

Weekly Mass Schedule, Readings, & Intentions

Monday, April 26

Readings: Acts 11:1-18, Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 27

Readings: Acts 11:19-26, Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 28 *St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis
Grignion de Montfort*

Readings: Acts 12:24—13:5a, Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, April 29 *St. Catherine of Siena*

Readings: Acts 13:13-25, Jn 13:16-20

Friday, April 30 *St. Pius V*

Readings: Acts 13:26-33, Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 1 *St. Joseph the Worker*

Readings: Acts 13:44-52, Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, May 2 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Readings: Acts 9:26-31, 1 Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8

Please Pray For:

Margarite Woods, Ed Woods, Danny Davis, Kathleen Congdon, Susan Altenhofem, Lynn Twombly, Mark Olson, Carole Fisher, Tammy Dwyer, Donna Blythe
For the Repose of the Soul of Leona Pengra

Please respect their privacy.

***Please join our Prayer Chain ***

April 17-18 Contributions:

Regular \$2,184.00

Total \$2,184.00

Thank you for your Generosity!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays after Mass

Benediction

Every First Friday—

Reconciliation

Fridays 9:25 am—9:40 am

Saturday 5:00 pm —5:15 pm

Or by appointment

Anointing of the sick

Please call the Parish Office

Eucharist to the Homebound

Please call the Parish Office

Marriage

Please contact Fr. Selvam 8 months in advance.

JESUS

THE

SHEPHERD



She had been raised in a religious home and had been a regular church-goer until her university years when her interest in religion progressively dropped so that by the time of her graduation she no longer attended church.

Her indifference to religion continued for several more years after her graduation.

Her story focused on how that changed.

One day, several years after having given up going to church, she went to spend some time with a married sister who lived near a major ski resort.

She arrived on a Saturday evening and the next morning, Sunday, her sister invited her to go to church with her. She went skiing instead.

On one of her runs down the hill that Sunday, she hit a tree and broke her leg. Sporting a huge cast, she was released from hospital several days later.

The next Sunday morning, her sister again asked her to come to church with her. This time, with skiing not an option, she accepted the invitation.

As luck would have it, the readings for the day were about the Good Shepherd and as chance would have it, there was a visiting-priest from Israel.

The priest could not see her, complete with cast sitting in the back pews and so there was no explanation, other than divine providence or pure, sinister fluke, for how he began his homily:

"There's a practice among shepherds in Israel, he said, that existed at the time of Jesus and is still in use today that needs to be understood in order to appreciate what Jesus says about God as the Good Shepherd. Sometimes very early on in the life of a lamb, if a shepherd senses that this particular lamb is going to be a congenital stray and forever be drifting away from the herd, he deliberately breaks its leg so that he has to carry it until its leg is healed.

By that time, the lamb becomes so attached to the shepherd that it never strays again!"

"I may be dense," shared the woman, "but, given my broken leg and all that chance coincidence, hearing those words woke up something inside me.

I have prayed and gone to church regularly ever since!"

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

This weekend we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of the dioceses in the U.S and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. For more info. please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Disciples of Christ Community Garden

We have garden beds available for church members who would like to plant veggies for their family unit. If you are interested in using an 8 ft. x 4 ft. bed for the season, please contact **Susan Kirby** at (541)-997-2218. We are also in need of volunteers who will water the parish garden one day a week and who will help with weeding around the garden beds. Please contact Susan so she can set up a watering schedule.



THANK YOU from your St. Vincent de Paul Society!

Because of your great dedication to helping the poor and your amazing generosity, we were able to assist **5 Families and purchase \$1,311.55** worth of much needed furniture, appliances, clothing and beds during the month of March! Again, **THANK YOU** for your continued financial support, prayers, and all the donated linens too! They mean so very much to us and especially to our neighbors in need that we continue to serve each and every week of the year! May God bless you abundantly!

ARCHBISHOP SAMPLE: has announced Dispensation for Masses until Further Notice. **HOWEVER:** We are allowed to Celebrate Masses together in small gatherings.

WEAR A MASK & USE HAND SANITIZER

From the Archdiocese: In the event of an exposure or a confirmed COVID-19 infection, parish staff will contact persons who may have been exposed. The Sunday obligation remains lifted. **As the guidelines from the Archdiocese change, updates will be posted here and on our website.**

Free Food Boxes

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing **FREE FOOD BOXES** for anyone in need throughout the Florence community. It will take place on **Saturday's from 10-11 AM in the St. Mary's parking lot.**

A fond farewell to Pat and Sue Beckham as they begin their new adventure in Arizona. Thank you for your volunteer and ministry work throughout the years.

3RC's News

3 RC's, our "Cans Can Make A Difference Program" is still accepting charitable donations of returnable Cans and Bottles, in the breezeway of St. Mary's Hall. 100% of your donations goes to supplying and feeding, of the Homeless and the disadvantaged. Our post Lenten Prayer is: "Father, we ask you to bless in a special way the hungry, the lonely, the sick, and the discouraged. Remind us of our duty toward them and inspire us to be filled with a profound gratitude. We ask this through your Son, Jesus. Amen."

(excerpt from Fr. Selvam's Hope class opening Prayer!)

Will **You** Help Our Program with your act of mercy. Any questions call the **3 RC's** at (541)- 305-5547.

"With Faith and Love of God Always."



SVDP calling for your Attention!

St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society will be sponsoring a bedding and linen collection **starting on Mon. March 22nd, and continue thru April up to Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. Needed items are as follows: Sheets (all sizes), Pillow cases, blankets, towels and wash cloths.** These are for the lower income individuals or families in need who usually spend most of their immediate cash reserves to secure their living quarters and little is left over. So it's up to us, if we choose to help our neighbors in need, and give them a little comfort. Look for the **SVDP Collection Tote in the vestibule hallway.** Any questions call Britt at (541)-991-3333 and we thank you for your charitable Act of Mercy!

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