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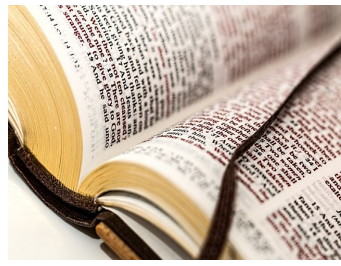
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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

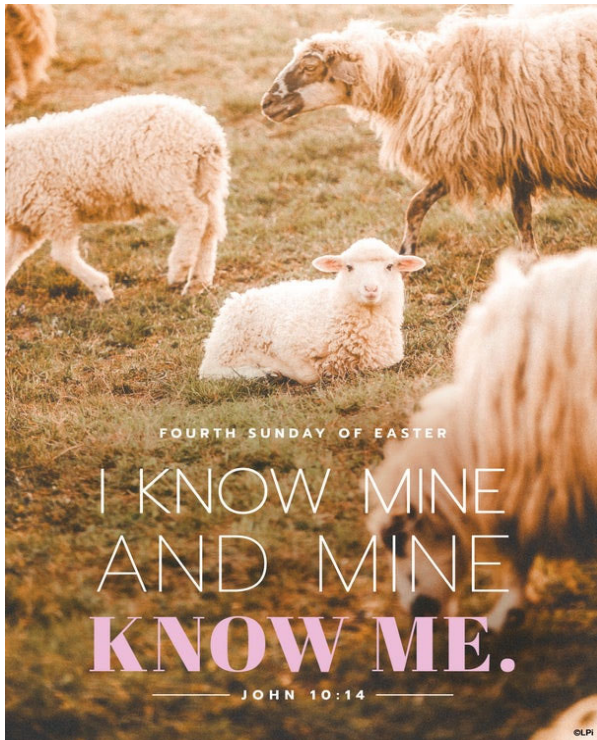
“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” - Jn 10:14-15



APRIL 21, 2024

Scripture Insights

The gospel for today is a portion of the longer and very familiar discourse on the Good Shepherd. Most people reading this passage have had no experience with tending sheep, but it is important to keep in mind that this discourse is about relationship. The Jewish community would have been familiar with the images of the shepherd and the hired hand. The hired hand to whom Jesus refers is an individual (or individuals) who had no relationship with the sheep he is paid to tend. The shepherd, on the other hand, is the one who knows and tends to the sheep with tender care. When Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd,” he is not only identifying himself as the one with whom he and his sheep have a mutual relationship, but also saying that he and the Father have a mutual relationship. While using the familiar shepherd imagery of the Old Testament, Jesus expands the image of shepherd to include “other sheep



GOSPEL MEDITATION

April 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal’s wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn’t care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don’t know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, “I know my own and my own know me,” and “I lay down my life for the sheep.” Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

— Father John Muir — Father John Muir

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY

MOMENTS

Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, “have you prayed about it as much as you’ve talked about it?”

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it’s a good sign that we’re losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

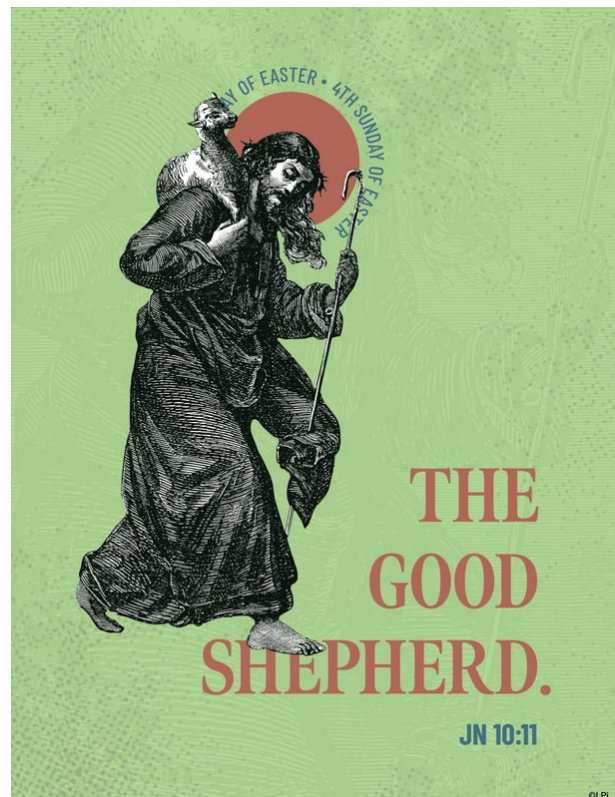
“It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes,” the Psalms tell us. Well, I’ve never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — “I’ve got this.”

It’s tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I’ll let you in on a secret: it doesn’t matter what the question is, we don’t have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



- **TUESDAY, APRIL 24TH**– BIBLE STUDY-6 P.M., ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSION DAY
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH**– YOUNG ADULT AND YOUTH MASS-10A.M.
- **SATURDAY/SUNDAY, MAY 4-5TH** – SODALITY MOTHERS DAY FLOWER SALE
- **SUNDAY, MAY 5TH**– FIRST HOLY COMMUNION-10 A.M. MASS
- **THURSDAY, MAY 16TH**-ST. AUG RITE OF PASSAGE-6:P.M. MASS
- **SUNDAY, MAY 19TH**– MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY-9:30 PROCESSION





REV. HENRY J. Davis

Lord, God, whose mercy and faithfulness are never-ending and unending, we beseech you now to look with favor upon your servant, Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ. We ask you please rain down your graces and blessings upon him in abundance for the healing of his body, his mind, and his spirit. We ask, if it please you, Lord, to restore him to full health, that you might be glorified once more to witness him presiding at your Eucharistic table and shepherding again the faithful flock that you have entrusted to his pastoral care. We know that you have invited all your faithful ones to partake of your suffering by sharing in your cross and bearing daily our own crosses with grace and dignity, so we implore you that his acceptance of this cross might bring your glory. We know that through his priestly ordination he declared his willingness to drink whatever chalice the Father might call him to imbibe. Our trust in you is complete, as we make this prayer through, with and in Christ, you Son, our loving, merciful and obedient Savior. Amen

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel: Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” (Jn 10:11)

SATURDAYS-9-3:00 P.M.

“A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.” – Saint Padre Pio

**COME!
LET US
ADORE**

**ADORATION
HOUR**

**CORPUS CHRISTI EPIPHANY CHURCH
IN THE ST. KATHARINE DREXEL
CHAPEL**

Readings for the week of April 21, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

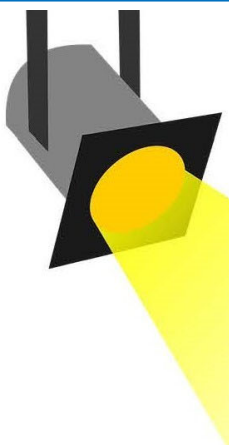
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Wednesday: Administrative Professionals' Day



SPOTLIGHT ON A PARISHIONER !

MEET...
EARL RAYMOND



On March 25, 2024, three members of the Men in Christ, Lawrence Perry, Paul Johnson and Joseph Peter visited one of their brothers in Christ, Mr. Earl Raymond, in residence now at St. Margaret's Nursing home. In health, Mr. Raymond was as an active member of St. Vincent de Paul, the Parish Council, a Minister of Hospitality, Bible Study and Men in Christ. He served as a handyman around the Church. After Katrina, Mr. Raymond worked tirelessly with Fr. Ray to make the church available for parishioners. The Men in Christ would like to express their sincere gratitude for the hard work, devotion and leadership Mr. Raymond has given to his congregation for many years. We thank God for Mr. Raymond and his servant spirit. May God continue blessing him.

PUZZLE
Help this lamb find his way into the sheep pen with Jesus.

A maze puzzle with a lamb at the top left and a sheep pen with a shepherd at the bottom right. The path is a continuous line that winds through the maze.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel
CYCLE B

COLOR
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

A line drawing of Jesus with a halo and beard, surrounded by several sheep. There are also hearts and birds in the scene.

In loving of memory of our loving husband, father, & grandfather LASALLE RATTLER, SR, we miss you, Your loving wife, Angela, daughter, son-in-law and grandsons

In memory of my dear friend, Nadine Laurent, Love, Angela

In Memory of
**PATRICIA & PHILIP
HEBERT, SR.**

In Memory of Alvarez and Onelia RODRIQUEZ



**DECAY
REMEMBRANCE**

**In Memory of
PAUL LUCIUS, SR.**

**By
Wife and Family**



In Loving Memory of Granny & Papa, Love Kelly & Kids

“Thanks for letting us stand on your shoulders, so we might see things of which you could only dream

**Beverly Ann L. Favre
Joan Favre Holsten
Anthony C. Favre**

In memory of our son, brother, nephew, cousin and friend

Irwin Anthony Lagarde, Jr.



In memory of our husband and father
EMANUEL A. MAIRE
*Missing you with all of our love,
Your Family*



In Appreciation of Your Love and Caring

Joseph Jean Favre Cecilia Favre
Rosemary Favre Carmel Favre
Milirain Favre Mays
Josie Favre Barnes Joseph L. Favre
Marlene Favre Cornelius

**IN MEMORY OF
THE FAVRE FAMILY**

*For Healing and Complete recovery from cancer,
Therese Peyroux Arroyo*



**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Good Shepherd and the Wolf

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs — real or imagined — that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation — not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: what's in it for Him? we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. Why does He keep trying?

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us.

*“I will lay down my life for the sheep.” —
John 10:11*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 20, 2024

4:00 p.m.

Stanley Cuillier, Jr by family, Joseph & Yvonne Bechet, **memorial** by son; Barry, Alma Miller, memorial, by family, Louise Bordenave, memorial B'Day, by Linda Bordenave, Numa P. Woods, memorial, by Linda Bordenave

Sunday, April 21, 2024

7:30 a.m.

Margaret Barnum, memorial, by Jerry & Rachal Gutter, Armand P. Mercadel, Sr., **memorial**, by wife & family, Rhett & Sheila Hamilton, 40th Anniversary, People of the parish

10:00 a.m.

Walter Bonam, Healing by CCE Choir, Alfred Robair memorial, by CCE Parishioners, For the people of the parish,

Monday, April 22, 2024

Victor Jourdain, Sr., memorial B'Day, by family

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament Associates

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Keith Jourdain, B'Day, by family

Thursday April 25, 2024

Sisters of the Holy Family Associates

Friday, April 26, 2024

Deacon Dominic Njoku, SSJ, by Glapion Family



***SICK & SHUT-INS
PRAY FOR THEM**

Joseph Narcisse, Angela Frick Rattler, Alce Delille, Bernadine Prevot, Mary LeBlanc, Semella Rawles, Emelda Fortune, Corey Peters, Raymond V. Morrell, Cynthia Robertson, Sheryl Allen, Bernice Ferdinand, Aaron La Cabe, Jr., Marcel Fortune, Kenneth Thompson, Sr., Vernon Dobard, Leo Dobard, Ethel Ancar, Vanessa Galle, Gloria Scott, Joycelyn Brown, Shirley Brown, Una & Nolan Millet, Lorraine Smith, Carolyn Mercadel, Gerard Willis, Joshua Mercadel, Maria Hebert, Myrtle Dorsey, Yvonne Washington, Louise Maldonado, Lorraine Condoll, Cheryl Lucius, Delores Jett, Oliver Lucius, Phyllis Mercadel, Niley Bieniemy, Laura Davis, Shirley Ward, Alcide Delille, Yvonne Guidry, Rosie Francis, Kermit McGuilles, Michael Condiff, Earl Raymond, Betty Quiet, *, Garielle Winfield. Lurlyn Lacour, Rochelle Saunders, Audrey Fleury, Michelle Robair, Erica Condiff, Lawrence & Phyllis Cuillette, Jacquelyn Lucius, Sybil Condiff, **Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ, VF.**, Ashleigh Francis, Ida Lewis, Gwendolyn Lampkin, Sr., Harold Luke, Jr., Melvin Sentmore, Lydia Barrow, Wilbert Clementin, Nelda Jones, Assunta Jackson, Doris Cuillier, Walter Bonam, Avery Johnson, April Hampton, Barry Delaney, Charlotte Butler, Wilfred Duplessis

Please, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Lagarde at 504-945-8931 to remove/add your family member to this list.

GOD BLESS



**PRAY THE
ROSARY
DAILY**

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS/
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 2) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 3) Valerie Harding
- 4) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 5) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 6) Joseph Boucree, Jeanette Sylvester, Kevin Hawkins
- 7) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 8) Marlon Brooks,
- 9) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 10) Nelita Ramey
- 11 Phyllis Mercadel, Carla Stanfill, Shelia Honore',
- 12-*Happy Birthday to you*
- 15) "Happy Birthday to you"
- 16) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 17) "Happy Birthday to you"
- 18) Robin Lopez
- 19) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 20) Larry Reeves,
- 21) "Happy Birthday to you"
- 22) Marvin Dugue, Karen Glapion
- 23) Kenneth Evans
- 24) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 25) Wayne Bierria
- 26) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 27) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 28) Jeanne Thompson, Pamela Perry, Gregory Dandridge
- 29) "Happy Birthday to you..."
- 30) "Happy Birthday to you..."

**GOD BLESS YOU ON
YOUR BIRTHDAY/
ANNIVERSARY**



**IN HONOR OF
SICK/SHUTINS OF THE PARISH**



We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. We hope that you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts within the community. Your prayers, your presence and your talents are most welcome. Please, introduce yourself during the welcome to visitors and new parishioners. **God Bless You! Very Reverend Henry J. Davis, SSJVF, Pastor**

MISSION STATEMENT

Continuing the legacy of our establishing founders, The Josephites, whose exclusive apostolate is to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ in the African American Community. We, the Faith Community of Corpus Christi-Epiphany Roman Catholic Church are called and sent by Christ, to live gratefully the life God has given us, and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all we meet. We conduct our mission in a spirit of Faith, Service and Community, thus allowing us to become closer to God as we bring God closer

Ministries/Organizations

◆ Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers	Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #60
◆ Altar Society	Fatima Rosary Group	Knights of Peter Claver Junior Daughters
◆ Bereavement	Finance Council	Lectors
◆ C.C.D	Garden	Legion of Mary
◆ Church Environment	Holy Name of Jesus Society	Liturgical Movement
◆ Counters	Knights of Peter Claver #60	Men in Christ
◆ Ministers of Hospitality	Parish Council	Sacristan
◆ Music Ministry	RCIA	Sodality of the BVM
◆ Grief Share Ministry		
◆ Society of St. Vincent de Paul		

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 4:00pm. Sunday Morning 7:30am and 10:00am.

Daily Masses: Monday -- Friday at 7:00am (In Church).

Novenas: Tuesday; Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena, Wednesday; St. Joseph Novena Friday; Sacred Heart Novena, after the 7:00am Mass.

Adoration: Saturdays in St. Katharine Drexel Chapel (Building D) 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSIONS: 1 hour before weekend Masses or anytime by request.

WEDDINGS: Make arrangements with office staff 6 months before event to begin the required preparation process.

CONTACTS FOR SACRAMENTS/ ORGANIZATIONS

Director of Religious Education: Mrs. Carla Mason
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Directors of RCIA: Ms. Shannon Stanley - 504-722-0493. Mr. Henry Hottor - 1-402-301-4815.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Charlotte Brown, President 504-503-1119.

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