

MAY 8, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is called the Good Shepherd Sunday, because today's liturgy and the readings invite us to follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd faithfully and gratefully. Eternal life is not an abstract concept but a concrete reality that we can joyfully anticipate.

As Christians, we always have reason to celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ over sin and death. During the Easter season, this celebration is all the more emphasized. Today's Gospel proclaims what we celebrate: Jesus Christ has given us eternal life. However, the phrase "eternal life" can get stuck in the limitations of our imagination. We need a vision that helps us to better anticipate the glory to come.

Our second reading describes a vision of a great multitude from every nation, race, and language on earth standing before the throne of God. Wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands, they worship God day and night in his temple. They no longer suffer from hunger or thirst because the Lamb of God has led them to life-giving water. They no longer experience anguish or pain because God has wiped away every tear from their eyes.

God has fulfilled all his promises. He has healed all of their wounds, lifted all of their burdens, and given them the fullness of joy forever. And not only that, but God has given them himself in his fullness. They see God face to face. One day we also will see him face to face. One day our sufferings will end, and our joy will be full. Jesus Christ is shepherding us toward our eternal home. He has not left us orphans, but has given us the Holy Spirit to help us.

Even in the midst of great sufferings, nothing can take us out of the Father's hand. Whether we are in heaven or on the earth, God's hand holds us always. Therefore, let us celebrate the presence of God in our lives today while joyfully awaiting the eternal life that is to come.

**We are his people,
the sheep of his flock**

Psalm 100

SAINT PAUL
ROMAN CATHOLIC



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OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM 10:00 AM
HOLY DAY MASSES	9:00 AM 7:00 PM
CONFESSIONS	4:00-4:30 PM, SATURDAY OR BY APPOINTMENT

ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday	May 7
5:00 PM	Mass: Mary Joseph (RIP)
Sunday	May 8
8:00 AM	Mass: Rocco Canté (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Theresa Jenson (RIP)
Monday	May 9
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Healing for Ali
Wednesday	May 11
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Living and Deceased Members of Wodziak and Tarsa Families
Friday	May 13
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory
NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS	
5:00 PM	Mass: William Sabourin (RIP)
8:00 AM	Open for your Intentions
10:00 AM	Open for your Intentions

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

Blessing of Mother's

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

God our heavenly Father, you give to each the ability to share your generative love. Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love and bring forth life through their willingness to risk bringing new life into this world. Help us to show them our gratitude for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love. May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them his unfailing love. We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother. Amen

Pro-Life Rose Sale

A rose sale to help the Mother of Life Center will be held after all Masses **this weekend, May 7/8.**



All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Catholic pro-life counseling services provided free to women who come to the centers' offices. Thank you!

Fifth Sunday Rosary for Families

The St. Paul Council, Knights of Columbus invites all families to join us and our families in praying the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament after the 10AM Mass on Sunday, May 29, 2022 followed by Benediction. Please join us in asking for Mary's intercession for an end to abortion in our country and the world, for peace in our families and country, for an end to the pandemic and healing of all affected by it.

Food Closet Ministry

This month we are in need of **Cookies and Crackers.** The Food Closet is open every other Saturday morning 9:30- 11 AM.



Eternal Rest and Perpetual Light!

Mary Joseph, a long time parishioner passed away on May 3. Mary was well known for her sign off greeting: "God Bless and Safe Travels Always" Her funeral will be here at St. Paul's at 11AM this Monday, May 9. Please pray for her rest in God's mercy and for the comfort of her family.

BAPTISM

Please welcome into the family of God's People, **Sadie Rae Lefebvre and Josie Lee Boatright**, who were baptized Saturday. They are the newest members of Christ's Body--the Church.



Please pray that they and their families be strengthened by the Holy Spirit's gifts of faith, hope and love.

INVITATION

St. Paul's Knights of Columbus
Cordially Invite
The Women of the Parish
To be our Guests at
**A Ladies Appreciation
Banquet & Dinner**
Sunday, June 12, 2022
At 4:00 PM
At South Foster Fire Station Hall
(No charge for this event)
Please sign up in the Office
Or RSVP by 6/8/2022
Call 401-647-3664
Or Church@stpaulsfoster.org

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offerory Collection - April 30 / May 1
\$3,782.00

Monthly Second -April 30 / May 1
\$2,125.00

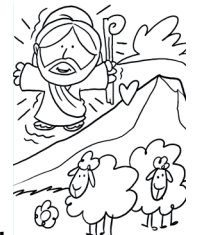
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LIVING THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the Week

Do we hear and follow? Before we can welcome Jesus as the good shepherd, we have to hear his voice. God's voice breaks into the dialogue of our lives in myriad ways, but we have to be attentive and receptive in order to hear it. It comes through the beauty of creation, the warmth and energy of love, the gift of compassion both received and given, the sacred miracle of life, and the orderly and purposeful design of things and in the truth found in God's commandments. Once we see the wisdom behind the commandments and teachings God places before us and are attentive to listening for his direction, we can begin to take the necessary steps and follow him. We are easily misled and there are many convincing "shepherds." Only one is Good. It is only the Good Shepherd who can lead us away from the evils that can hurt us and bring us to the good. We may not always like where God asks us to go, and it may not be the path others prefer to take. But we have to follow it because we trust that our kind Shepherd will keep us safe.

Kids Corner



Sharing the Gospel

Your daddy knows when you are talking to him. You know when your daddy is talking to you. Your eternal Father wants you to recognize his voice, too. God's voice always says good things to you. His voice warns when you are in danger. He tells you the right thing to do. He tells you how to stay away from bad things. His voice keeps you on the road to heaven. Listen to him.

Prayer

I want to recognize and hear your voice, O God.

Mission for the Week

I will pray for the children who cannot hear anyone's voice at all.