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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 22, 2018

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday-Thursday - 5:40 pm - Holy Rosary
6:00 pm - Holy Mass

Friday - 3:00pm-Quyana Care Center

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 4:30 pm - Confessions
5:00 pm - Holy Rosary
5:30 pm - Holy Mass

Sunday - 10:30 am - Holy Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1). There's Religious Education this Sunday after 10:30am Mass.

2). April 28th & 29th is Catholic Home Missions Appeal Weekend. There will be second collection to Support mission work throughout diocese and US so please be generous.

PARISH STAFF

Tom Moran - Parish Council President 443-6601
Megan Mackiernan - Vice President 443-4501
Rebecca Callahan - Member 443-7158
Patrick Callahan - Member 443-1236
Angie Gorn - Member 443-3286

Caroline Proulx - 434-6010 Religious Education Director

Mo Koezuna - 304-1492 Volunteer Book Keeper

READERS AND EM'S

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>
Sat 4/21	Janeen Sullivan	
Sun 4/22	Leona Mayac	Bernie Alvanna-Stimpfle
Sat 4/28	Elsa Bronson	
Sun 4/29	Frances Contreras	Kitty Scott / Sylvia Paniataaq
Sat 5/5	Janeen Sullivan	
Sun 5/6	Kitty Scott	Jennifer Fast
Sat 5/12	Angie Gorn	
Sun 5/13	Sylvia Paniataaq	Gretchen Froehle /Megan Mackiernan
Sat 5/19	Elsa Bronson	
Sun 5/20	Julie Farley	Kitty Scott / Jennifer Fast
Sat 5/26	Betsy Brennan	Volunteer
Sun 5/27	Jennifer Fast	Bernie Alvanna- Stimpfle/Megan Mackiernan

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon - 6:00pm - Holy Father's Intentions
Tue - 6:00pm - Bishop Chad's Intentions
Wed - 6:00pm - Priest's in Fairbanks Diocese
Thu - 6:00pm - For all the deceased in Nome
Fri - 6:00pm - For QCC in Nome
Sat - 5:30pm - For the Faithful in the Parish
Sun - 10:30am - For the Faithful in the Parish
(Note: If you have any personal intentions to be prayed for please let me know)

FAMILY CONNECTION TO THE GOSPEL

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. 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.

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.



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

9 April 2018

Dear Parish Administrator:

As you know, our diocese has just 18 priests to cover 46 churches across an area one and a half times the size of Texas. There are just not enough priests to go around, but God's people still need the Mass and sacraments as often as possible.

I am asking all Catholics in our diocese to join together in a "Day of Adoration and Prayer" for God to raise up priests from among our own people. It is especially important to me that our native Catholics one day have priests that represent them. **Will you please join me in praying for God to raise up native priests?**

I need the assistance of everyone to make this event successful. Will you please help by doing these things in your parish to promote the Day of Adoration and Prayer?

1. Organize a 1- to 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration vigil at your church during the month of May. If your parish is not familiar with this devotion, please see the enclosed flyer, "What is Eucharistic Adoration?"
2. Have parishioners sign up for Adoration. We have included a sign-up sheet for you to post. Make sure parishioners understand they are to pray specifically for native priests.
3. Schedule a Mass or prayer service to pray for native priests on the same day you have Adoration.
4. Put the enclosed poster up in a place where everyone will see it.
5. Read the enclosed announcement during or after every Mass until the event.
6. Give out the enclosed flyers at your Communion services or Masses until the event.
7. Host Eucharistic Adoration at the church on the day you chose.
8. Gather for Mass or a prayer service on that day, too. If you are having a prayer service and not Mass, please use the enclosed script.

God has blessed our diocese with many good priests, but we desperately need more. It would be a tremendous blessing for our diocese to have Yup'ik/Cup'ik, Athabaskan, and Inupiat priests to serve their own people. Let us take this opportunity to put our request before God to raise up native priests for the Diocese of Fairbanks.

Sincerely in Christ,

†Most Reverend Chad W. Zielinski
Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska
Diocese of Fairbanks



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