

Pro-Life Baby Bottle Drive	Prayer Request																														
Thank you to all who donated to the Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Baby Bottle Drive. They raised \$1,908.00. They will split the proceeds 50/50 between Save a Life Center in Pica-yune and Catholic Charities in Bay St. Louis.	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Donna Battaglia</td> <td>Gayle Duet</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emily Battaglia</td> <td>Donald Koenenn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Harlon Bennett</td> <td>Sandy Ledford</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brandon Boudreaux</td> <td>Denyse McGovern</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gene Breazeale</td> <td>Timothy Odom</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kay Cerisier</td> <td>Paul Parker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Will Crain</td> <td>Anne Petrucelli</td> </tr> </table>	Donna Battaglia	Gayle Duet	Emily Battaglia	Donald Koenenn	Harlon Bennett	Sandy Ledford	Brandon Boudreaux	Denyse McGovern	Gene Breazeale	Timothy Odom	Kay Cerisier	Paul Parker	Will Crain	Anne Petrucelli																
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Annunciation Parish Ladies Club will be having their annual 50/50 Raffle. Tickets will be available in the Vestibule after each Mass. Drawing will be at the BBQ Dinner on May 21, 2023.	Beginning July 1st Prayer Request names will be deleted and start anew. Please call the office to add names of family members needing prayers. Will delete every 3 months																														
CYO Raffle	Holy Mass Offering																														
The CYO is Ruffling a Basket of Goodies to raise money for its members to attend 2023 summer trip to Steubenville. Tickets are \$1.00 and will be sold at the Coffee Shop on Sunday mornings, and after 10:30 mass. Tickets are also available from Juanita Curet, Kelly Schwartz and CYO members.	Please call the office for any Mass Intentions requested for Your Loved ones.																														
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	READINGS FOR THE WEEK																														
	Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30 Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14 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 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12																														
	CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER																														
	Prayer at the End of the Day																														
	Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.																														



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APRIL 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8am, 10:30am

Weekday Mass: 8:00am (Chapel)
(Monday-Friday, Rosary after)

First Tuesday (of the Month) Anointing of the Sick & Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (after 8am Mass)

First Friday: 8:00am(Chapel)
(of the month) Mass & Devotion To Sacred Heart

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm
Sunday: 7:15 - 7:45am
9:45 - 10:15am
(Other times by Appointment)

Adoration

Tuesday: 8:00am-6:00pm
Friday: 8:30am-9:30am

Office Hours

Mon-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm
Wednesday 8:30am-12:00pm

Secretary Linda Bellocq



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading (Acts 2:14a,36-41)

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

Psalm (23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6)

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

Second Reading (1 Peter 2:20b-25)

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel (John 10:1-10)

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Gospel Reflection

Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter we reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd (Jn 10:1-10). Jesus is presented as the most genuine, committed and never compromising shepherd who is ever ready even to sacrifice his life for his sheep. Jesus is our Shepherd who leads, protects and guides us to the safest pastures of life. The Good Shepherd calls us by name, leads us out and goes before us. "But his bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed limber, because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel..." Gen 49:24. The Jewish people had always used the Good Shepherd image for Yahweh. "The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul. He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name" Psalm 23:1-3. "He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young" Is 49:11.

Reflection Continued

In John's Gospel Jesus claims that He knows his own sheep and they listen to his voice. Jesus is the door that protects and safeguards his followers. Jesus, the Good Shepherd who gives his own life for the sheep and he becomes their way that leads to life eternal. Jesus knows that his sheep require constant attention and care. A failure from the part of the shepherd to do so can be harmful to the sheep. The character of the sheep is such that they can never be on the right track unless they listen and follow the shepherd.

The sheep has no natural sense of direction, they do not seem to know which way to go in life. They are incapable of caring for themselves on their own and they are weak in nature. They can easily get weary and have no defensive instincts when a predator tries to attack them. Jesus by referring him as good shepherd wants to teach us how weak and helpless, we are and how would he go to any extent to save us. Like the sheep, we his followers are so vulnerable to failures in our lives. Jesus becomes our strength who helps to overcome our failures and weaknesses. Our role is to serve the God we know and know the God we serve. Let us pray that we may be enabled to hear Jesus telling us, "I am the Door. Whoever enters through me will be saved".

God is the ultimate Shepherd of the people, providing guidance, sustenance and protection and He intends his followers and other leaders to be shepherds as well.

<p>Special Collection</p> <p>For today</p> <p>Catholic Home Missions</p>	<p><i>Catholic Sharing Appeal</i></p> <p><i>You are the Light of the World</i></p> <p>The forms the Diocese sent to parishioners, please fill out and return along with your pledge to the Diocese. Those who have not yet made the Pledge, collect the forms from the Vestibule.</p>																					
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