get lost, Jesus comes to find you. When you are in danger, Jesus comes to comfort you. Listen to the voice of Jesus. Spend time reading the Bible every day. He wants to lead you to life with God. He wants to protect you from sin. Jesus gave up his life just to save you. Jesus is your good shepherd.

**Prayer:** God, help me to always follow Jesus, my good shepherd.

**Mission:** Learn as much as you can about Jesus, so you can follow him. Read a Bible story with your family every night before bed.

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#### Question:

What are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

#### Answer:

Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on." Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1).

In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand's godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law.

To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese's office liturgy and worship.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Intentions</i>	<i>Office</i>
<b>Sat, 4/24</b>	4:00pm	+ Anna Roseman + Souls in Purgatory	Closed
<b>Sun, 4/25</b>	8:00am	+ Nicholas & Zorica Dogic Tico Reyes	Closed
	10:00am	+ Larry Labriola + Matthew Herzog	
	4:00pm	+ Franklin Lasso	
<b>Mon, 4/26</b>	8:00am	+ Lawrence Goodbread Deacon Joseph Reid	8:30am-12pm
<b>Tues, 4/27</b>	8:00am	+ Deceased Members of the Zilvetti Family + Michael Skripnik	8:30am-12pm
<b>Wed, 4/28</b>	8:00am	+ Don Haertel John and Mary Mercado	8:30am-12pm
<b>Thurs, 4/29</b>	8:00am	The Lusk Family Mary Gordon St. Luke's Volunteers	8:30am-12pm
<b>Fri, 4/30</b>	8:00am	+ Carmen Ramalho + Ana Isasi	8:30am-12pm
<b>Sat, 5/1</b>	4:00pm	+ Teddi Miller Samuel and Theresa Caprici	Closed

## Smiling Eyes

**Do you have an extra 15 minutes to share?** Volunteers are need to serve as greeters prior to weekend Masses.

**Greeters welcome parishioners and visitors to our Masses. They make people feel happy and that their presence is important.**

**Requirements:** Your God-given smile (even behind a mask) and pleasant "hello." No handshakes required!

**Time Commitment:** Your arrival 15 minutes prior to the Mass of your choice.

**Meeting Times:** Volunteers are scheduled based on personal time preferences.

**Contact:** The parish office or call Maureen Myers 314-471-4326

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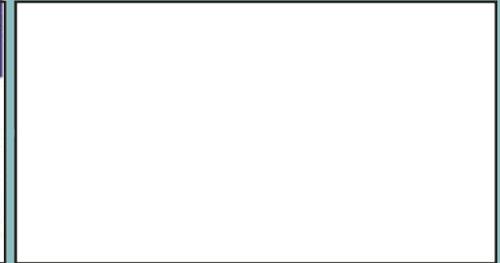
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