



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

Reading I: Acts 4:8-1

Reading II: 1 John 3, 1-2

Gospel: John 10, 11-18.

Revised Roman Missal: 670

Gospel Summary:

Jesus tells us in today's gospel that he is the Good Shepherd. He makes a distinction between good shepherds, hired hands, and wolves. As a good shepherd, Jesus knows his sheep and his sheep know him. He is so devoted to his sheep that he is willing to die for them. Not only is this image fitting for Jesus and God's people, but it helps explain the love of God for his son.

Reflection for Families:

When we consider the people in our children's lives, we find most of them represented in this scripture. There are the good shepherds. Mostly they are parents and grandparents or other relatives who significantly take care in our children's upbringing. In this group we go to the limits for our children. Then there are "hired hands" who help us because they benefit in some way—usually monetarily. But when push comes to shove, how much of themselves will they invest? It even happens that sometimes the people we thought were shepherds turn out to be hired hands. Finally there are the wolves—all the things that distract the shepherds or lead the sheep away. As parents we need to be aware of who these people are in our children's lives. We even need to look into our own hearts and desires and be certain that there are no wolves luring us from our precious sheep.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family:

Make a list of all the possible wolves in the life of a family. They are the people, places, situations, or entertainment that pull us away from the love, comfort, and care of the fold. The list might include work, social commitments, or friends. Identify the more serious "wolves" and make a plan as a family about how you will protect your family from them.

Discussion Starters:

1. Most of the time I am a sheep in the flock, but once in a while I am a wolf when...
2. Sometimes it is difficult for me to be a shepherd because . . . I will try to overcome this by...
3. Looking back on this situation, I recognize that I was a lost sheep and Jesus, the Good Shepherd, called me back by...

“ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”

◆ **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a **Second Collection** at all Masses for the Priests’ Retirement Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

◆ **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Please take note that Sunday School classes resume today, 21st April and starts at 10:30 a.m.

◆ **VICARIATE FRIENDSHIP DAY**

COOL will be hosting this year’s VICARIATE FRIENDSHIP DAY which will be held on Sunday, 26th May. Children from aged 8 to 12 years old are encouraged to join. Registration fee is \$ 12.00 per child inclusive of food and goodies. Please submit the filled-up registration form by Saturday, 12th May 2024.

Form link—https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdluvAlbdicSxJ28CRjRc_VmZblCrT_Ealx3FHxmHSgRROLFv/viewform?usp=sf_link

CONFESSION: Half-an-hour before Sunday Mass.

DEVOTIONS

HOLY HOUR—Every Wednesday after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION—Every FIRST Friday of the month, after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP—Every Saturday after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY—Every FIRST Saturday of the month, after the 5:30 p.m. daily Mass.

INFANT BAPTISM: Every third week of the month. Please register at the Parish Office during office hours.

GUIDELINES FOR MARRIAGE

Please meet the parish Priest 6 MONTHS before the intended date of marriage. For more details and clarifications, contact the Parish Office admin.

8 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO KYUSHU, JAPAN (7—14 OCTOBER 2024)

TOUR COST—\$3968 PER PERSON, TWIN SHARING

Rev Fr. Robert Leong will be leading a pilgrimage to Kyushu, Japan.

If you wish to join, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

DAY	MASS & OTHER EVENTS	READINGS	TIME
Monday 22	4TH WEEK OF EASTER	Acts 11: 1-18; Jn 10: 1-10	5:30 PM
Tuesday 23	4TH WEEK OF EASTER	Acts 11: 19-26; Jn 10: 22-30	5:30 PM
Wednesday 24	4TH WEEK OF EASTER HOLY HOUR	Acts 12: 24—13: 5; Jn 12: 44-50	5:30 PM
Thursday 25	ST. MARK EVANGELIST	1 Pt 5: 5-14; Mk 16: 15-20	5:30 PM
Friday 26	4TH WEEK OF EASTER	Acts 13: 26-33; Jn 14: 1-6	12:15 NOON
Saturday 27	4TH WEEK OF EASTER NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP	Acts 13: 44-52; Jn 14: 7-14	5:30 PM
Sunday 28	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 9: 26-31; 1 Jn 3: 18-24; Jn 15: 1-8	9:00 AM 6:00 PM