

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 25, 2021



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

John 10:11

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ ~ RESPONDING TO THE CALL ~ ~ Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our Shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock, with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents. Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter ♥ The Rejected Savior

In the reading from Acts, Peter explains to the leaders of Israel how they cured a crippled man. They probably expected Peter to take credit for the cure, so they were waiting for him to hang himself by his words. Peter, of course, gives the credit to Jesus and then makes two important points. First he calls Jesus the "stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." This quote from Psalm 118 was used often by the early Christians to show that Jesus was rejected by fellow Jews when He was crucified, but was actually doing God's will when He gave his life on the cross. Thus, He became not just a martyr, but the Savior of the world. This gave comfort to those who had expected the leaders of Israel to follow Jesus and recognize Him as the Messiah. It also told those leaders that they could be forgiven for crucifying Jesus if they would simply repent. The second point, made by Peter, was that Jesus is the one and only savior of the world. In those days, the Roman emperor was considered to be a god and was called a savior. Peter says this to the leaders because they had to obey the emperor and his appointed rulers over Israel. While we no longer look to politicians to be saviors, we need to remember that Jesus is the Savior: He forgives our sins, shows us how to love God and our neighbors, and hears our prayers. He lives in us to support us when the answer to our prayers is "no." And in the end, He is with us when we die to bring us to eternal life. When we love others (and are loved by others) we experience a taste of God's love. Now the choice is yours: to reject the Savior or make Him the cornerstone of your life.



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***** ATTENTION PLEASE: MASS SCHEDULE UPDATE AS OF JANUARY 2021 *****

DAILY MASSES, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY @ 8 AM - INDOOR - CHURCH

♥ **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5 PM - INDOOR - CHURCH**

SUNDAY, 7 AM & 9 AM MASS - INDOOR - CHURCH

SUNDAY, 11 AM - OUTDOOR - PASTORS PLAZA AND - 5 PM SUNDAY MASS INDOOR - CHURCH ♥

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND SATURDAY VIGIL/SUNDAY MASSES

◆ IF RAINING OR BAD WEATHER, ALL SERVICES ARE INDOORS ◆



SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CONTINUE TO CHECK THE ST. ANASTASIA WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE TO STAY TUNED WITH UPDATES!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

FOR YEARS, WE HAVE TRADITIONALLY LISTED THE PRAYER INTENTIONS IN THE BULLETIN. KEEPING WITH THAT TRADITION, WE NOW LIST THOSE INTENTIONS AND PLACE THEM ON THE ALTAR DURING MASS. (THIS IS A TEMPORARY CHANGE. - THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING)

SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH -

- 7 AM - ST. ANASTASIA PARISHIONERS
- 9 AM - MARCEL & OLGA LORTIE ♥
- 11 AM - ODILIO RODRIGUEZ ★✠
- 5 PM - JAVIER ANTUNES ✠

MONDAY, APRIL 26TH
 8 AM - ROBERT REIS ★

TUESDAY, APRIL 27TH
 8 AM - JESUS' MERCY AND MOTHER MARY'S INTERCESSION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28TH
 8 AM - GAVIN HARBAUGH ✠

THURSDAY, APRIL 29TH
 8 AM - BETTE JANE FERRA ✠

FRIDAY, APRIL 30RD
 8 AM - MANUEL PEREZ GODOY ✠

SATURDAY, MAY 1ST
 8 AM - ELOISA MAURI ✠
 5 PM - MARTHA MALLEN ★



Birthday ★ Support ◆ Anniversary ♥ Memorial ✠



THE CHURCH IS NOW OPEN FOR SERVICES - PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

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A Prayer for Priestly Vocations



The Lord calls each of us to the Universal Call to Holiness, a life of friendship with God. Additionally, there are specific vocational calls—to marriage, the consecrated life, and the ordained priesthood. The priesthood, instituted by Christ Himself at the Last Supper, exists to lead us to the Eucharist, to preach the Gospel, and to carry on the saving mystery of the cross throughout the world.

A call to ordained priesthood, whether in a diocese or in a religious community, is a calling to serve God and his people. What distinguishes priesthood, most especially, is that the priest performs the Sacraments. In this way, he brings Christ to the Church in a way different, than any other person can. God wants to shower humanity with abundant blessings and graces, and He has chosen the priest to be the special instrument for this task. Without the priest and the sacraments, many souls will spiritually starve, and will find it hard to get to Heaven. This is why, discerning a true priestly vocation, is of the utmost importance.

There is a great need in the Church today, to increase the numbers responding to the call to priesthood. Each of us has a role to play in this effort, building awareness, and inviting the young people in our families and communities to be open to this call. It begins with teaching children to pray and to have a relationship with Christ. When we do that, we can have the confidence that they will respond to His call.

“O Lord, my God, You renew the Church in every age by raising up priests outstanding in holiness, living witnesses of Your unchanging Love. In Your Plan for our salvation, You provide shepherds for Your people.



Fill the hearts of young men with the spirit of courage and love that they may answer Your call generously. Give parents the grace to encourage vocations in their family by prayer and good example.

Raise up worthy priests for Your Altars and ardent, but gentle servants of the Gospel. Give the Church more priests and keep them faithful in their love and service. May many young men choose to serve You by devoting themselves to the service of Your people”.

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH
~ Next Week ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter
Saturday, May 1st, and Sunday, May 2nd, 2021

MASSES:

Sat: 5 pm
Sun: 7 am
Sun: 9 am
Sun: 11 am
Holy Communion @ 12:30 pm
Sun: 5 pm

CELEBRANTS:

Fr. Semik
Fr. Innocent
Fr. Semik
Fr. Semik
Fr. Innocent
Msgr. Cox



We encourage all to read and reflect on the Biblical passages that will be proclaimed at Masses next week!

First Reading — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — **This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love** (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).



Saint Anastasia was born in 281 A.D. and became a perfect symbol of peace, humanity, and solidarity. Her Feast Day is December 25th. She is a symbol of dialogue and collaboration. In her spirit, and in the spirit of love, we welcome all to the Catholic Community of St. Anastasia Catholic Church.

Did You Know? "United Together in Prayer"

We ask you, as the People of God, to unite in a special prayer for victims of child sexual abuse.

"A Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse"

*Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds and transform
brokenness into wholeness.*

*Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.*

*Breathe wisdom into our prayers and
labors.*

*Grant that all harmed by abuse may find
peace and justice.*

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



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NEWS FROM YOUR DRE (PCL)

Please contact me for any of the following, with questions or concerns.

Sacrament Preparation Class Updates:

- ◆ First Holy Communion - Year 1 and Year 2,
- ◆ Confirmation -Year 1 and Year 2,
- ◆ RCIA
- ◆ Family " ZOOMING with Jesus Time
(Open to all families with or without children),
- ◆ Baptism Class Parents/Godparents.

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FACTS OF LIFE

Mom publishes diary to share the good things about parenting a child with Down syndrome

Like many before her, one mom was deluged with negative information when she received a Down syndrome diagnosis for her child. Determined to make sure other parents were able to see the good things, too, she published the Down Syndrome Diary, filled with stories from 26 families in four Jamie Freeman, from the metro Detroit area, found out her son had Down syndrome when she was 16 weeks pregnant. And doctors were less than encouraging. You were given 30 pages of medical information of all the things that are going to be wrong with your child, and essentially, you're given a document that tells you this child's life is not going to be worth living." Yet when her son, Benny, was born, she was immediately in love. So she began keeping a diary, filled with her advice and experiences to be shared with other moms going through similar experiences. Her journal was first sent to Ontario, Canada, and then to more and more families who added to it. Social media brought even more people to the project, and eventually, the journal made its way back to Freeman. It's since been published as the [Down Syndrome Diary](#). As the book's description reads, "A journal filled with words, pictures, tears, and even a few wine stains became the greatest gift someone could receive upon hearing that their child has Down syndrome." www.liveaction.org

REMINDERS:

- ◆ Saint Anastasia offers Drive-Through Holy Communion, Sundays at 12:30 pm.

- ♥ [CONFESSIONS](#) on Saturday, from 3:30 to 4:45 PM

DIAMOND COURTYARD

Holy Water is available in the Parish Office.

Those interested, please call before coming, since the office remains CLOSED to the Public, @ 310-670-2243.

A donation is welcomed!

Courtesy Announcements

- ◆ Bishop Montgomery High School will host two Virtual Information Night on Wednesday, April 28 at 7:00pm. Prospective junior high and transfer student families are invited to learn why Bishop has been consistently voted the " South Bay's Best Private High School." Hear from BMHS administration, AP and STEM faculty, coaches, and students. Register at www.bmhs-la.org.



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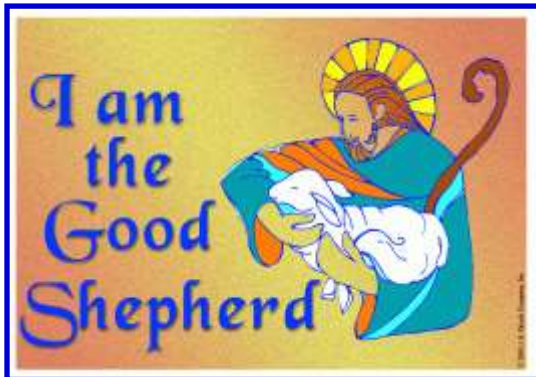
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- St. Ambrose



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Join Dr. Brant Pitre each week as he explains difficult passages, relates them to Catholic teaching, and gives cultural context for the Sunday Old and New Testament readings.

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There is no charge but registration is needed.
Contact: Carolyn Godlewski at ScriptureStudyGal@gmail.com



"Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endured for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you."
- John 6:27



Our bodies need to survive. God designed us that way. He also provides good food to help our bodies stay strong and grow healthy. But food isn't just for our bodies. Jesus wants to feed our souls—the part of us that lives forever. So Jesus makes Himself truly present for us in the Sacraments. He is also with us in our prayer and good things we do for others in His name. The more time we spend with Jesus, the more we are **spiritually fed with Jesus' true peace and love.** What's one thing you can do today to get spiritually fed? Think about it.

Jesus, help me find You in all things.



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