

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | APRIL 21, 2024



"I WILL LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP." —JN 10:15

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The Readings for the Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season give us a little more insight as to why Jesus went through such a horrific passion and death when, as God, He could have accomplished His mission in some other way. To see this, we must first step back and accept the fact that God is so far above our understanding that we must not compare Him to anything that mankind has or can do. With this in mind, we must admit that mankind could never fully repair the damage done by sin or disobedience, but God can give us what we are lacking in this regard.

The First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (4:8-12). In this passage, Peter is explaining how he could heal a cripple in such a miraculous way. It was not by his own power, but by the power he was given from God through Jesus Christ. Peter then quotes from Psalm 118, the same Psalm as in today's Responsorial (below). He talks about Jesus being the cornerstone or keystone necessary to bring a foundation or arch together. But this is the One the Jews rejected, and their faith and teaching cannot stand without Him.

The Responsorial Psalm (118:18-29). By now, this Psalm should be familiar to all because it is used so much during the Easter Season. It continually praises God for giving us so great a gift as His only Son, Our Lord, who steps in to rescue us from a spiritual wandering where there is no return without the divine Shepherd; but the Jews rejected this divine Shepherd and lost their way.

The Second Reading is from the First Letter of John (1 John 3:1-2). Here, John the Evangelist is telling us that God looks upon every man, woman and child as His own children, and what Father would not love His own children or would deny them the most important part of their life, life itself? In this passage, "life" is taken to mean eternal life; and when we reach that stage, we will be like the glorified Jesus after His Resurrection. **Wow! What a gift!**

The Gospel Reading from John (10:11-18) is often referred to as the "Good Shepherd" Gospel; but there is another theme within this passage that we should look at today. It is the theme of divine love (God the Father) giving us someone (Jesus) who will step into our place of punishment and accept what we could never endure. This is not unlike the good shepherd who will go to any length to save a lost sheep. Here the two themes come together in this Gospel passage. Jesus' suffering and death were not the result of getting "caught up" in a bad situation. The Father sent Him here to take our place, and He did it willingly, knowing what it would involve. This is the divine act of Love that surpasses all our understanding.

Isn't it comforting to know that we have someone who will look out for us and come after us if we get lost or misguided? But we must do something to make that connection. We must know His voice in prayer and be obedient to it. So, you are hereby challenged to spend some time in private prayer in an attempt to get to know or recognize the voice of the divine Shepherd when He calls to you. **Something to think about during your prayer time this week!**

~*Rev. Edward J. Smith*

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APRIL 21, 2024

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office.

Baptisms will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:12)

PSALM: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118)

SECOND READING: Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

GOSPEL: Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK APRIL 21, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

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 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



Sunday - Apr. 21st - 4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am - For our Confirmandi

Monday - Apr. 22nd - Earth Day

8:30 am - †Andrew Butti

Requested by: Cathy Sekletar

Tuesday - Apr. 23rd - St. George, Martyr;

St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 am - †For the Living & Deceased Members of the Tadessa & Belachew Families

Requested by: Hilaire Tavenner

Saturday - Apr. 27th - 5th Sunday of Easter Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - †Ellen Michie

Requested by: Virginia Glass

Sunday - Apr. 28th - 5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am - For Our First Communicants



Please pray for our Confirmandi:

**Layla, Grant, Katharina, Erin, Noah,
Chase, Maisyn, Zane, Jensen, Brooklynne,
Katelyn, Madelyn, & Vernon**

who will be making their Confirmation this Sunday, April 21st at 3 pm at St. Peter, Lorain with Bishop Amos.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.



Next Sunday, April 28th, we will celebrate First Holy Communion with our 18 children at the 10:00 am Mass.



Saturday, April 27th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Laura V.

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol B., Karen B., Joanne C.

Sunday, April 28th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Celia F.

Eucharistic Ministers: Anna S., Anna A.

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

OFFERTORY REPORT

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$6,240.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (3/31/2024) \$7,247.71
 7/1/2023 TO DATE +/-(-) BUDGET..... -(\$9,960.96)

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.



PRAYER FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.

*Dear Lord,
 You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd,
 who leads in ways beyond my understanding.
 Guide me in the paths You would have me go.
 Amen.*



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Gloria Badillo | Janet Baxter | Joanne Bilancini | Maryann Boylan | Tim "Swampy" Burton | Lynn Coscho |
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| Renee Golowenski | D'Arie Gonzalez | Delores Gonzalez | Jose Gonzalez | Jose Gonzalez Jr. | Juan Gonzalez |
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| Frank Murphy | Mary Nazario | Luci Payne | Elizabeth Raddell | Emily Raddell | Amy Schmidt |
| Jack Tocchi | Audali Torres | Rosa Torres | Nanette Truffin | Peter Uies | Stacie Velasquez |
| Nick Vivens | Sherri Wedgeworth | Paul Winkler | Richard Yurovich | Doris Zgola-Whitka | |

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

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Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests,

Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

“There is a school in Heaven, and there one has only to learn to love. The school is in the cenacle; the Teacher is Jesus; the matter taught is His Flesh and His Blood.”

~St. Gemma Galgani, Patroness of students and pharmacists, Italy 1878-1903

“I adore and venerate you as much as ever I can though my love is so cold, my devotion so poor. Thank you for the good gift of this Your Holy Body and Blood.”

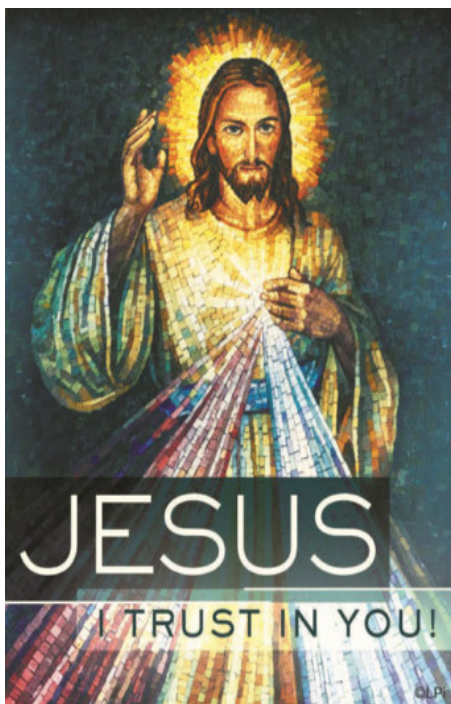
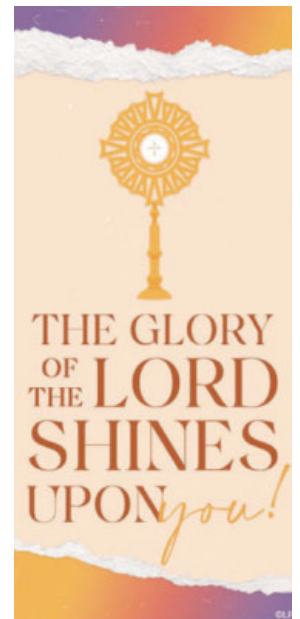
~St. Anslem, Benedictine, Archbishop, Italy 1033-1109

“Draw near to our Lord thoroughly aware of your own nothingness, and you may hope all things from His Goodness and Mercy. Never forget that Jesus Christ is no less generous in the Blessed Sacrament than He was during His mortal life on earth.”

~St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier, Sisters of the Good Shepherd Foundress, France 1796-1686

I know a secret key which never fails to open the gates of Divine Mercy. I know a river which will carry us into the promised land . . . And This secret key, This river, This palm tree, This star, This heavenly dew, This holocaust IS The Eucharist.

~Herman Cohen, O.C.D.



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - AT THE HOUR OF DEATH

When I entered my solitude, I heard these words:

At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the pardon is the same. When this chaplet is said by the bedside of a dying person, God’s anger is placated, unfathomable mercy envelops the soul, and the very depths of My tender mercy are moved for the sake of the sorrowful Passion of My Son

(Diary, 811).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, thank You for the promises You and Your Father made about praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the dying. Help us to make use of it for dying family members and friends. Amen!

“Jesus I Trust in You!”

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM PROLIFECORNER.COM

Many of the people who are opposed to abortion have been led to believe they should not “impose” their morality on others.

Think about this:

The child conceived by rape is as much an innocent victim as the mother; surely to love and care for both innocent victims is far more helpful to the woman than forcing her to deal with the additional violence and psychological trauma of an abortion.

Choose adoption not abortion.

Lord, let us not be cowards; give us the courage & wisdom necessary to stand up & fight the evil of abortion & euthanasia today. Amen!



CALVARY CEMETERY PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR - 4/27

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on **Saturday, April 27th at 1 pm** in the main office building of Calvary Cemetery, Lorain.

Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to pre-planning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains and the Catholic burial rite.

Please RSVP to this event to Calvary Cemetery, 216-641-7575 ext. 6 or email bstrauchon@clecem.org

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION SESSION - 4/28

The Office of Worship is offering formation sessions for interested practicing Catholics to become extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. The closest formation session is **Sunday, April 28th from 2:00-4:30 pm at St. Joseph, Amherst**. Please contact the Parish office, 440-288-0106, if you are interested in registering.

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE AT ST. TERESA - 4/30

All are invited to come pray before our Eucharistic Lord on **Tuesday, April 30th at 7 pm at St. Teresa of Avila Church**. The Holy Hour will include Scripture Reading,

Litanies & the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Questions? Call the church office at 440-934-4227



FIRST FRIDAY FORUM - 5/3

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will hear from Fr. Eric Garris who will be speaking on "Recruiting Candidates for the Priesthood for the Future" at our luncheon on **Friday, May 3rd**. Come join us for good food, fellowship and a great speaker. Lunch begins at 11:30 am at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd. Elyria with Fr. Garris speaking at Noon. All reservations need to be received by 6 pm on Monday, April 29th. Call 440-320-3272 or 440-213-2132 or email fflorain@gmail.com with your reservation. Cost is \$25.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST - 5/12

When: Sunday, May 12th

Where: St. Teresa Parish Life Center

Time: 9 am to 1 pm.

Menu: Scratch made Pancakes (unlimited), sausage, coffee & juice

Cost: \$10 for ages 11 and older & \$5 for ages 10 and younger

MOMS EAT FOR FREE!



MARIAN GUILD ANNUAL MAY LUNCHEON - 5/19

On **Sunday, May 19th** the Marian Guild will have their annual May luncheon at 11:30 am at the Lorain Senior Center on Garfield Boulevard.

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend!

We will have the crowning of the Blessed Mother, officers will be installed and new members will be honored.

In addition to a very tasty lunch, we will be entertained with several games of Bingo!

All winners will receive a little prize.

Very nice door prizes will also be given to a lucky few!

Please join us as we close out another prayerful and inspiring season.

For reservations, please call Terri George, 440-320-3270, or mail your reservation with \$15 to Terri George, 2220 E. Erie Ave., Lorain, OH 44052 by May 13th.

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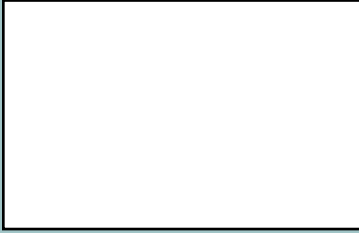
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