

# BULLETIN: GOOD SHEPHERD (4<sup>TH</sup>) SUNDAY OF EASTER—APRIL 25, 2021

**Notice:** The information on the outside cover is NOT correct! To honor our ad holders, we are using last year's bulletins that we could not use because of covid. Please see the Website or Daily Events Box for current days/times!

Please pray for those who are ill & in need of our continued prayer: Terence Sewald, Bob Yoder, Luke Barden, Joe Kranz, Kaylee Remmich, Brian & Crissy Cobain, Christopher Endicott, Trang & Ann Treber, Eddy Messer, Deborah Messer, Scott Weaver, Foster Sauter, Steve Wilmes, Erin Palmer, & Doug Jones, Keagan Sanders.

## DAILY EVENTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

4:15 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. Mass: Jessica Kulpa  
7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenal Way Mass: People of OLP

### Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

8:15 a.m. Confessions  
9:00 a.m. Mass: + Jesse Hilbert  
10:45 a.m. Confessions  
11:30 a.m. Mass: Nathan Albert

### Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mass: Caitlin Swanson  
7:00 p.m. Lectio Study: Prayer

### Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Mass: Sarah Albert  
9:30 a.m. Lectio Divina  
7:30 p.m. Faith Formation Talk

### Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

No Mass: OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY

### Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Communion Service  
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (Adoration)  
7:00 p.m. Biblical School

### Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

7:15 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
8:30 a.m. Mass: Maggie O'Brien  
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Art Class  
7:30 p.m. Faith Formation Talk

### Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

2:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass:  
4:15 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. Mass: Pat Albert

### Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:15 a.m. Confessions  
9:00 a.m. Mass: Triston Treber  
10:45 a.m. Confessions  
11:30 a.m. Mass: + Margarita Aguirre

## REFLECTION

### Christian Art and Symbols: The Good Shepherd

During the Liturgical Reform of the Second Vatican Council, Bishops and *periti* (biblical scholars, liturgists, pastors, etc.) proposed that the Gospel of “the Good Shepherd”, which was read on the 2nd Sunday, to maintain continuity and focus on the resurrection narratives, be read instead on the 4th Sunday of Easter; this would also better prepare for the transition into the Gospels of the Lord’s discourse at the Last Supper, which begin on the 5th Sunday of Easter. Furthermore, in 1964, Pope Paul VI establish the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on Good Shepherd Sunday. In his radio address Paul VI encouraged every diocesan and parish community, but especially the Christian families to nurture vocations that look to serve the Church and reproduce in them the image of the Good Shepherd.

Among the Christian symbols dating from the first century is that of the Good Shepherd carrying on His shoulders a lamb or a sheep, with two other sheep at his side. This image can be seen depicted in different Roman catacombs, Basilicas, some baptismal fonts, and other artifacts. These paintings invoked biblical references, which were central texts used in the ancient catechumenate of both the East and West. In Ezekiel, God makes a promise, “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out...I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God” (Ez 34:11.15). Likewise, in psalm 23, David speaks of God as the Divine Shepherd who saves.

The job of a shepherd is to protect and nurture the sheep in His care. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is the only one that brings salvation through his life, death, and resurrection. Because salvation begins with baptism, this image is rightly found in the baptistry of Dura-Europos on the Euphrates, in St. Peter’s baptistry, in the old portico of the Lateran baptistry, and four times in San Giovanni in the font at Naples. Apart from pasturing the flock, another common practice among proprietors of animals was the sealing or branding. In early Christian liturgies, this practice formed part of the rites of initiation, by which the baptized received the “seal” (sphragis) or “mark (rushma). Cyril of Jerusalem also emphasized this in his catecheses, exhorting candidates in the first lecture: “Come forward for the mystical seal, that you may be recognizable by the Lord. Be numbered in the holy, spiritual flock of Christ, that you may be set apart on his right hand and inherit the life prepared for you.” While the Shepherd can recognize the sheep by its “seal” or “mark,” St. John reminds us that the sheep also recognizes the voice of the Shepherd and listen to his voice, to what he says. For St. James reminds, “be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” (Jm 1:22)

God bless, Fr. John

## PARISH UPDATES

- ❖ **\*\*NEW\*\*** New Bible Starting THIS MONDAY: "Lectio: Prayer". Beginning Monday April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. We will begin a new Formed Study on Prayer. You may sign up on the website or at the tables near the exits.
- ❖ **Fr. John will be away** at a retreat next weekend. Please welcome Fr. Jude Geilenkirchen.
- ❖ **Archbishop's appeal:** "A generous person will be prosperous, and one who gives others plenty of water will himself be given plenty." (Proverbs 11:25). Your sacrifice will affirm your desire to make Jesus Christ known to others. Please give to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. Visit [www.archden.org/givetoday](http://www.archden.org/givetoday) or call 303-867-0614.
- ❖ **World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021** also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. For the Pope's message see [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/message/s/vocations/documents/papa-francesco\\_20210319\\_58-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/message/s/vocations/documents/papa-francesco_20210319_58-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni.html)
- ❖ **Totus Tuus:** Please mark your calendars! We will again be hosting Totus Tuus, during the week of June 20<sup>th</sup> - June 25<sup>th</sup>. More information coming soon. This is for all kids from 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ❖ **Culture of Life Dinner:** Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 1pm and dinner is at 2pm. Also, if anyone has donations for the auction, please contact Mark Prieur at 303-810-4749.
- ❖ **Women's Retreat - SAVE THE DATE:** September 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*** Sundays and Holy day of Obligation will be Restored STARTING PENTECOST SUNDAY, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, for more information please see the archdiocese website: <https://archden.org/return>.

## OFFERTORY

April 18<sup>th</sup>  
\$5,145.53

Thank you for your generosity!

## RELIGIOUS ED. EVENTS & UPDATES

### SUNDAY & THUR. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTINUES:

- ❖ **\*IMPORTANT! \*** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday Religious Ed. Classes: Those to be confirmed will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Pentecost.** **Confirmation Practice** will be on **Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**
- ❖ **\*NEW\*** RCIC: For those who have received **Confirmation at Easter**, Mystagogy Classes have begun and will continue **Thursdays at 7:00p.m.**
- ❖ **\*IMPORTANT\*** RCIC: For those who will receive Confirmation at **Pentecost** it will be on **Sunday at the 11:30 a.m. Spanish Mass.** The **Confirmation Practice** will be on **Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK FOR KIDS!!!** (for K- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
**THIS WEEK: "I am" The Good Shepherd**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ar732X9uO3I>

## YOUTH GROUP

**Next Meeting! The next Youth Group meeting will be on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at: 2:00 p.m.** This is for all kids Sixth grade through High School!

## ALTAR & ROSARY

**Next Meeting:** Will be in a classroom in the parish hall on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 9:00 am mass.

**Coffee & Donuts:** will also be served after the 9:00 a.m. mass on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## MAY FARMS

- ☀ **SUNDAY BRUNCH COMING SOON!**
- ☀ **DINNER ON FRI. & SAT.**
- ☀ **TAKE-OUT IS AVAILABLE!**

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