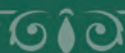


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**SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021**

# 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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Monday 4-26-21  
8:00am **Alice Barry**  
rq by Matthew & Adrianna

Tuesday 4-27-21  
8:00am **Eileen Walters**  
rq by Loving Family

Wednesday 4-28-21  
8:00am **Beatrice Carney**  
rq by Eddie & Anna Fernandez

Thursday 4-29-21  
8:00am **Kay Van Wagner**  
rq by Loving Daughter

Friday 4-30-21  
8:00am **Sr. Edwardine Brown**  
rq by Loving Family

Saturday 5-1-21  
5:00pm **Elizabeth O'Hare**  
rq by Loving Family  
**Sr. Edwardine Brown**  
rq by BJ Smith

Sunday 5-2-21  
9:00am **Richard T. Walker Sr.**  
rq by Loving Wife & Family  
**Rosalie Rafferty**  
rq by The Jimenez Family  
10:30am **Phillip Flores**  
rq by Loving Family  
6:00pm **The Purgatorial Society of St. Ann**

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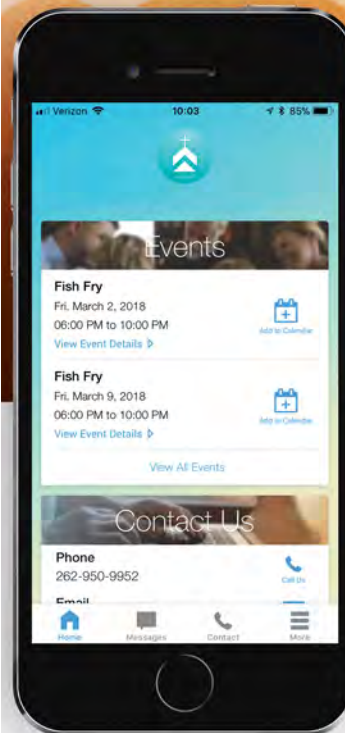
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<b>SUN 4/25</b>	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
<b>MON 4/26</b>	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
<b>TUES 4/27</b>	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
<b>WED 4/28</b>	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
<b>THR 4/29</b>	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
<b>FRI 4/30</b>	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
<b>SAT 5/1</b>	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
<b>SUN 5/2</b>	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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Sunday:	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Wednesday:	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
Thursday:	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Pius V, Pope; Arbor Day
Saturday:	St. Joseph the Worker
Next Sunday:	5th Sunday of Easter

## @J9H 9@H F; M Inspiration for the week

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.



## ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

*I am  
the good  
shepherd*





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"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." (Acts 4:12)



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The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118)  
Or Alleluia.



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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. (1 Jn 3:2)



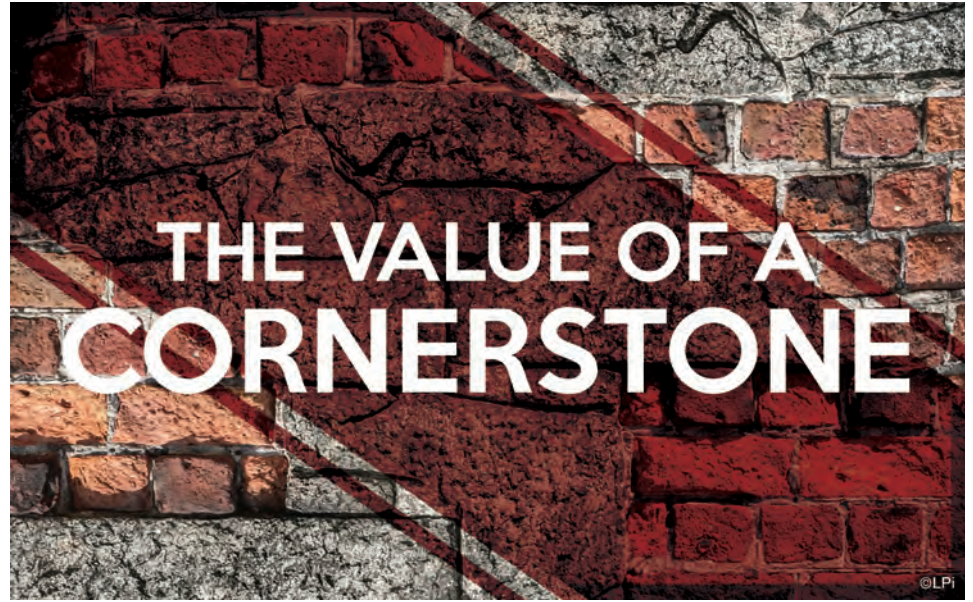
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"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." (Jn 10:14-15)

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## Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.



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# RESPONDING *to the Call*

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**Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments**

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Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, “have you prayed about it as much as you’ve talked about it?”

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it’s a good sign that we’re losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

“It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes,” the Psalms tell us. Well, I’ve never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — “I’ve got this.”

It’s tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I’ll let you in on a secret: it doesn’t matter what the question is, we don’t have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Catholic Life Explained:**

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What are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

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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.



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Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

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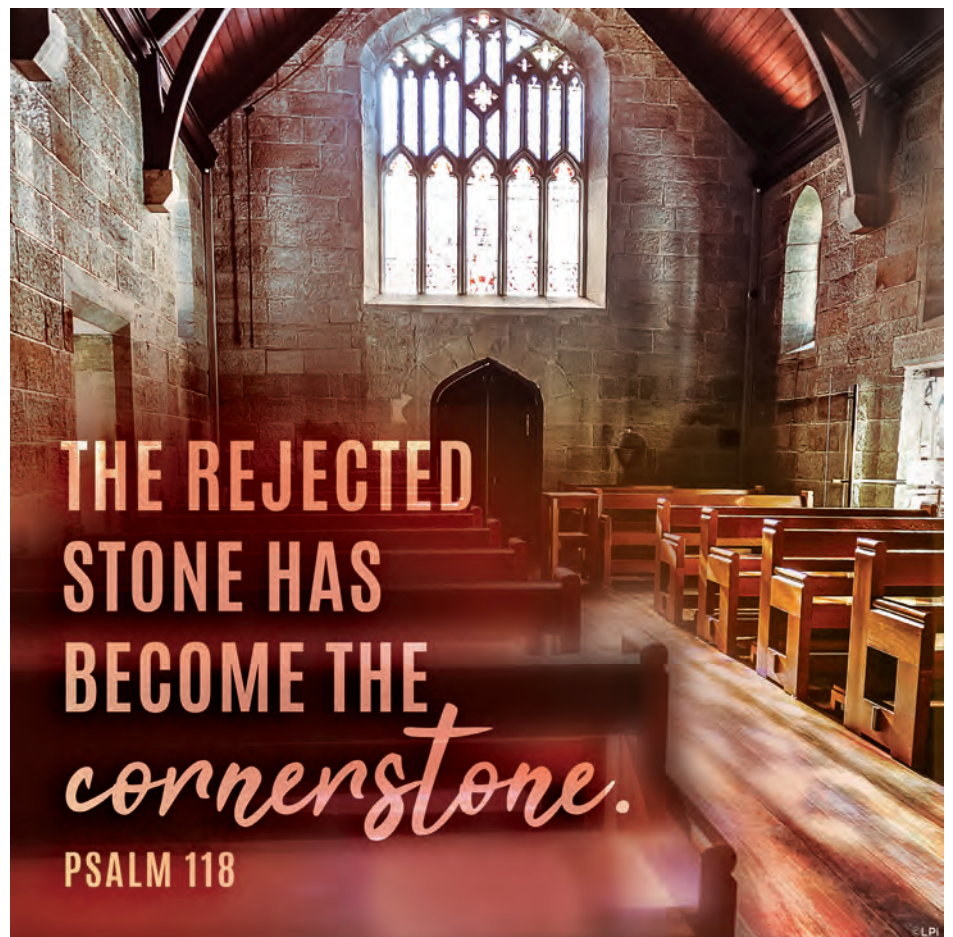
We hear how Peter courageously testified before the Sanhedrin that in Jesus' name  
the crippled man was healed and in Jesus' name all believers are saved. How strong  
is the conviction of your faith when someone challenges you?

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John speaks to his community of believers as "children of God." What do you see as  
some of the implications of such a designation?

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In speaking of himself as "the good shepherd" who cares deeply for his sheep, Jesus  
contrasts himself to "a hired man" (the Pharisees) who has no concern for his sheep.  
How should have the Pharisees reacted to this criticism?



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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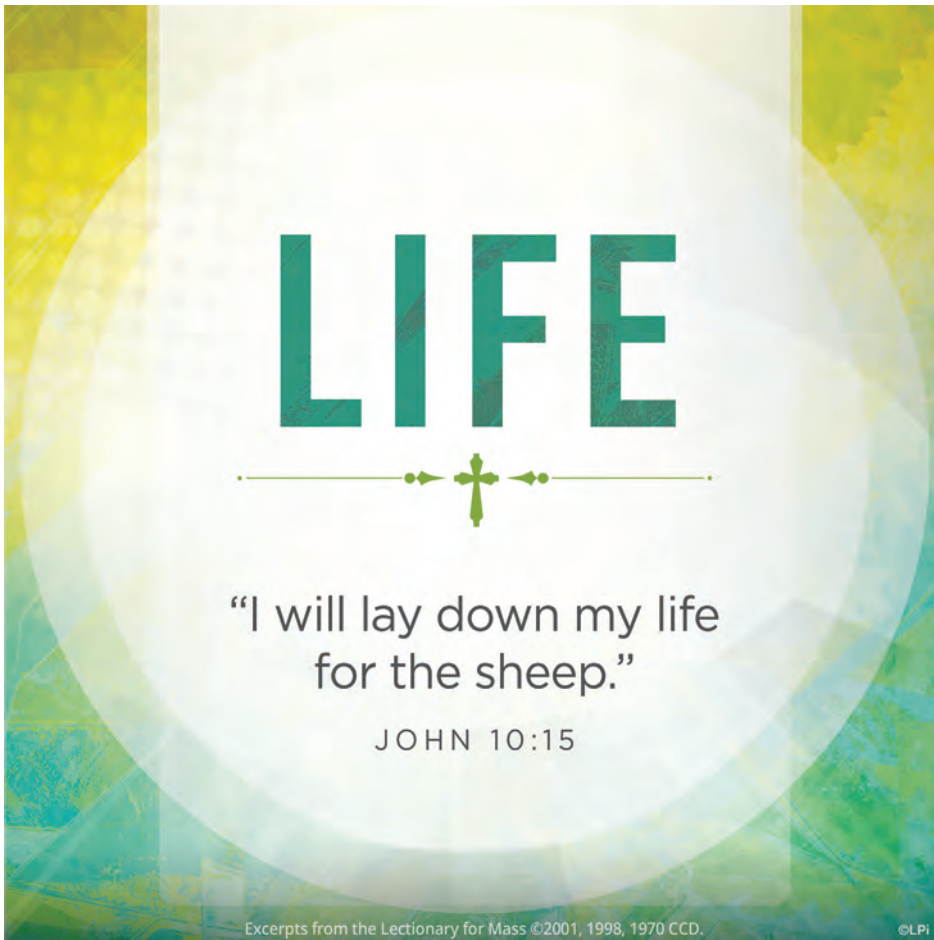


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– Jn 10:16-17

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