

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth!

La parábola del buen pastor (EVANGELIO) adquiere mayor importancia durante estas semanas, en las que recordamos que Jesús derramo su sangre y entrego su vida por sus ovejas. También recordamos que recupero la vida al resucitar y, en nombre del que venció a la muerte, Pedro hizo caminar al paralítico (PRIMERA LECTURA). Asimismo, es Jesús quien nos introduce a la intimidad de Dios, hoy en la fe y mañana cara a cara, cuando "lo veremos tal cual es" (SEGUNDA LECTURA).



Masses For The Week

- sab 20 Vigilia del IV Domingo de Pascua**
04:30 pm +Chelo Ruiz (Ruiz Mayorga Family)
+Ramiro & Concepción Torres (Esther Salinas)
+Jesús Gilberto Trevino (Esther Salinas)
- dom 21 IV Domingo de Pascua**
10:30 am +Mr. & Mrs. Santiago Vásquez (Cesar Vásquez)
+Mario Gloria (Teresa Gloria)
+Fidencio Gloria (Teresa Gloria)
- Sun 21 IV Sunday of Easter**
12:30 pm Missa Pro Populo
- Mon 22 NO MASS**
- Tue 23 Easter Weekday**
08:00 am +Irma Sagredra (Herminia Torres)
- Wed 24 Easter Weekday**
08:00 am +Rosa María López (Herminia Torres)
- Thr 25 Saint Mark, Evangelist**
08:00 am +Anastacio Sanchez, Jr. (Herminia Torres)
- Fri 26 Easter Weekday**
08:00 am +Carlos Torres (Herminia Torres)
- Sat 27 Easter Weekday**
08:00 am +Zulema Collazo (Collazo Family)

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory

Good News!

April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)
Acts 4:8-12 / 1 John 3:1-2 / John 10:11-18
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We live with a maze of instincts—some from the dark side and some from the light. In her book *Caste*, Isabel Wilkerson describes how cultures tend to consign certain individuals to the bottom of the social ladder. She specifically compares the caste system in India with how the Nazis sought to suppress and eliminate Jews and with the way blacks were oppressed by slavery and even in our own time. She describes the instinct in every society to relegate others to a lower class, always seeking to ensure that we are not at the bottom. This instinct can come from the dark side of people.

There is also an instinct for goodness to others, an instinct of light—to recognize everyone as brothers and sisters. As Saint John notes, "we are God's children now" (1 John 3:2). It is the voice of the Shepherd instilled in the human spirit that calls us into one fold, the voice of God urging us to healing goodness.

It is the dark side that nurtures white supremacy. It is the light that enables us to see beyond the color of our skin. It is the dark side that excludes those who seem different. It is the light that welcomes and offers hospitality. It is the dark side that succumbs to fear. It is the light of God's love that confronts the wolves of hate and urges us to follow. There is always tension between darkness and light. ●

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Dear Padre

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My son was raised Catholic and still claims he is Catholic, but he and his wife go to a Protestant church. How should I deal with my frustration?

Many parents and grandparents today share your frustration. They raised their children Catholic, maybe even sent them to Catholic schools, but the children have grown up and chosen not to continue to be faithful Catholics. A recent survey showed that nine out of ten people say they believe in God, but often they are not committed to a single religion or house of worship. About half of the people questioned attend religious services less than once a month, or never. The loyalty to one Church that was evident in our own lives, or in our parents' and grandparents' lives, is lacking in today's people under age fifty-five.

What can one do about this situation? Certainly pray for your children and continue to give a good example through your own loyalty to the Catholic Church and attendance at Sunday Mass. Invite your son and his wife to attend with you when they visit. As your children age, they may become more interested in your family's history and traditions, and the religion of their childhood may again appear attractive. Try to be patient and continue to pray that your children will return to the Church of their roots. ●

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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Did you know... The Catholic Church is deeply committed to protecting children from abuse and holding people accountable for inflicting such pain. In December 2021, the revised Book VI of the Code of Canon Law went into effect. This is the most recent of several documents that specifically address the issue of the abuse of children. Other documents include Vos estis lux mundi and Vademecum. These documents expand the acts which are considered abusive, clarify the manner in which the cases are processed, and hold people accountable for their action or inaction with regard to processing of a case. Of significant importance is attention given to the care of victim survivors and all who have been harmed. Bishops in the US lead the way for these changes with the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People 20 years ago. Today every diocese and eparchy must have in place systems for tending to those who have been harmed, protecting those in our care and seeking restorative justice.

SECOND COLLECTION - HOME MISSIONS

The Committee on the Home Missions' grants is made possible by generous Catholics who donate to the annual Catholic Home Missions' Appeal. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be next weekend. The Diocese of Laredo has benefited from this appeal. Please be generous!

Segunda Colecta – Home Missions

Las donaciones del Comité Home Missions' son hechas posible por la generosidad de Católicos que contribuyen anualmente a la colecta del Catholic Home Missions' Appeal que se lleva a cabo la próxima semana. La Diócesis de Laredo ha beneficiado de esta apelación. ¡Por favor sea generoso!

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Eva Escamilla, Oscar & Margarita Noriega, Justin Pecina, Irma Santos, Gerardo Castro, Guadalupe Ortiz, María E. Maldonado, Alicia Guardiola, and Rosie Hinojosa.



Colecta de la Semana Pasada

Envelopes: \$ 3,157.00

Loose: \$ 418.49

Children's Envelopes: \$ 13.25

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 3,588.74

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 5,185.33



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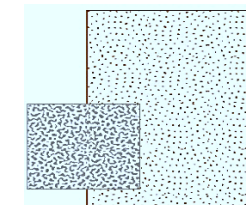
ANNOUNCEMENTS

1st Penance for 1st Communion on Saturday,
May 11@ 3:30p-4:10p

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATE
First Communion candidates will receive First Holy
Communion on Sun, May 19 at 12:30 pm Mass

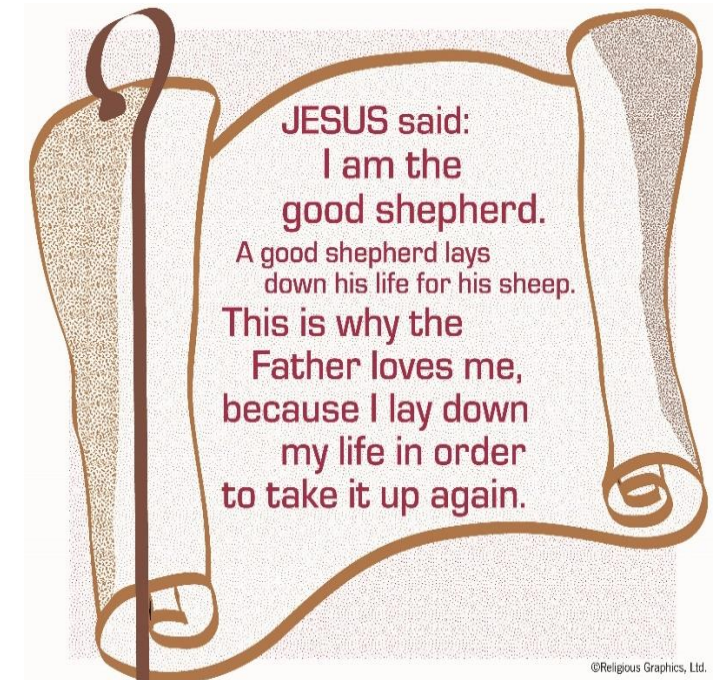
Penance for Confirmation on Saturday,
May 18 @ 3:30p-4:10p

CONFIRMATION DATE
Confirmation candidates will receive Confirmation on
Sun, May 26 at 12:30 pm Mass



The stone rejected
by the
builders has become
the cornerstone

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