



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 25

5p Tommy Trahan
7p

Sunday, April 26

8:00a Knights of Columbus and families
10:30a People of the parish

Monday, April 27

No Mass

Tuesday, April 28

8:30a Pat Cockerill (L)

Wednesday, April 29

6:30p Lorraine Derouen (L)

Thursday, April 30

8:30a Ann Johnson (D)

Friday, May 1

8:30a Sr. Mary Ligorius(D)

Saturday, May 2

5p St. Francis Altar Society and families
7p

Sunday, May 3

8:00a Knights of Columbus and families
10:30a People of the parish



Readings of the Week

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

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7;
Jn 10:22-30

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

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3,
21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab;
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4;
Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30
-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

ACTS 4:8-12

1 JN 3:1-2

JN 10:11-18



This weekend, in our first reading from Acts, Peter showed us how discipleship is a critical part of our communion with the risen Lord. He demonstrated how to be people who act in Jesus' name. In the First Letter of John, the author reminds us to meditate on God's great love so that a deep awareness of love as the source and the natural orientation of our life can

mature. Today's selection from the Gospel of John continues the theme of communion, presenting Christ's offer to be the shepherd who gives us life and makes us one with each other and with God.

The point is driven home that the first characteristic of the Good Shepherd Jesus describes is *consecration* to his vocation. He is no hired hand; he willingly lays down his own life on behalf of those who are his. But Jesus' description goes far beyond the image of even the most dedicated caretaker of sheep. He says he knows them, and they know him. Be careful not to underestimate the seriousness and intensity of what he is revealing here. Jesus goes on to explain that he and his sheep know one another as intimately as he and the Father know each other. That kind of interior knowing comes from sharing the same life, the same understanding, even the same desire. The intimate mutual knowledge Jesus shares with his sheep is comparable only to the relationship he has with the Father.



The people of Jesus' day knew plenty about shepherds. They were ordinary folks (from the lower caste) and yet favored images of God. The figure of the Good Shepherd invited them to understand the shepherd's field as an intimate place, the place of ongoing encounter with God. Today we are invited to perceive our everyday life as the setting in which we come to intimate knowledge of Christ our Shepherd. To help us do that, John urges us to remember all the signs

of God's great love for us. To top it all off, Peter shows us that doing Christ's work, acting consciously in Jesus' name, brings us into living communion with that Good Shepherd. He knows us and wants to be known by and through us. Peter would tell us that it won't be easy, but it's more than worth the trouble.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

KEYSIS BAKE SALE

The weekend of May 9 and May 10 after Mass. Come on down and treat yourself to a variety of goodies that will satisfy your sweet tooth.



Jornada de Formacion Ministerio

“Jesús Abrego, Director del Ministerio Hispano y Julio Beltrán, Coordinadora de la Juventud Hispana y adultos jóvenes, se presenta una jornada de formación Ministerio Litúrgico para los Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión y para Lectores en español, Sábado, 02 de mayo 2015 en el Centro Pastoral Católica , 710 Archie Street en Beaumont de 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. El registro es para ser realizada a través de Mercado Zelaya, Secretario de la Oficina de Culto, llamando al 409-924-4341 a más tardar el 29 de abril

COLUMBIAN SQUIRE/ SQUIRE ROSE

TAQUITO BREAKFAST SALE

SUNDAY, MAY 3

7 am—Noon

San Damiano Center

Sausage, egg and cheese/ chorizo, egg and cheese, and bacon, egg and cheese. We can accommodate large orders for plant workers, please e mail

Deacon Hector at hmm19@yahoo.com at least 1 week in advance. Taquito donation will be \$2 each, dine in or take out.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The family of S. Roy Simar is presenting the 5th annual \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior, who is Catholic and active in his or her parish. Applications are available in the parish office, due back to office May 1. Call Wanda Simar 883-4912 for more information.

First Annual Rosey Molina Memorial Scholarship

The family of Rosey Molina is offering two \$500 scholarships in her memory, available to a boy or girl. Applications/Qualifications are available in the church office, due back by May 1.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: Application Forms for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas \$500 scholarships are available in the church office or by contacting Jeanette Boehme, Regent, at 409-883-4021. Applications must be completed and returned by May 1st. Applicants may be girl or boy and from any local high school.

Knights of Columbus is offering a \$500 scholarship for a graduating senior. Applications are available in the church office and are due back May 1.

MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY FOR THE JUNE 25-28 MEN'S ACTS RETREAT AT THE HOLY FAMILY CENTER. THE COST IS \$170 BUT FINANCIAL NEED SHOULD NOT PREVENT YOU FROM REGISTERING. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE. A \$50 DEPOSIT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM HOLDS A PLACE FOR YOU. IF GOD IS CALLING YOU TO MAKE THIS RETREAT, REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE AND CHURCH WEBSITE.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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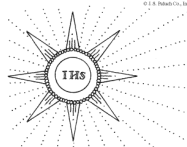
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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

May 5 - 9a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sign up sheets are at the entrances of the church.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Today we listen to the words of the Lord as he refers to himself as the “good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.” It is sometimes so difficult for us to grasp the reality that anyone would lay down his or her own life for the sake of someone else. This is especially true in a society that places high value on power and personal advancement, often at the cost of “trampling” on other people in order to climb the ladder. Today’s scriptures point to the one we are called to emulate—the one who lays down his life for his sheep. Today’s scriptures challenge us to discover ways to bring life to those around us—to build up rather than to tear down. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

EL BUEN PASTOR

El Cuarto Domingo de Pascua tradicionalmente se conoce como el “Domingo del Buen Pastor”. Hoy escuchamos las palabras del Señor cuando se llama a sí mismo “el buen pastor que da la vida por sus ovejas.” A veces es tan difícil para nosotros comprender la realidad de que alguien esté dispuesto a dar su vida por alguien. Esto es muy cierto en una sociedad que pone tanto énfasis en el poder y en el avance social, con frecuencia a expensas de “pisotear” a otra gente para escalar a la cima. Las Escrituras de hoy nos muestran a quién debemos imitar –al que da su vida por las ovejas. Las Escrituras de hoy nos retan a descubrir la manera de llevar vida a los que están a nuestro alrededor –a construir y no a destruir.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Imágenes antiguas de Cristo lo mostraban como un pastor joven cargando una ovejita en sus hombros. Él mismo se presenta como el buen Pastor (Juan 10:11). Esta imagen que nos conforta con el amor de Cristo, es en realidad una imagen radical. Hay que saber dos cosas sobre el pastor palestino de aquella época: 1) los pastores eran considerados sucios, peligrosos y ladrones, y 2) cuando cargaban una ovejita era porque ellos mismos le habían quebrado la pierna.

¿Porque Jesús se describe como uno de ellos? Jesús ve más allá de las apariencias y los estereotipos, y se asocia con aquellas personas que la sociedad de su tiempo odiaba y marginaba. Por voluntad propia decide estar entre los pobres y despreciados. Si Jesús viniera a la tierra en nuestro tiempo, se describiría a sí mismo como el buen inmigrante.

En cuanto a la ovejita sobre el hombre: en casos extremos, de ovejas rebeldes que se alejaban del rebaño, los pastores tenían que quebrarles la pierna para cargarlas sobre los hombros. De esta manera las amansaban para que no se alejaran de él. Dios no hace esto en nosotros, pero tampoco nos evita el sufrimiento. Antes bien, nos ayuda a llevarlo de manera heroica, como lo hizo con el santo Job.—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many of our customs surrounding critical illness come from antiquity, and yet attitudes have certainly changed. Death was an all too-familiar presence then, and people tended to see it as a natural and unavoidable part of life, not a personal catastrophe. People tried to review their lives, settle their affairs, say farewell to their dear ones, and welcome the deathbed vigils and prayers that assured them of God’s love and forgiveness. What people most feared was sudden death. It was dreaded and never discussed.

The faithful filled the catacombs with consoling images of the good shepherd carrying the sheep to safe pasture, or the faithful in glory seated at banquet tables. The prayer texts from the time are consoling and positive, and many inspired our modern prayers. The care of the dying flowed directly from Roman pagan practice; it was home based and family centered. Pagans didn’t especially fear death, but they were terrified by the dead. Christians, on the other hand, consoled their sick with psalms of joy and faith in the Resurrection. The goal was to assure the sick person of God’s love, and that the ties that bind the dead and the living would endure.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Forever In
Our Heart

May our faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.

William “Bill” Poisel

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**MONDAY, JULY 13-
FRIDAY, JULY 17**

For ages 3ys-4th grade
*3 year olds must be potty trained

Cost- \$10 per child

Registration Forms will be in
the back of the church
beginning May 10



Altar flowers for
April were
donated by:

Lon and Diana Craft
In memory of:
Joseph L. Mitchell

And

Louise Claybar
In memory of:
James Claybar

Blessed Mother flowers were
donated by:
Lanston and Christi Fall
In memory of:
Nolan Fall

SEMI-ANNUAL CHURCH CLEANING

All are invited to join the Altar
Society Women for the semi-annual
cleaning of the church on Monday
April 27 at 9 a.m.
Many hands makes
the work lighter.



BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL REPORT

176 families have pledged \$75,960
which is 98% of our goal from 28%
of our parishioners.

We have still not reached our goal for
pledges to the 2015 Bishop's Faith
Appeal. We are close, but just reach-
ing the goal isn't enough. Based on
our history of payments versus
pledges, we need additional pledges
of \$7,700, or 10% above the goal.

Why is that necessary? Every year
there are people who move out of
town, or have their financial
situation change, or die. The
additional pledges above the goal al-
low us to cover the pledges that are
not completed. If you have not made
a pledge, please consider
doing so.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT April 19, 2015

Amount needed each week \$11,873.00

Weekend regular collection (including building fund)	\$10,796
Short of Goal	\$1077

Year to date totals April 12, 2015
Amount needed (\$11,873. x 41 fiscal weeks) \$486,793
Total Sunday collections to date \$474,880

Year to date shortage - \$11,913



Saturday, April 25

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.

Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

St. Mary's Festival this weekend

Sunday, April 26

8 a.m. mass 10:30 a.m. mass

Sonlight choir 6:30 p

Adoration sign up

Monday, April 27

Adult choir 6 p.m.

ACTS reunion 6:30 p.m.

Divorced Catholics 7 p.m. youth room

Tuesday, April 28

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Men's faith sharing 5:45 a.m.

Women's faith sharing 6:15 a.m.

KC dinner 6:30 p.m. (A-H-veg, I-O-
dessert, P-Z-meat)

Wednesday, April 29

Mass 6:30 p.m.

Last Day for Keysis (Party)

Thursday, April 30

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Friday, May 1

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Girl Scouts 5:30 p.m.

First Communion Retreat 6p.m.

Saturday, May 2

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.

Mass 5 p-First Communion

Mass 7 pm

Sunday, May 3

8 a.m. mass 10:30 a.m. mass

7 am-Noon-Taquito Breakfast-SDC

Sonlight choir 6:30 p

Adoration sign up



Scan for Online Giving Link

Online giving is an excellent way to fulfill your obligation to support St. Francis parish. Go to www.stfrancisorangetx.org and click the online Giving link.