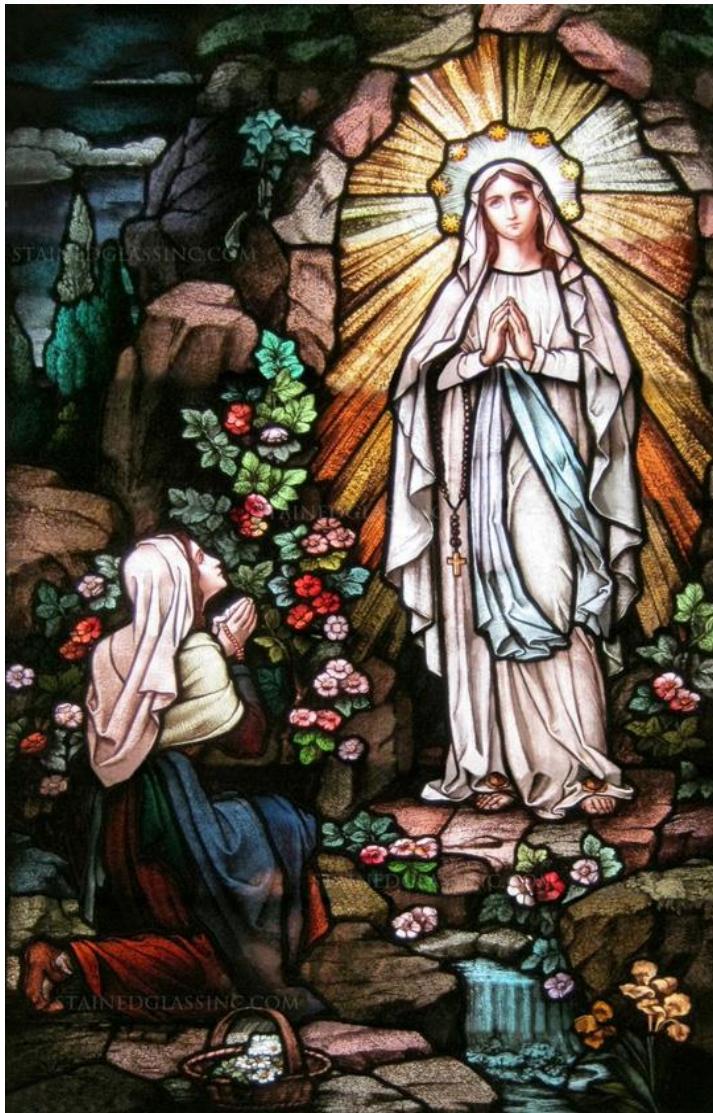


4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 2021



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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register.

We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

ANointing of the Sick MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30pm Adoration
6:00pm Mass

CONFessions

Saturday 4:30pm – 4:50pm
Sunday 8:00am – 8:20am
Also by Appointment

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

~ CELEBRATE THE JOY OF EASTER SEASON! ~
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Donation	\$3,244.00
Donation Online	\$1,027.00
Maintenance Fund	\$25.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
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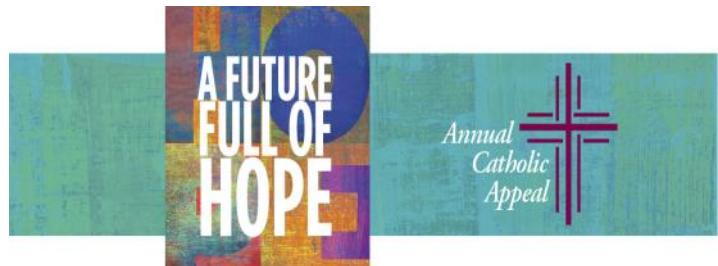
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Holy Land Collection \$5,485

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Sunday Readings 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4: 8-12, 50; 1 John 3: 1-2
John 10: 11-18



**“I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life
for the sheep.”**

John 10: 11

The Catholic Church Is Christ's One Flock

Jesus Christ was sent to the Jewish people, to be their Messiah in accordance with God's ancient promises to his Chosen People.

- Yet, God was not satisfied to save only one people; he wants his blessing to reach all nations, every corner of the earth.
- This is why Jesus says, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold; these also I must lead..."
- Christ the Savior, then, has received lordship not only over the little flock of Israel and Judah, but over all the flocks of the earth.

In him we all come under one lordship, that of the good shepherd, who is the one pastor of the one flock.

- The effect of the wolf, the devil, is to catch and scatter the sheep; Christ frees and unites us.
- And even if the wolf attacks the shepherd himself, as he did in Christ's passion, the shepherd has the power both to lay down and raise up his life, so the one flock will never perish.
- Because Christ the good shepherd is our Lord, the Church, the one flock, will never fail.
- Our membership in this flock is perhaps the greatest gift we have received from the Lord after the gift of life itself.

This is one of the most compelling reasons behind the Church's missionary mandate.

- We are all called to spread the good news of Christ, and to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19), bringing everyone into this one flock.
- Only the Catholic Church has been given the divine guarantee that it will never fail, never be permanently scattered and destroyed by wolves.

Other Churches and other religions may have sincere believers and parts of the truth, but only Christ's one flock gathered around his visible shepherd's staff - the pope - is guaranteed never to fail.

Three Ways to Increase the Flock

There are three things we can do to help increase the size of Christ's one flock, to help other lost sheep come under the care of the one good shepherd.

They are the three Ws.

First, the way we treat other people.

- We are sons and daughters of Christ the King. And so, our manner, our way of holding ourselves, should be full of dignity, generosity, openness, elegance, and joy.
- If we let God's grace work in our hearts, it will shine through our eyes, our words, our gestures, and we will become living advertisements for our eternal good shepherd.

Second, our work.

- Whatever we do - job, study, hobby, housework, sports - we, as followers of Christ, should stand out for our responsibility, dependability, and commitment to excellence and integrity.
- We are children of God! We are ambassadors of the Creator of the universe!
- How could we ever let sloppiness, laziness, and indifference contaminate our daily activities?

Third, our words.

- Like Peter in today's First Reading, we should always be ready to use our words to spread truth, hope, and encouragement, to light or feed the fire of faith in the hearts of those around us. As Catholics, there is no room in our lives for gossip, useless tale-bearing, or biting and wounding criticism.
- In the Eucharist, we receive Jesus Christ himself in our mouths; what a tragic, painful irony it would be if that same mouth were to go out and spit poison at those around us!

We are graced to be members of Christ's one flock, his Catholic Church.

As Jesus renews his commitment to us in this holy Mass, let's thank him for that grace, and let's promise that this week we'll try not to hog it all to ourselves.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"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)

PSALM:

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

SECOND READING:

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. (I Jn 3:2)

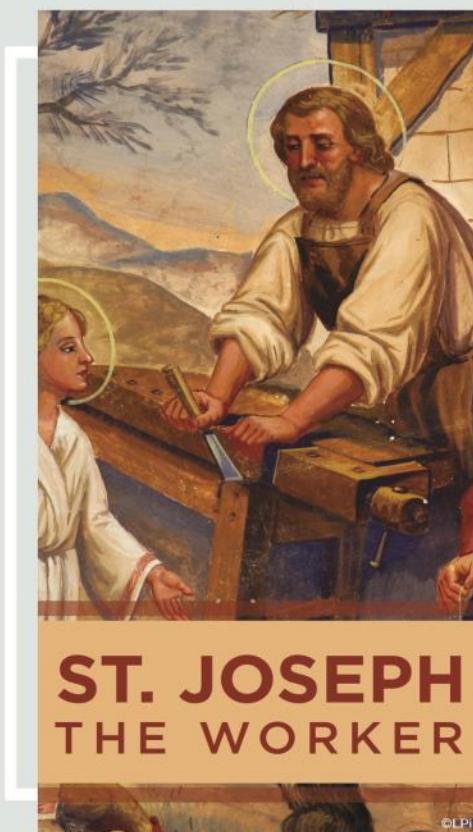
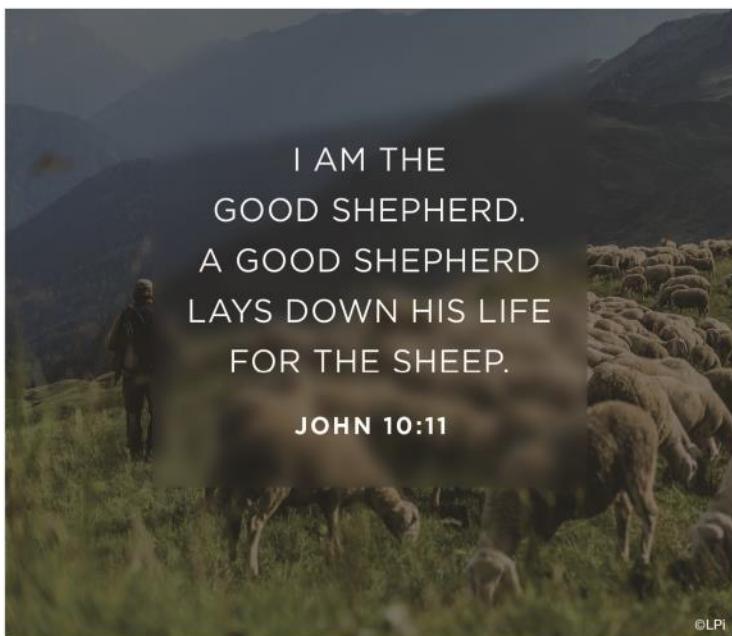
GOSPEL:

"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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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25, 2021

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



REFLECT

FIRST READING

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?

SECOND READING

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

GOSPEL READING

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?