

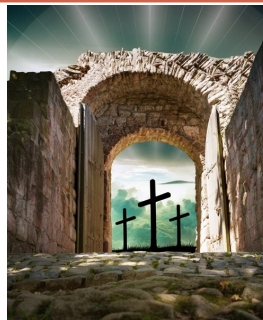
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The Sheepfold Gate—April 29/30, 2023

The function of the gate is to keep the sheep together in the sheepfold during the night, safe from thieves and predators. During the day the gate is opened so that the sheep can go out, following their shepherd, to find pasture. The gate and the shepherd work together for the well-being of the sheep, so that the flock thrives. Jesus is both the gate and the shepherd at the same time; he guards and protects his sheep from danger, and he provides for their nourishment, for their life in abundance. In this Sunday's Gospel Reading, Jesus begins by describing who he is not. Those who climb into the sheepfold in a furtive way are thieves and bandits who do not care about the sheep but only about their own gain (10:1). By contrast, the shepherd enters the sheepfold openly, by means of the gate (10:2). He is recognized immediately by both the gatekeeper, who opens the gate for him, and by the sheep, who know his voice (10:3). When he calls his sheep by name, they follow him, and he leads them out to pasture (10:4). The sheep will not follow a stranger but instead will flee from one whose voice they do not recognize (10:5). What, then, is the life in abundance Jesus promises? The whole of John's Gospel is focused on this gift of life. "In him was life, and the life was the light of all people" (1:4). "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (3:1). "Life" or "eternal life" in John's Gospel is not just about life after death. It is life which begins here and now; it is knowing the one true God and Jesus Christ whom God has sent. It is knowing the voice of the good shepherd who truly cares for us. It is life in community, finding security and nourishment as part of his flock. It is life which abounds in meaning and value and endures even beyond death.



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*"Trust in the LORD with all
your heart" Proverbs 3:5*

Special Tour to Lourdes, France

Celebrating the
75th Anniversary of
St. Bernadette
Catholic Church

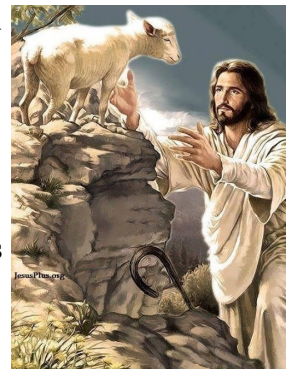
Saturday, October 14th, 2023 -
Tuesday, October 24th, 2023

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ItinLourdesFrance.pdf](http://www.thomastours.com/ItinLourdesFrance.pdf)



The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023 The fourth Sunday of Easter is called "Good Shepherd Sunday". In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is critical of the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders who become so angry, they attempt to arrest and stone Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.



In the portion of the chapter we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds. A good shepherd's concern for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. The actions of the good shepherd are based upon a relationship which develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in this unity he shares.

Join us for Bible Study

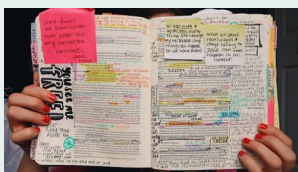
1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM

1:00 pm Meeting
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Passcode: 689472

Contact:
Carolyn James
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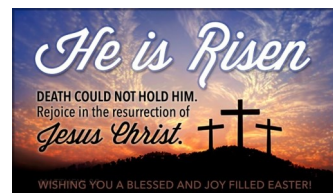
7:00 pm Meeting
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(310) 410-2962



The Oil of Catechumens The Oil of Catechumens is used during baptism; it is believed to strengthen the one being baptized to turn away from evil, temptation and sin. It is mentioned in the ancient Christian Apostolic Tradition as being "used before baptisms to put to flight any contagions which might obstruct the impending baptismal graces. It is blessed during the Easter Vigil. The catechumen, the person prepared for baptism, is also anointed as a symbol of being the heir of the Kingdom of God, as kings and queens are anointed at coronations, and empowered for their Christian life as prophets were anointed for their ministry. The Oil of Catechumens is intended to help strengthen the person about to be baptized, and prepare them for the struggle (asceticism) of the Christian life.

What is "EASTERTIDE?" Eastertide is the season in the liturgical year of Christianity which focuses on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It begins on Easter Sunday, which initiates Easter Week in Western Christianity, and Bright Week in Eastern Christianity. Traditionally it lasts 40 days, to commemorate the time the resurrected Jesus remained on earth before his Ascension. "**Eastertime**" is the period of 50 days, spanning from **Easter Sunday** to **Pentecost Sunday**. It is celebrated as a single joyful feast, called the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter. In some traditions, Easter Sunday is the first Sunday of Eastertide and the following Sunday (Low Sunday) is the second Sunday of Eastertide and so on. Easter Sunday and Pentecost correspond to pre-existing Jewish feasts: The first day of Pesach and the holiday of Shavu'ot. In the Jewish tradition, the 49 days between these holidays are known as Counting of the Omer. The first eight days constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord. Since 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter is also called Divine Mercy Sunday.



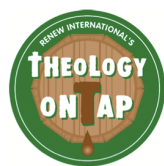
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at least two weeks in advance.**

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**After 10:00 am Mass
Every Sunday in the Parish Hall
If you would like to sponsor
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THEOLOGY ON TAP

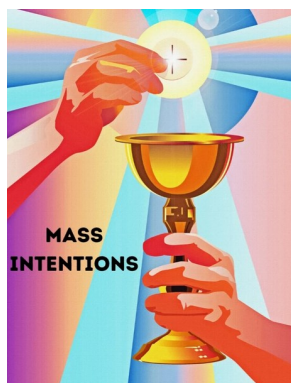
FAITH • FRIENDS • FUN

Theology on Tap is a program of lectures sponsored by a number of local Catholic dioceses. The lectures, which are often given by noted spiritual leaders and religious academics, address current topics in religion and theology, and are notable and sometimes controversial for their venue, which is normally a bar or restaurant. The concept has become common among other Christian Denominations, particularly Episcopalians, Lutherans, Anglicans, and some Presbyterian and Methodist churches. The series was cofounded by Father John Cusick, a resident of Old St. Patrick's Parish, and director of the archdiocese's Young Adult Minister and Father Jack Wall in June 1981 in Arlington Heights, Illinois, as the result of comments made by a recent college graduate who was "concerned about his personal identity and finding meaning in life." Lecture topics have included the sacrament of reconciliation (commonly referred to as confession), Christian values, faith and work, relationship issues, small faith communities, decision making or discernment, embryonic stem-cell research, religious fundamentalism, the relevance of the church in the modern world and to public policy, and women's role in the church. Since its inception, the program has spread to more than 180 parishes and dioceses and at least six other countries.

**Our next event is May 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm in our Parish Hall.
Come Hungry and Thirsty.**

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Daily and Sunday Mass intentions offered at St. Bernadette Church. To request an intention please provide the following: Is it for an individual? or family? Is the person Living? Deceased? Name of the person making the request? The Contact person's name? (If different than the requester) Phone? Email address? Requested date of the Mass? Is the intention for a special occasion, such as a birthday, or an anniversary Are the prayers for the healing of a specific disease or condition?



**Our Parish Hall is a great place for a variety of events:
Repasts, Luncheons, Business Meetings, Clinics, Inoculation Sites,
Seminars and a host of other events. It is fully AV Equipped.
For Details and Availability contact the Parish Office
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**Pray the Franciscan Crown Rosary in English by phone.
Saturdays at 8:00 AM PDST (720) 527-5833 Access Code: 1018760
Contact Veronica Chevalier chevalierv@sbcglobal.net**



LITURGY SCHEDULE

**MAY 01, 2023
MONDAY OF THE 4TH
WEEK OF EASTER
TO MAY 07, 2023
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Monday, May 01, 2023

8:00 am

Communion Service

Tuesday, May 02, 2023

8:00 am

Communion Service

Wednesday, May 03, 2023

8:00 am Mass

**Live-Streamed
and In-Person**

Thursday, May 04, 2023

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Friday, May 05, 2023

8:00 am Mass

Live-Streamed and In-Person

Saturday, May 06, 2023

3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 07, 2023

10:00 am Mass

First Communion

**Coffee & Donuts
following Mass in the Hall**

**Other Sacraments
(as Scheduled)**

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1 Corinthians 15:58

*Oh Lord, help every worker to
work wholeheartedly for the
church. Help them to remember
the work they do in the church is
not in vain as Your Word
declares Your work is never
wasted.*



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Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, April 29, 2023

Deacon Emile Adams RIP

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Donald Asher RIP

Did you know? April 29-30 Understanding the VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children

Commemorate April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Take time to learn about, update or sign up for the VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children Program. VIRTUS® teaches through early identification, awareness, and education, adults can be "proactive" in protecting minors and vulnerable adults from sexual abuse. Since the program began nearly 20 years ago, more than 405,000 adults have been trained in abuse prevention. Additionally, more than 165,000 Catholic school and religious education students are trained annually with an age-appropriate curriculum on boundary awareness and how to communicate if violations of those safe boundaries occur.

For more information:
[https://lacatholics.org/education
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APRIL IS NATIONAL
CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH

THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW!

**1st Holy Communion will take place
Sunday, May 7th at the 10:00 am Mass.
We have 10 communicants this year (2023)**

