

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday | 1:00pm-4:00pm
Tues., Wed., Thurs. | 8:30am-Noon, 1:00pm-4:00pm
Closed Friday – Sunday

MASS TIMES

Saturday Anticipated Mass | 4:00pm
Sunday Mass | 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm
Weekday Masses | 12:05pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
First Saturday of the Month | 8:00am

CONFESSION TIMES

Weekdays | 30 minutes before Mass
Saturdays | 3:00pm-3:45pm
Sundays | 4:15pm - 4:45pm

CLERGY

Father Neil Pettit, Pastor
Deacon Dwayne Joubert, Pastoral Associate
Deacon Sammy Diesi

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

4:00pm Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:00am Jackie Cosgrove; Roland "Coach" Boudreaux; Amanda Fournier; Moise & Martha Lagrange; Ellis, Velma, & L.P. Fontenot; Clarice D. Faul, L.J. Dossmann & Billie Dossmann; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J. St. Amand; Norris Pitre (DA); M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael Fa-Kouri; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon
10:00am Marie Louise Delahoussaye; Ezra & Velma Martin, & Denise Hull; Geraldine Vidrine; Chris Dunbar; Junior, Loretta & Stephen (BD) Hargroder; John Olivier; Fields & Voitier Families; Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove; Kermit Christ
5:00 pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

MONDAY, APRIL 22

12:05pm A.P Collins, Jr.; James Reynolds; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Amanda Fournier; Geraldine Vidrine

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

12:05pm James Reynolds; Holy Souls in Purgatory; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

12:05pm Amanda Fournier; Martin J. St. Amand (BD); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon



PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

PRIESTS

- 04/14| Rev. Andrew Killeen
- 04/15| Rev. Mark Kramer, SJ
- 04/16| Rev. Clifton Labbe, SVD
- 04/17| Rev. Donovan Labbe
- 04/18| Rev. Paul Lafleur
- 04/19| Rev. Jeremy Lambert, LC
- 04/20| Rev. Alex Lancon

DEACONS

- 04/14| Dcn. Edward Boustany
- 04/15| Dcn. Wynard Boutte
- 04/16| Dcn. Jules Steven Breaux
- 04/17| Dcn. Patrick Burke
- 04/18| Dcn. Martin Cannon
- 04/19| Dcn. Francis Cao
- 04/20| Dcn. Richard Castaneda

OCS CORNER

Calling all yard-salers! OC is having a yard sale in the gym on Saturday, May 4th from 8 am – 11 am. OC is also accepting donations of yard sale items, which can be boxed, labeled “yard sale”, and dropped off at the high school office during school hours. This is an easy way to support the school while racking up on gently used clothes, toys, homegoods, etc. or by donating unwanted items before the sale!

Help with the school yard sale is needed: families still needing Ministry Hours for '23-'24 or wanting to get a head start for the '24-'25 school year, may call or email the Advancement Director: 337-942-5404, ext. 105 or kliera@ocsvikings.com.

Congratulations to the following OC students who placed 1st in the State Literary Rally: Abigail Meche in Civics, Brayden Fontenot in Chemistry, & Owen Kennerson in US History!



Adoration Chapel
IMMEDIATE COVERAGE NEEDED!

Sun 3am
Mon 1am
Tues 10a
Wed 1am
Thurs 4a, 7pm
Fri 1am, 12pm
Sat 3am

SIGN UP

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Could you not watch one hour with me? ☞ Mt 26:40



GOSPEL READING REFLECTION

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
Peter announces an act of healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29
A prayer of thanksgiving to God for his kindness

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-2
God revealed his love for us by calling us children of God.

GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-18
Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Carol Sue Arnaud; Nela Badeaux; Mercedes Bihm; Beverly Borne; Fr. Alan Breaux; Hilda Brooks; Riley Brown; Leslie Buller; Dora Clay; Denise Cortez; Carl Crump; Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Darbonne; Denise Dejean; James Dupre; Ruby Blanchard Dupre; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Howard Fournier; Patty Hackett; Mary Hargroder; Larry Harper; Brandon and Angie Hathon; Karen Lanclos Hessler; Brian Jackson; Edval Jannise, Jr.; Betty Johnson; Larry Johnson; Elaine & Ronald Joubert; Mike & Linda Labbe; Ronnie Leger; Anna Maria Leleux; Taylor Marales; Shirley Marcus; Renee Martin; Kenneth Moreau; Mark Mouton; Craig Ortego; Shawn Perry; Ben Pitre; Amy Dupre Prestonback; Mavis Quebedeaux; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Matthew Gene Richard; Ronald & Elaine Richard; Joseph Donald Robin; Chris Soileau; Bubba Sonnier; Greg Tate; Linda Thatcher; Schleen Thibodeaux; Mary Faith Wyble Thomasee; Hien Tran; Allen Vidrine; Burnell Vidrine

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