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## St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

ZACHARY, LA



### Mass Schedule:

#### SATURDAY:

3:30PM CONFESSION  
4:30PM MASS YEAR ROUND

#### SUNDAY:

7AM MASS  
10AM HOLY ROSARY &  
DIVINE MERCY  
11AM MASS

#### WEEKDAYS:

WED. 7:30AM MASS  
THURS. 7:30 MASS  
FRI. 7:30 MASS,  
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*Mass Schedule for Our Lady of the Assumption:*

**SUNDAY:** 9AM MASS

**TUESDAY:** 6:15 PM CONFESSION 6:30PM MASS

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MAY 3  
2020



FOURTH  
SUNDAY OF

# Easter

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

PSALM 133

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## IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we

are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;  
Jn 10:11-18  
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 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;  
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo  
Thursday: National Day of Prayer

### SANCTUARY LIGHT: MAY 2—MAY 8

The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn  
in memory of **Joey Vince, Jr.**

The Adoration Chapel will burn  
in memory of **Mamie Croxton.**

The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn  
in memory of **Carl Cooper.**



### In Sympathy

Our Communities of Faith  
extend our sympathy and prayerful  
support for the families of:

**Judith Patriquin**, sister of Frank Millican and  
**Larry Schulze**, father of Michael Schulze.

May the Lord grant comfort and peace to these families.  
May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Governor Edwards has extended the stay-at-home  
order through May 15th. Therefore we will continue  
to do our best to keep as many services available  
during this difficult time.**



### Confession / Reconciliation

Father Bayhi and Father Chuck  
will continue to hear Confessions  
at 3:30pm on Saturdays.

Father sits in the parking lot as you drive by and remain in  
your car. The heat and the gnats have become  
a bit of a challenge. So beginning this Saturday,  
April 25th, the priests will be available as long as needed,  
but once people stop coming, Confessions will end.

*Therefore, if you want to go to Confession,  
please come at 3:30pm.*

### Sunday Mass

is streamed live at 9:00 am  
and available recorded any time following  
on our website ([www.sjb-ola.org](http://www.sjb-ola.org))



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### Weekday Messages

(from Fr. Bayhi & Fr. Chuck)  
are recorded in the morning and  
available on the website around noon.



The Parish **Offices are closed** to the public. Someone is in  
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Religious Education	\$	250.00
St. Vincent dePaul	\$	498.00
Priest Retirement	\$	150.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$	15.00
Debt Reduction	\$	3,622.00

### OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

#### COLLECTIONS 04/23/2020—4/29/2020

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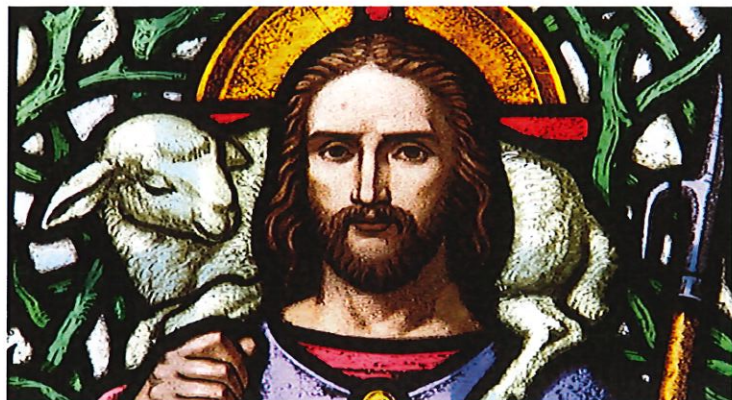
### SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

May 3

Call Philip the gospel's "Answer Man." "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathaniel asked Philip, who had proclaimed Jesus "the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets" (John 1:45). Jesus asked Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (John 6:5). Greeks brought Philip their request: "We would like to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Philip's answer to each question: bring people to Jesus! At the Last Supper, finally, Philip had a request of his own: "Show us the Father!" (John 14:8). Jesus had three last questions for Philip: "You still don't know me? How can you ask that? Don't you believe?" And an answer: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me" (John 14:10). Today's James is not John's brother, Zebedee's son, but, tradition says, author of the New Testament Letter of

James, who died praying for his murderers in Jesus' words: "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." Few historical details for either saint, but lessons aplenty: Bring every question we have and everybody we meet to Jesus; be, as James' letter challenges, "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22).





# FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*

MAY 3, 2020

The shepherd calls his own sheep  
by name and leads them.

John 10:3

## THE ONE WHO KNOWS US BY NAME

Today's readings tell about the confusion and fear that followed Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. In Acts, the people ask, "What are we to do?" after they are reminded that they were part of the death of Jesus, who was Lord and Christ. In First Peter we are reminded of Jesus' innocence. He did nothing to deserve the suffering and death that he experienced for us. Both the psalm and First Peter introduce the image of Jesus as shepherd. John's Gospel talks about Jesus as shepherd but not in the usual way. We recognize this shepherd's voice because he calls each of us by name. The confusion and fear we too often feel is calmed by the voice of the One who knows us by name.

## WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

The readings describe that time when confused and frightened followers of Jesus looked to the apostles to tell them what to do after the Crucifixion and Resurrection. The answer seems simple. They must believe that Jesus, whom they crucified, is both Lord and Christ, both God and human. They must acknowledge their complicity in his death and seek forgiveness. They must be baptized. In First Peter the standard for their behavior is Jesus' behavior. Jesus, though free from sin himself, bore our sins and returned no insult or threat. Peter introduces the image of the shepherd who is the guardian of us who have gone astray. The Gospel emphasizes not the shepherd's leadership but that we are called by name.

## LISTEN FOR YOUR NAME

The emphasis in John's Gospel is not on the leadership of the shepherd. The focus is specifically on the voice of the shepherd. We listen for the shepherd who calls us by name. We are not called to follow passively. We are called to recognize our name when it is spoken. We are to listen so that we can hear the voice of the One who knows who we truly are—not the external, transient realities like "I am a doctor" or "I am a mother." Our real name known to our Creator is much more than the roles we fill or the work we do. If my name is who I truly am, then I must listen for the One who calls me "forgiven" and "merciful" and "beloved." For this is my true name. This is my true nature.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:1, 4a, 36–41  
Psalm 23:1–6  
1 Peter 2:20b–25  
John 10:1–10



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