

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25, 2021

See what love

the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.

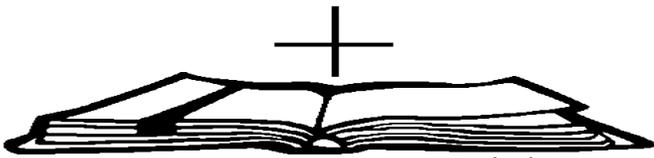
— 1 John 3:1

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.

Mass Intentions



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Sat., April 24, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Nick Sita, Amy Goff, Paul Bosworth, Marylou Widmer, Fred Kopfler, Hazel Tauzin Guidry, **and for the living**; In Thanksgiving, Karge Family, Robert Fonte, Lisa Guepet, David Jenkins, for healing, and Nicole Boroughs

Sun. April 25, 7:30 a.m. Parishioners

Sun. April 25, 9:15 a.m. David Tucker, Marlys White, Carol Pieri, Gene Grabbe, Fred Kopfler, Roeling Noel, Patsy Holland **and for the living**; Barbara Bellevue, Noleen Moynihan, Nancy Lore and Family, Brian and Kathleen Johnson and Family

Sun., April 25, 11:00 a.m. Arthur Bartel

Mon., April 26, 8:00 a.m. Louise Cashmere (L)

Tues., April 27 NO MASS

Wed., April 28, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule'

Thurs., April 29, 8:00 a.m. Ann Babe

Fri., April 30, 8:00 a.m. Leonard Wilfert

PRAYER LIST

Rosalind Baham

Deacon Frank Minor

Kenneth Vicari

Tuck Tucker

Catherine Atkins

Robert Till

Cindy Hebert

Chuck Armstrong

Louise Cashmere

Yolanda Bourgeois

LeLe Kopfler

Roxanne Troxclair

Curt Stansbury

Clarence Inniss



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THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary: David Jenkins

Blessed Mother: Carolyn Pierre

St. Joseph: Virgil Baham

St. Anne: Ethel Baham

We have some dates open for candles. If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle, please call 796-3806.

Sanctuary Flowers in memory of:

John Stahel

MOTHERS DAY REMEMBRANCE

If you would like your loved ones remembered in the month of May, please write their names in the remembrance book in the back of Church or on the entrance tables in Jonathan Hall.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY

We will be resuming our Evening Bible Study on Tuesday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. in Odilo Hall. The topic will be "Jesus: The Way, The Truth, And the Life." Please join us as we explore the life of our Lord filmed on location in the Holy Land. It is recommended that participants in the Study purchase a study set for \$32.00 including shipping. Please contact George Hemelt at 504-616-3926 if you need a study set.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Church Sanctuary to memorialize or honor your loved ones, stop by or call the Church office to purchase a flower arrangement. Dates available for purchase during the next three months are: May 22nd, July 10th, August 7th, August 21st, and August 28th.

100th ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT AND MUG FUNDRAISER!

St. John the Baptist Parish will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding on June 13, 2021. On this date we will commemorate our history, renew our Catholic faith and strengthen us as a Catholic Church parish. We want every parishioner to have a remembrance of this milestone in our church life. A t-shirt and a mug have been designed to commemorate our 100th Anniversary. We encourage every parishioner to get the t-shirt and mug. St. John's Altar Society volunteered to manage the sale and distribution of t-shirts for the 100th Anniversary Committee. All the funds raised by the sale of the t-shirts and mugs will be used to pay for the celebration of our 100th anniversary. Pre-orders for the 100th Anniversary t-shirts and mugs will be taken in front of Jonathan Hall entrances this weekend, before and after each weekend mass. T-shirts will be distributed before and after masses in Jonathan Hall the weekends of May 22nd and 23rd and May 29th and May 30th! Please refer to the pre-order form for information on design, color, sizes, and cost. There will be only one t-shirt printing run so please make sure you order all the t-shirts you want to purchase at pre-reorder time. Payment, for mugs and t-shirts, is expected at time of pre-order! Thank you for your attention and participation in this important fundraiser.

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Father John P. Fischer of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. This ministry was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

POPE FRANCIS'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

FEAST OF FAITH THE GOSPEL READING

The climax of the Liturgy of the Word comes with the proclamation of the Gospel. Everything tells us that something important is happening. We stand. We sing special acclamations. Servers with candles and sometimes incense lead the deacon or priest to the ambo, where the reading is proclaimed from a special book.

All of the readings are important, but the liturgy directs special attention to the Gospel for a reason. "Among all the inspired writings, even among those of the New Testament, the Gospels have a special place, and rightly so, because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Savior" (Dei Verbum, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council, 18). In the Gospels, the narrative of Christ's saving life, death, and resurrection continues to be proclaimed in our midst.

Our Sunday Lectionary is structured so as to allow us to hear as much of the Gospels as possible. The readings are arranged in a three-year cycle. In Year A, the Gospel readings are taken mainly from Matthew; in Year B, from Mark and John; and in Year C, from Luke. In this way, over the course of three years, we hear a substantial portion of all four Gospels.

REMINDERS

PSR Classes, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m., Jonathan Hall and Office Classrooms

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs, May 13th at 7 p.m.

Weekly Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

On Monday, April 26th at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall, our Church history class will conclude our study of the time period, Revolutions and Modernism, by viewing the docudrama, "The Hidden Rebellion." This film tells the true story of a rebellion within a revolution, of the defense of traditional values, and the men and women who support those values, against the attempt of the French Revolutionaries to squash those values by crushing those who adhere to them.