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Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word)

11:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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April 21, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. Our readings today call us to reflect inward — do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives? In our Gospel Jesus reveals His radical love for us. He says, "I will lay down my life for the sheep." Jesus tells us that we are His. We can compare this relationship to that of a loving parent to their child. The parent gives without much in return and if any evil came near the child, the parent would do anything, even lay down their life for their baby.



We are Christ's — even more so than a child is to a parent. He created us and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world, so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary for our salvation. He is our Good Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray. But just as a baby is happiest in the arms of a parent, so too are we happiest in the flock of our Shepherd. And just as sheep go astray, we also stray from God, test our limits and even follow false shepherds. Thankfully our Shepherd is a Good Shepherd, and He laid down His life for us knowing every sin we will ever commit. Therefore, let us examine our hearts and return to our flock. We don't even need to find the way. He is right there always waiting to guide us home.

Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, 'who is my Shepherd?' and 'have I gone astray?' Name the areas in your life that you have neglected. Ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the sacraments and begin again.

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Parish Calendar

Monday, April 22

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Bernice Kramer †
Gerry Meehan †

Tuesday, April 23 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Mike Dube †

> Wednesday, April 24 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) -Pierette & Georges Cote †

Thursday, April 25 - No Mass

Friday, April 26

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Souls in Purgatory †

Saturday, April 27

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Jenny Kenny † John Vidette †

Sunday, April 28

9:00 a.m. - Maria & Giuseppe Quaresima †
Maria & Antonio Ierace † | Biaggio Procopio †
Serafina & Angelo Procopio †
11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People





Catholic Women's League Corner: April 20 / 21

Thank-you to all who faithfully saved pop tabs for our wheel chair project. You donated close to 100 pounds, almost 150,000 tabs, that will be added to the diocesan total at the Annual Members Meeting on April 23.

Upcoming activities include:

- April 23: The Diocesan CWL Annual Members Meeting at the Holiday Inn. We have 17 members attending.
- April 24: At 1 pm in the Serenity Room, the executive will meet.
- April 24: At 2 pm in the Divinity Room, our Prayer shawl / rosary making group will meet. New members are always welcome.
- April 26: The Feast of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel:
 - Mass at 1 pm, followed by Pin Ceremony
 - High Tea in the Divinity Room following the pin ceremony

Are You Being Called?

"There is no salvation through anyone else."

Let us pray for those who are called to follow the Lord as a priest or religious brother or sister that they may generously say YES. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email, frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

We are transitioning to our weekly newsletter where you will find a wealth of information. Please scan the QR code with the camera on your phone to take you to our newsletter