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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

Fr. Thomas Khue, Parochial Administrator Deacon Loc Nguyen Sister Elizabeth Diep Huynh, Bookkeeper Maria Faye Dolor, Secretary

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00am—1:00pm

Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm (English)

7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon (English)

4:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Weekdays: Mon-Fri. 7:30am, Sat. 8:00am 7:30 am with Adoration after Mass

Devotions

Adoration & Benediction: Fridays 6:00pm-7:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesdays after morning mass

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy: Mondays to Saturdays

after morning mass

Exposition & Benediction: Fridays 6:00pm-7:30pm

Confessions

Saturday 4:00pm—5:00pm or by appointment

Baptisms

Pre-Baptism classes for parents and godparents held every second Tuesday of the month. Contact the parish office.

- * Spanish Classes, contact Paty Ruvalcaba 925-365-1835.
- * *Vietnamese* baptisms, contact Fr. Thomas Khue at the parish office.

Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

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• Religious Education

RCIA Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, or membership in the Catholic Church.

• St. Vincent de Paul

Food pantry opens Saturdays 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm in the Parish hall



Monday, April 22

7:30 am Sotero & Teodora Cinco +

Tuesday, April 23

7:30 am Teresa de Melo +

Wednesday, April 24

7:30 am Maria Trinh Thi Ai +

Thursday, April 25

7:30 am Bert Tomas

Friday, April 26

7:30 am Danilo Fidel +

Saturday, April 27

8:00 am Ally Tomas Hartzell 5:00 pm Philip Suriaga + 7:00 pm (SP) Pedro Muro +

Sunday, April 28

8:00 am Thu Nguyen + 10:00 am Michael Enriquez

12:00 am Zenaida & Antonio Santiago +

4:00 pm (VN)



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association: Nerissa Riray, President (nriray@comcast.net)

Hispanic Association Martha Hernández: Coordinator (vimaen42@gmail.com) Contacto en Español: Paty Ruvalcaba 925-365-1835

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Portrait on the cover:

https://www.ncregister.com/features/good-shepherd-sunday-reminds-us-that-christ-is-our-salvation



Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own,

sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs

and the wolf catches and scatters them.

This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd,

and I know mine and mine know me,

just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

This is why the Father loves me,

because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again.

This command I have received from my Father."

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patricia Diokno, Mario & Emma Dolor, Jovita Domingo, Elizabeth Zamora, Julie Hansen, Xander Saavedra, Carmenchu Saavedra, Marlon Serna, Lois Belmessieri, Jonah Hansen, Chad Thompson, Viechel Hunter, Logan Kenney, Father Tom, Jasmin Toledo, Carlo Lagarejos, Victoria Lapid, Kip Trombley, Nico Guillermo, Grace Feliciano, Adele Frijas, Elouise Nicolas, Betty Tecson, Efren Lopez, Debra Solomon, Bert Tomas, Ally Tomas Hartzell, Rosalina Masangcay, Patrick Embody, Aida, all those in the Parish who are sick and all those listed in the Book of Intention.

If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the rectory 925-458-4718.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

Sunday Collection Apr 14: \$ 5,659.00 Building Fund: \$ 2,423.00 Assessment: \$51,581.00 Paid: \$ 12,895.26 Liability Insurance: \$20,261.00 Paid: \$ 4,052.20

Thank you for your contribution support to sustain the ministries & ongoing needs of our parish.

Please make all checks payable to either "OLQW" or Our Lady Queen of the World for both first and second collections. Also please put your envelope number on the Memo line.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

04/21/2024

Here are some of my scattered thoughts.....

My Dear OLQW Family,

- 1) Today, the Church celebrates the 4th Sunday of Easter. It is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocation Sunday. As our Good Shepherd, Christ willingly laid down His life for us. His flock. We celebrate our Shepherd because He loves and cares for us in all circumstances. He is willing to lead all who follow and obey Him. Let's pray for one another, especially for our young people, that they may know how to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. We also pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, Consecrated life as Brothers and Sisters, and Permanent Deaconate. May we learn how to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and respond generously.
- 2)The readings for this 4th Sunday of Easter demonstrate that Christ Jesus, as a Good Shepherd, cares for His flock. As a Good Shepherd, He knows His sheep and will do anything to save them. The readings also invite to reflect on the depth of Jesus' love and sacrifice, our identity as beloved children of God, and the call to unity and mission...

The image of Jesus the Good Shepherd appeals to us the tenderness of Jesus, his care for the sheep and his compassion. We are the sheep who is being carried by Jesus on his shoulders...Jesus is our support on our journey through life...We are not abandoned or forgotten when crosses or difficulties come our way by our Good Shepherd, Christ Jesus...He is supporting and holding us up! The other day I came across the poem, "Footprints", and found it so beautiful that I would like to share with you for reflection:

"I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has been one set of footprints in the sand.

Why, when I need you most, have you not been there for me?"

The Lord replied, "The years when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you."

- 3) Have you ever found yourself in a pit...broken relationship. unemployment, addiction, debt, loneliness, illness, worries about futures...Remember that Christ Jesus is the Good Shepherd and He is here to help us. But He will never force us. Are we willing to take his hand and let him to lift us out of a pit? Are we willing to let Christ Jesus be our Good Shepherd?
- 4) I want to remind you that the 2024 Bishop's Appeal has begun. We have a goal of \$19,600. I want to thank those who have donated and for those who have not yet, please consider donating. There are various ways to give,. You can write a check to OLQW and on the memo line write "Bishop's Appeal" or online with the diocese.

Thanks and have a blessed week.

Fr. TK



The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. 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 criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that 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 that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that 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 with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. 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 the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

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SAINT GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA

Saint of the Day: April 19



In less than 40 years, Gianna Beretta Molla became a pediatric physician, a wife, a mother and a saint! She was born in

Magenta near Milano,

the tenth of Alberto and Maria Beretta's 13 children. An active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a leader in the Catholic Action movement, Gianna also enjoyed skiing and mountain climbing. She earned degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia, eventually specializing in pediatrics. In 1952, Gianna opened a clinic in the small town of Mesero, where she met engineer Pietro Molla.

Shortly before their 1955 marriage, Gianna wrote to Pietro: "Love is the most beautiful sentiment that the Lord has put into the soul of men and women." In the next four years the Mollas had three children: Pierluigi, Mariolina, and Laura. Two pregnancies following ended in miscarriage. Early in her final pregnancy, doctors discovered that Gianna had both a child and a tumor in her uterus. She allowed the surgeons to remove the tumor but not to perform the complete hysterectomy that they recommended, which would have killed the child. Seven months later in April 1962, Gianna Emanuela Molla was born at the hospital in Monza, but post-operative complications resulted in an infection for her mother. The following week Gianna Molla died at home, and was buried in the cemetery of Mesero.

Gianna Emanuela went on to become a physician herself. Gianna Beretta Molla was beatified in 1994 and canonized 10 years later. Her liturgical feast is celebrated on April 28.

Reflection

With great faith and courage, Gianna Molla made the choice that enabled her daughter to be born. We can often wish that we were in different circumstances, but holiness frequently comes from making difficult choices in bad situations.

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla is a Patron Saint of: Doctors Unborn Children Wives

PARISH EVENTS

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY **PRAYER INTENTIONS:**

April 2024: For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Please Pray for the Repose Soul of:

Kathleen Embody Rodolfo Dimalanta Jack Mallet Rena De Marco Bob Hoppenhauer Nancy Dongallo Leslie Gehrke Michael Gott

May the Perpetual Light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, April 22

Hall & Portables: CCD 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 23

7:00 pm Hall: Filipino Association

Wednesday, April 24

P#2: Legion of Mary 11:30 am

Thursday, April 25

7:00 pm P#2: Divine Mercy Group (SP)

Friday, April 26

3:00 pm Hall: Filipino Association 7:00 pm P#1: Hispanic Choir

Saturday, April 27

9:00 am Hall & Portables: CCD 12:00 pm Hall: St. Vincent de Paul 6:00 pm Hall: "Spring Fling Dance"

Sunday, April 28

Hall & P#4: Vietnamese School 1:00 pm

1:30 pm CH: Youth Choir 2:00 pm P#2: Vietnamese Choir

GRIEF SUPPORT: AN EVENING WITH SANDY

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Repeats every Tuesday Location: Virtual Event

The grief support is called An Evening with Sandy. It is on Tuesday evening from 7.00pm to 8.00 PM. It is a peer ministry and drop in session. That means that we are group of people sharing our experience of grief along with each other. Sandy Heinisch is a grief trainer with the Diocese of Oakland who is also going through the grief process. Being a drop in session means you can come when you can if you are not able to make it one week that's okay. You can come the next week or when you can. Here is the link there is no password necessary.

Join Zoom Meeting

TEAMS OF OUR LADY www.teamsofourlady.org is a lay organization whose mission is to enrich Catholic

marriages. Small groups of couples, Teams, meet monthly for prayer, scripture & spiritual reading, communication, and a simple meal. Find out how marriages can benefit from being on a Team by attending a Teams Information Session:

Sat. May 4th at 5:30 pm Sun. May 5th at 11:30 am Sun. May 5th at 5:30 pm

Location: Queen of All Saints Church, Concord -**Hennessey Room**

For questions email Diana at sairafL@yahoo.com or text 925-348-2744.

SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS



Mourish For Caregivers is a ministry created specifically to offer support to the unique challenges of in-home caregivers. This Christcentered program brings resources and support to family caregivers who carry both the blessing and burden of providing comfort and healing to people who are ill, suffering, and

need special care. Caregivers can join local and/or national Zoom calls for more information, please go to https:// oakdiocese.org/nourish-for-caregivers.

HALL EXPANSION **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

The Building Fund 2nd collection will be for the Hall Expansion Capital Campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATON

First Holy Communion Schedule

Saturday, April 27th @ 9:30 am First Reconciliation Wednesday, May 8th @ 7:00 pm **FHC Practice** Thursday, May 9th @ 7:00 pm FHC Practice Saturday, May 11th @ 10:00 am FHC Liturgy

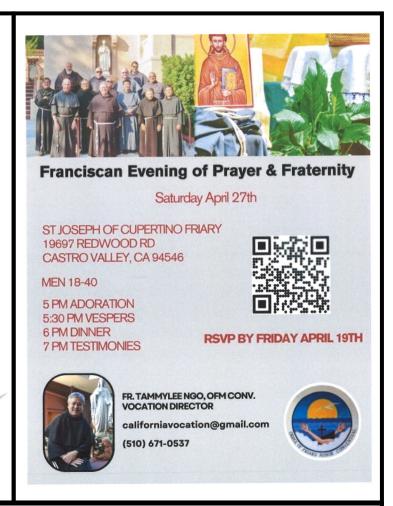
Confirmation Schedule

Holy Spirit Novena: All Confirmation students must attend

> May 10th @7:00 pm May 11th @ 2:00pm May 12th @ 5:00 pm May 13-17th @ 7:00 pm May 18th @ 9:00 am

Saturday, May 18th @ 10:00 am Confirmation Practice

Sunday, May 19th @ 5:00 pm Confirmation Liturgy



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OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD CHURCH 3155 WINTERBROOK DRIVE BAY POINT, CA 94565

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MAY 6 (MONDAY) 6:30 PM-8:30 PM MAY 7 (TUESDAY) 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

MAY 8 (WEDNESDAY) BAG DAY 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM

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PLEASE NO ENCYCLOPEDIAS, TEXTBOOKS OR MAGAZINES.

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