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April 30, 2023



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;
I came so that they might have life and have it more
abundantly.” - Jn 10:9-10

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 4th

7:00 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal—church

Saturday, May 6th

3:30 P.M.—Sacrament of Penance—church

MEMORIALS:

The main altar flowers for the week of April 30—May 6, 2023 have been donated in memory of all members of the Kordyl and Woodard families—Evelyn Kordyl and family.

The Eucharistic Hosts and the Sacramental Wine for the week of April 30—May 6, 2023 have been donated in memory of Kate and Walt Enslen by Joan and Barry Sawester.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Gilda Campanelli
Hubert (Zeke) Dininny
Theresa Ketchum
Edward Masone
Nancy Schrage
Mary Ann Yessman



GOSPEL MEDITATION

I recently rescued a dog. She's a terrier and rather adorable. And she's crazy about me. She could spend all day with me. But I'm a pastor at a parish and sometimes I leave her at the front desk of the church office. She constantly amazes me by her ability to distinguish between my voice and that of everyone else. If I say one word, even if I'm hidden around a corner, she'll sprint toward me and jump up into my arms.

This week the readings focus our attention to the voice of the Risen Jesus Christ. Comparing His disciples to sheep and Himself to a shepherd, He says, "They recognize His voice." He speaks to us and wants us to respond. When we hear His voice, we follow. Throughout this coming week, we will experience many interior promptings to receive God's love, and to love Him in return. That's His voice. Follow it into the safe and tender arms of Christ.

By contrast, some voices we will hear do not convey God's concern and love for us, but rather produce fear, despair, and other harmful mischief. Jesus calls these voices those of robbers. Does an idea or thought make it harder for you to love God? If so, run away. Let it go. It is most likely not the voice of the Risen Lord. Keep waiting for Him to speak. You will recognize His voice. Then run to Him as fast as you can.— Father John Muire

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30, 2023:

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
Thursday: 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30, 2023:

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Joseph the Worker
Tuesday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Friday: Cinco de Mayo
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

MASS OF RECOGNITION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please join the Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, and couples celebrating anniversaries of Matrimony, for a Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony, on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at two o'clock in the afternoon, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester.

All married couples and their guests are welcome to attend and renew their vows with Bishop Matano. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition.

Please help us plan by letting us know you are coming by *registering online at <http://conta.cc/3Pne1pD> or emailing Donald.smith@dor.org.*

Additionally, the June issue of the Catholic Courier will feature a Wedding Jubilee section. If you would like your name and anniversary (25, 50, and above) to be included, please send an email, or letter with the following information: ***Names, Church, Town where you were married, wedding date/year, and wedding photo (optional).***

The **Email** is: weddings@CatholicCourier.com, and the **mailing address** is: Wedding Anniversaries, Catholic Courier, PO Box 24379, Rochester, NY 14624-0379.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

This weekend we observe the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As Catholics, we believe that through our Baptism God has a plan for our lives. God calls some to marriage, some to ordained ministry as priests and deacons, and others to consecrated religious life as sisters or brothers, and others to live as single people. Fully living our own vocation—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty and responsibility, but also a joyful one.

The word “vocation” means “call.” As Catholics, we believe God calls individuals to fulfill certain roles in the Church, both for their own holiness, and the good of the entire Church as the People of God. After the decision to follow Christ and seriously pursue holiness, our vocation is the most important decision in life.

Marriage: Most people are called to marriage—to wholeheartedly love their spouses and to joyfully welcome children. The purpose of marriage is for each spouse to bring out the best in their partners, help each other to one day reach heaven, and to teach their children to do the same. Like any vocation, marriage must be discerned, not assumed.

Consecrated Religious Life: Both women and men can join religious communities such as the Franciscans, Dominicans, Benedictines, the Sisters and Brothers Of Mercy, the Sisters of St. Joseph, the school Sisters of Notre Dame, etc. The life, ministry, and work of religious orders varies greatly—some are primarily devoted to prayer; others work actively in schools, hospitals, orphanages, social services, pastoral ministry, prison and jail ministry, etc. Common to all religious communities are the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The Sisters Of Charity, founded by St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta adds one more vow; that of service to the poor.

Priesthood and Diaconate: Priests being Jesus to people and people to Jesus through preaching and the sacraments. Priests are active as they counsel people, teach classes, celebrate the liturgy and sacraments, prepare homilies, administer parishes and much more.

Dedicated Single Life: Some people serve God as single people, without marrying or making special promises or vows. Single people “*contribute greatly to the good of the human family.*” (CCC 2231) “*Some live their situation in the Spirit of the Beatitudes, serving God and neighbor in exemplary fashion.*” (CCC 1658.)

Each of you has a personal vocation which God has given you for your own joy and sanctity. When a person is conquered by the fire of God's gaze, no sacrifice seems too great to follow God and give God the best of ourselves. This is what the Saints have always done, spreading the light of the Lord—and transforming the World into a welcoming home for everyone,” -Pope Benedict XVI.

During this week and beyond, let us take seriously our responsibility to encourage the young people in our lives to understand the various vocations open to them. Let us

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 6:45 A.M.	May 1, 2023-Easter Weekday Denis Amisano—his family
Tuesday: 6:45 A.M.	May 2, 2023-St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor Joseph Ruhmel—our wedding anniversary—his wife Janet
Wednesday: 6:45 A.M.	May 3, 2023-Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles Agnes and Jack Purcell—the Gallaghers
Thursday: 6:45 A.M.	May 4, 2023-Easter Weekday Bill Dominikoski—Bob and Theresa Bower
Friday: 6:45 A.M. 9:00 A.M.	May 5, 2023-Easter Weekday Carl Gross—Dan and Joan Hurley For all grandparents —living and deceased— St. Mary Our Mother School
Saturday: 5:00 P.M.	May 6, 2023-Easter Weekday For our First Holy Communion Communicants
Sunday: 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	May 7, 2023-Fifth Sunday of Easter For our First Holy Communion Communicants For our First Holy Communion Communicants

Pastor's perspective continued:

also encourage our young people to consider that they might have a vocation to the priesthood or vowed religious life. May we and our young be open to the vocation to which God may be calling them, as we all seek holiness and to build up the Kingdom of God in our world through our particular vocation in life.

Have a great week and enjoy these Easter days. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*God our Father,
You call each of us to use our gifts
in the Body of Christ.*

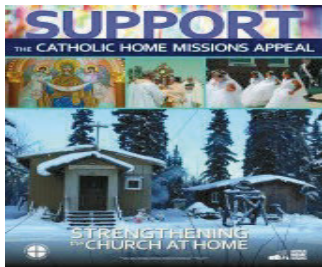
*Inspire your people with desire to know you,
the grace to understand your will,
and, with the strength of the Holy Spirit,
the courage to respond with love and freedom.*

*Send workers into your great harvest
so that the Gospel is preached,
the poor are served with love,
the suffering are comforted, and
your young people are strengthened by the sacraments.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

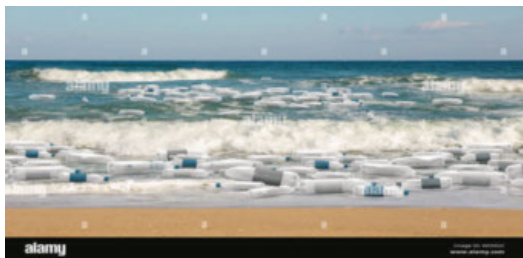
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CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER:



Pope Francis asks, "What kind of a world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others" (Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home). Contact Governor Hochul (518-474-8390)- ask her to support an expanded Bottle Deposit Bill in NYS to encourage recycling of plastic to keep plastics out of our oceans and landfills.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

"Whoever enters through Me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture," Jesus uses the image of a gate today to help us understand how we are to relate to Him. He is our path to "pasture," in other words, to the peace and prosperity that we long for. He shows us the way to find all that we need right there before us.

Some people, however, may think that it's better to avoid the trouble of finding the gate and thus choose to enter another way instead. But Jesus says, "Whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber." Although this is all cast in the gentle terms of an analogy about sheep, the message is

Continuation of Fourth Sunday of Easter

actually rather stern. Jesus is telling us that if we don't follow Him, we are taking the wrong course of action. He is not suggesting a kind of relativistic principle that says, "Following me is one of many good options." No. He is telling us that in order to "have life and have it more abundantly," we must follow the path that goes by way of Christ.

This isn't always the easiest path to follow. It might mean taking the long way around a situation instead of a shortcut. It might mean waiting a little while to get to that pasture instead of hopping the fence and finding it on our own terms. Insisting on using the gate may also make us look like fools to those around us. But to be truly faithful followers of Jesus, we need to trust that His way is the best way.

We need to trust that, by letting Him lead, we will ultimately end up in the best possible pasture. In our culture, it is becoming less and less popular to believe in one true religion, but as Christians we know that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE SCHEDULE.: All practices begin at 6:00 p.m.

Children scheduled to receive on **SAT., MAY 6TH**, practice is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD**.

Children scheduled to receive on **SUN., MAY 7TH**, practice is scheduled for **THURSDAY, MAY 4TH**.

YOUTH GROUP: The next meeting will be May 21st, from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m., in O'Brien Hall. We ask that parents plan to attend the start of the meeting when we will be discussing the great opportunity your child has to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference. (see details below).

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE:

DATE: July 14th-16th.

Any child in grades 7-12 are invited to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference. This is a weekend overnight conference on the campus of Franciscan University. This is an amazing experience that you don't want your child to miss in their journey of faith! If you are interested, contact Amanda Reeves or Lily Barr at the parish office at 607-739-8214, or by e-mail —amanda.reeves@dor.org, lily.barr@dorl.or

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:



Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, "Father, me dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a mass for the poor creature?"

Father Patrick replied, "I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature."

Muldoon said, "I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?"

Father Patrick exclaimed, "Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why did ya' not tell me the dog was Catholic!"

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