



Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 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.

John

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2018

Sunday, April 22 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Tom Neyer

12:00 **DE** Special Intention for the Helmut Roehrig Family from Mary

Monday, April 23

St. George, Martyr, St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

12:10 Jerry Rouse from Terri and Michael Hinckley

Tuesday, April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

12:10 Agnes Baer from Carol and Larry

Wednesday April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist

12:10 Purgatorial Society

Thursday, April 26

12:10 Cathy Albers from Helen

Friday, April 27

12:10 Ruth Ahaus (Birthday Remembrance) from Elaine Ahaus

Saturday, April 28

St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr: St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

12:10 Special Intention for Julie and Olivia Jaspers

BW 7:00 Susan Castleberry from Hap

Sunday, April 29 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 **TH** Ron Koettters from the Family

10:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

12:00 **BW** Regina Ricciardi from Anthony

From the Pastor's Desk

Harper Anniston Murray was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism last week here at St. Rose Church.

Chinedum Ndukwe and **Alexandra Gunter** were united in the holy sacrament of Matrimony April 14th here at St. Rose.

Travis Cunningham and **Maria Kelly** were united in the holy sacrament of Matrimony April 14th here at St. Rose church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Kyle Plush** and **Charles Klette** whose funerals were this past week here at St. Rose Church.



This Sunday, our second grade CCD class will receive their First Communion at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We would like to congratulate:

Noah Thomas Breen, Frances Ann Heath, Carlo

Kennelly Rammundo, Harold Ryan Smyth, Leo Buse Smyth and Tate Daniel Wojcik.

St. Vincent DePaul Society has a Celebration of Service celebration every year honoring someone from the local community. This year they are honoring Fr. Barry. This is a benefit for the Society.

If you are interested in attending on May 8th at the Cintas Center, you can purchase tickets at SVDPcincinnati.org/COS or call Casey White @513-562-8841 Ext. 011.

The Catholic Relief Collection was \$6,836.45. Thank you for your generosity.

The Cincinnati Catholic Men's Conference: Attention men, fathers and sons! The Cincinnati Catholic Men's Conference is almost here and makes a perfect opportunity for a day of faith, inspiration and bonding. We are expecting a HUGE turnout, get complete information on the conference and purchase tickets at www.CincinnatiMensConference.com. Get your ticket today for Saturday, April 28th, 2018 at the Taft Theatre. Featured Speakers: 1)Fr. Mitch Pacwa of EWTN 2)Fr. Larry Richards, Found of Reason For Hope Foundation 3) Coach Gerry Faust, former head football coach of Moeller High and University of ND and more.

You are invited to join Fr. Barry for a **10-day trip to Italy** next fall, October 2-12, 2018 for five days in Florence and five days in Rome with side trips. If you are interested in an itinerary, call the office at 513-871-1162.

Lectors/Lay Distributors for April 28th and April 29th

7:00 M. Luehrmann, W. Russ, L. Solimine, Joe Keller

8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Tim Smullen, Lenny Diaspro

10:30 Roland Becker, Bob Sheil, Joe Sonnefeld

12:00 Patrick Homan, Matt Schwietering, Shawn Gillette



Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

In the early church, before Jesus was depicted as suffering and dying on the cross, he was depicted as “the Good Shepherd.” This image was central to early Christian identity. We see paintings and even statues of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The cross seems to have been too painful or too inappropriate to be an effective way to portray Jesus. The Good Shepherd conveyed the Christian message much more clearly. Today we celebrate “Good Shepherd” Sunday as we read this famous gospel story from John. We are no longer in the realm of resurrection appearance stories, but now we have entered the world of Jesus’ “I AM” parabolic discourse. In John, Jesus doesn’t preach in parables, “The kingdom of God is like . . . a shepherd, a gate, a vineyard, etc.” Instead, we hear Jesus say, “I AM the good shepherd,” or in another passage, “I AM the gate,” or “I AM the vine,” etc. Some scholars call this an “I AM” Christology of the Fourth Gospel because it is used so frequently here, as opposed to the Synoptics. The Gospel of John has an intense emphasis on the person of Jesus, reflected in a high Christology. The joke is that if you ask Jesus in the Gospel of John how he’s doing, he’ll take two chapters to say he and the Father are just fine.

The ancient image of a shepherd was raised by Pope Francis shortly after he became pope. He said he wanted priests to have “the smell of the sheep” on them. This kind of graphic, even smelly, analogy offended some people. But it is precisely the image Francis meant to convey, and the language stems from this gospel story about Jesus himself being the Good Shepherd.

Closing Prayer

Hear, O God, the prayers of your children gathered at your table. Open our hearts and spirits to hear the voice of your Son leading us to the fulfillment of your kingdom. We make these prayers in the name of your Son, Jesus the Good Shepherd. Amen.

For Reflection:

- Where do I hear the voice of the Good Shepherd today?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in *The Roman Missal* called the “collect”);
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully “Reflecting on Living the Gospel” and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to “For Reflection”;
5. Pray the “Closing Prayer.”

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Gospel

John 10:11-18

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 away, 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.”

Readings for the week:

4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12
Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:1-18

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

Tuesday
Acts 11:19-36
Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7
John 10:22-30

Wednesday
St. Mark, Evangelist
1 Pet 5:5b-14
Ps 88:2-3, 6-7, 16-17
Mark 16:15-20

Thursday
Acts 13:13-25
Ps 82:3-3, 21-22, 25 and 27
John 13:16-20

Friday
Acts 15:26-33
Ps 26:7, 8-9, 10-11ab
John 14:1-6

Saturday
Acts 13:44-52
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
John 14:7-14

5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31
Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8