

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

*More Than 50 Years of Faith!*  
**Saint Pius X**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL “To renew all things in Christ”

Dear Friends,

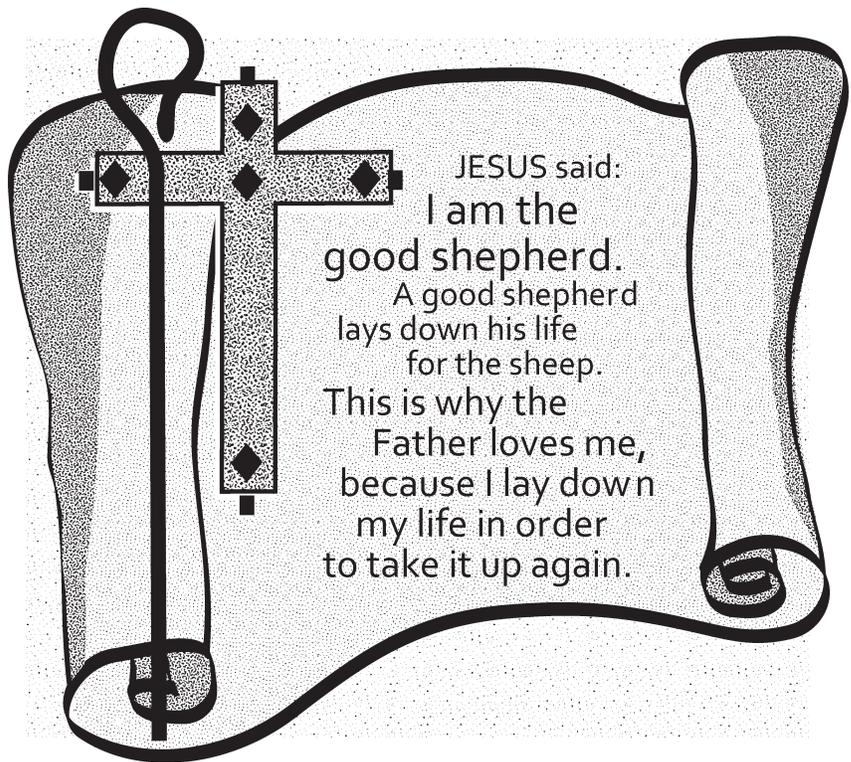
Think for a moment about priests who have been important in your life. No doubt there have been some who played a significant role in leading you closer to Christ. They gave a word of advice, presented a joyful and friendly disposition, preached a compelling homily, officiated a wedding, or just displayed a calm presence. These are just a few ways that priests impact God's people in a positive way. The role of a priest is to shepherd us into the loving care of the Good Shepherd.

The majority of us are probably most influenced by our parish priests. Those are the ones with whom we typically have the most contact. When I consider the priests who've come across my path throughout the years, I can't help but think of such figures as Msgr. Adams, who once told me that I would become a priest. I shook my head in disagreement, but his statement continued to echo in my mind. I also think of Msgr. Shirley who set an example of generous, selfless, and dedicated service. His sense of pastoral leadership and his attentiveness to people has always been an inspiration in my own priesthood. I also bring to mind the likes of Msgr. Roger Smith, Msgr. Howell, or Msgr. Chamberlin who each have mentored me in different ways.

There are also priests that I knew in a more peripheral way, like Abbott Luke or Fr. Boniface, Benedictine Priests who used to live and teach at the old Academy. They showed kindness and encouragement to me in ways that have left a lasting imprint. There are also a sprinkling of Irish priests, like Fr. Morgan Rowsome, Msgr. Pat Higgins, and Fr. Seamus McGowan whose charm, practicality and pleasant dispositions have also made me appreciate God's special love. I also think of the Redemptorist priests from Our Lady of Perpetual Help some years back. When I was a high school youth, they helped to give me direction that set me on a path toward the priesthood.

One of the things I recognize about all the priests who have been influential in my life, is that they all have very unique personalities and gifts. None of them were perfect by any means, yet, each of them have affected me in different ways that led me to a more well-rounded faith. We just never know what impact a priest may have in our lives

God has established the Priesthood in order to give us pastors who help us to grow in holiness, who lead us in worship, or teach us the mysteries of the Kingdom. While some priests seem to have a great deal of charisma, others may be content to do their daily tasks in faithful, unassuming ways. It doesn't really matter what type of personality a priest has, God uses those whom he calls to minister in various ways to meet the various needs of his Church. The beauty of the Priesthood is that God calls whom he wills – humble persons that cover the whole gamut of unique gifts, so that they might stamp the world with manifold perspectives on the gospel.



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On this Good Shepherd Sunday, Christ helps us to realize how much he cares for us, his people. Part of his abiding care is that he sends us priests to be his representatives in ministerial work. Like Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd, he calls us priests to also be good shepherds who lead the flock of Christ along the path to the Kingdom. I look at those priests who have gone on and at those who have dedicated their lives to the priesthood for many years, and I can't help but give thanks to them for being Christ to me.

At the same time, I also look to some of the nuns who have been influential and have also been examples of faith. In particular, I think of my late great aunt, Sr. Gabriel, who I look up to for her fidelity to Christ all those years in the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament sisters. For a number of years, she was the driver for the sisters. In her latter years, she suffered a stroke that confined her to a wheelchair for quite some time. She was always there when I offered Masses at the convent and she had a wonderful smile that brightened my day. Though she was unable to speak to me, her simple smile showed me Christ-like love.

Christ always provides for his sheepfold. Though we are struggling with vocations these days, let's not lose hope that Christ will stir up the hearts of young people to follow his call. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, let us give thanks for our shepherds and let us pray for many more to follow the call of the Shepherd and give their lives for the sake of the sheep! God bless,

## **Acts of Charity Meeting**

Our Acts of Charity ministry will be having a meeting this week on Tuesday, April 27th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

## **Mother's Day Novena**



The Mother's Day Novena starts on Sunday, May 9th, at 5:30 pm Mass. If you receive offertory envelopes in the mail, there are Mother's Day Novena envelopes included in your packet. For those who do not receive monthly envelope mailings, there are cards and envelopes in the church vestibule for your use. The card and envelopes inside can be given to your living mother to let her know that she is included in the novena of Masses. On the outside envelope, write the names of your mothers, living or deceased, that you would like to include in the novena of Masses and insert a donation to be returned to the church. More than one name can be written on the outside of the envelope for the Novena, so there is no need to take more cards than needed. Please bring all novena envelopes and donations to the church by Friday, May 7th.

Parish Office Hours:

*Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM*

## **Schedule of Services**

*Masses: First Saturday: 8:15AM*

*Saturday: Vigil at 5:30PM.*

*Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM*

*Vietnamese Mass: 7:30PM*

*Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,*

*Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM*

*Holy Days: 6:30AM, 8:15AM, 12PM & 6:00PM(Vigil 5:30PM)*

*Confessions: Saturdays - 4-5PM and Thursdays 7:00-7:50PM*

*Marriages: By appointment only and notice six months in advance.*

*Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.*

*Anointing of the Sick: First Friday Healing Mass or by request.*

## Scholarship Donations

We are currently accepting contributions for our two scholarships; the Christopher Janosek and Emil & Marie Habeeb Scholarships. The graduating seniors in our parish will have the opportunity to apply for this scholarship money. If you would like to donate to either of these scholarships, you can drop your donation in the collection basket or make an online contribution. The scholarships will be awarded at the Graduation Mass.

## Second Collection for Retired and Infirm Priests

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Retired and Infirm Priests of our diocese. Your gift to this collection provides vital support for medications, nursing care and more. It also helps religious communities implement long-term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the people of God.

## Stewardship Is A Way Of Life

Our parish is engaged in many different types of ministry that serves the People of God and helps spread the Gospel message. We encourage you to support these ministries by your regular contributions. To make a contribution, open the camera on your cell phone or tablet and scan this code, which will take you to our contribution portal. Thank you for your generosity!



## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today, April 25, 2021, marks the 58th Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

## TRAVELING MONSTRANCE COMING MAY 6th

We are embarking upon a tremendous opportunity to unite the Body of Christ in a profound way within our diocese. Parishes are taking part in a diocesan wide program that is uniting the Diocese of Corpus Christi in prayer through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We invite all of you to embrace this opportunity in coming together as the Body of Christ and spending time with Our Lord in prayer as we honor the Name we bear as a diocese. The Traveling Monstrance will be here at St. Pius X on May 6th. Mark your calendars!

## Comings and Goings

### *The Week at a Glance*



#### **Sunday, April 25th**

2:00PM – School First Communion – CH & PH

3:00PM – Catholic Scouting – CC#2

#### **Monday, April 26th**

6:00PM – Acts of Charity – CC#1

6:00PM – Confirmation class – CC#2

6:00PM – Cubs - CAF

7:00PM – Scouts - CAF

#### **Tuesday, April 27th**

4:00-4:45PM – Cubs – CC#1

6:00-7:00PM – Acts of Charity - PH

#### **Wednesday, April 28th**

7:00-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

8:00-12:00PM – School – PH

6:00PM – CCD – CC#1&2

#### **Thursday, April 29th**

1:00-4:00PM – Bridge Club – CC#1

4:00-4:45PM – Cubs – CC#2

6:00-7:00PM – Cub Scouts – CAF & CC#1

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:00 – 7:50PM – Confessions - CH

#### **Friday, April 30th**

#### **Saturday, May 1st**

10:00AM – Baptism class – CC#2

4:00-5:00PM – Confessions - CH



**Deadline for submitting  
bulletin announcements is  
Wednesday's @ 12:00noon**

## ***Feast of Corpus Christi 2021***

June 3, 2021 begins the celebration! Begin with a Diocesan Procession and Holy Hours on June 3, 2021 at Corpus Christi Cathedral. Celebrate at your local parish on the following Sunday, June 6th.

## ***Year of St. Joseph***

Pope Francis has dedicated this year as the Year of St. Joseph. In these days of turmoil and seeming lack of direction, we need a father-figure to help guide us. St. Joseph is the perfect Saint to provide us with stability and protection. We encourage you to use this prayer during this year.

### **Prayer to St. Joseph**

Guardian of virgins, and holy father Joseph, to whose faithful custody Christ Jesus, Innocence itself, and Mary, Virgin of virgins, were committed; I pray insistently and beseech you by these dear pledges, Jesus and Mary, that being preserved from all uncleanness, I may with spotless mind, pure heart, and chaste body, ever most chastely serve Jesus and Mary all the days of my life. Amen.

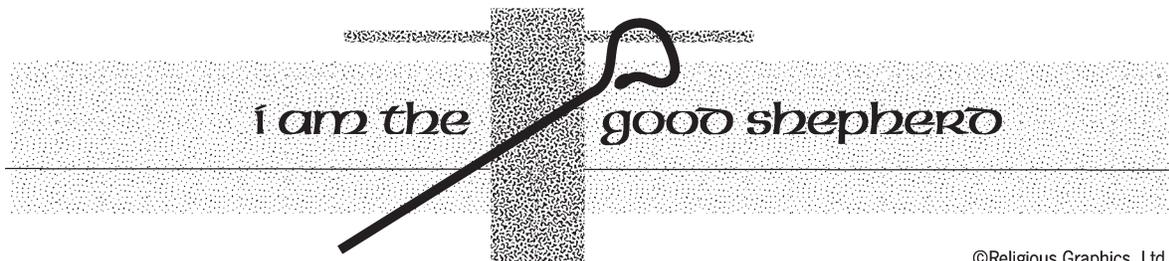
## ***Beatification of Jose Gregorio Hernandez Cisneros this Friday!***

Holy people are not always very far removed from our lives. This Friday, April 30, 2021, Dr. Jose Gregorio Hernandez Cisneros will be beatified in a ceremony in Venezuela. Interestingly, he is connected to one of our local faithful. He was the uncle to Josefina "Chispa" Bluntzer, whom we regularly see at Masses here and one of the early parishioners of our parish. Dr. Jose Gregorio, was a Venezuelan physician that dedicated himself to teaching, medicine, and faithful religious observance. On a couple of occasions, he sought to be a priest, but his fragile physical condition ultimately prevented him from pursuing a vocation. He became renowned for giving medical treatment to the poor for free and even purchased medicine for many with his own money. During the Spanish flu pandemic, he tended to those who became ill. After his death by being struck by a car, his fame grew. People began to claim to have been granted miracles after praying through his intercession. The miracle that led to his beatification occurred when a girl that was shot in the head recovered. Let's celebrate the sanctity of another of God's servants!

## ***Congratulations To the New Confirmandi***

We want to offer our congratulations to all the individuals who received the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Wm. Michael Mulvey, STL, DD, this past Thursday. They were sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the presence of family and friends. The following is the list of the newly confirmed:

Elizabeth Ann Arnolds	Theodore Ames Buchanan
Matthew Aaron Buchanan	Hannah Elizabeth Cazalas
Preston Kenneth Cazalas	Pierson Charles Cazalas
Dylan Cruz Guerrero	Luke Benjamin Gunning
Joseph Thomas Holland	Allison Christine Kostoch
Sara Carolina Lozano	Robert Arthur May, III
Luke Henry Muenster	Anna Ivy Nguyen
Kolbe Brian Purnell	Bryan Leo Rivera
Joseph Lawrence Roberts	Kathryn Sellers Speed
Milla Beth Van Maren	



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## School News *By Principal Beth Hinojosa*

*Our mission is to develop the whole child in a Christ centered environment to become a loving and productive citizen in today's world.*

### IMPORTANT DATES

2ND GRADE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION @ 2 pm 4/25/21  
EARTH DAY 4/22/21  
SPLASH DAY 5/14/21 K3, K4, K5  
SPLASH DAY 5/21/21 1st-6th  
6TH GRADE MASS AND GRADUATION @ 10 5/26/21  
AWARDS 5/27/21  
PRE K @ 10:00  
KINDER @ 11:00  
AWARDS 5/28/21  
1ST @ 9:30  
2ND @ 10:15  
3RD @ 10:45  
4TH @ 11:30  
5TH @ 12:00

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Blue Jay Families,

Our students are enjoying the spring weather here at St. Pius X. Here in the classrooms they are watching caterpillars transform into butterflies, tadpoles grow into frogs, larva become ladybugs, and seeds grow into plants. They are also dissecting owl pellets and look forward to dissecting frogs in the weeks to come. I love seeing the excitement in their eyes as they learn about all of God's creations.

Golf Classic Report- We had a very successful tournament this year! We cleared about \$40,000 in the end. I am so grateful for all the support of the parish and school. We had 34 teams this year and had beautiful weather. We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day. I want to thank all our sponsors and teams for making this such a fun event. We are looking forward to next year's tournament and hoping to double our profit with some BIG plans in place. I will keep you all posted. God Bless.

### ***Action Alert Regarding The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 619)***

The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 619) has again been introduced in Congress to protect babies from infanticide. But efforts to bring the bill to a vote in the House are being blocked. Your action is needed to urge your Representative to sign a discharge petition that would allow this vote to occur.

TAKE ACTION NOW by contacting your legislators by visiting: <https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/USCCB/Campaigns/83732/Respond>

Some states have passed laws to expand abortion and to repeal laws providing specific protections for babies born alive after surviving an attempted abortion. The Born-Alive Act would provide these specific protections nationwide to help prevent newborns from being killed or left alone to die.

We must continue to push Congress to pass the Born-Alive Act, so babies born alive following an abortion attempt are treated the same as any other newborn baby. PLEASE ACT TODAY!

### ***One Minute Meditations***

**For His Love** - Each day, offering our very best to God raises all of our efforts to the level of a prayer. He rewards our dedication with peace, joy, and awareness of His presence in all that we do.

**Choose Companions Well** - Delilah had to know the secret of Samson's strength but God had forbidden him to reveal it. *"And when she pressed him hard with her words day after day, and urged him, his soul was vexed to death"* (Judges 16:16). He gave in and it was his undoing. Don't let anyone, friend or family, pressure to into violating God's commandments.

**Hold Hope** - *"When a man has died, were he to live again, all the days of my drudgery I would wait, until my relief should come"* (Job 14:14). Despite all his misery, Job clung to the one truth that also gives us hope - salvation. God offers the hope of being with Him forever.



**Saturday, April 24th**

5:30PM † Martin Hinojosa Annv. by Bazan/Leal/Hinojosa families

**Sunday, April 25th**

8:00AM † Ethel Dulak by S.J. Jarsik

10:00AM † Paul Koenig by Harly & Karen Day

12:00PM † Norman Paris by Larry & Donna Grove

5:30PM For the Parishioners

**Monday, April 26th**

8:15AM † John Boyd by Lucy Boyd

**Tuesday, April 27th**

8:15AM † Frank Battaglia by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora

**Wednesday, April 28th**

8:15AM † Ninfa Zalazar by Mary Fodor & Elena

† David N. Scherzer by Grace Scherzer

† James W. Kelly, Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly

† Albert T. & Mary Pat Slavik by James & John Kelly

† Rose Marie Hand by Art & Lou Kaler

† George Hoelscher by Wanda Hoelscher

In Thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy by Florentino Sheldon, Jr.

† Mario Lopez by Diana Zavala

† Ethel Lang by Pete & Joanne Volpe

5:30PM † Ray Schramel, Annv. by the Reumuth family

† Anna Van Dyck by James Kelly

† Claude T. Allen, Jr. by Joyce Zarsky

† Maury Jarrell by Elizabeth & Blake O'Lavin

Liliane Van Hoof's well-being by James Kelly

John C. Kelly's well-being by James Kelly

James W. Kelly 3rd well-being by James Kelly

† Charlotte Groner by T. Groner

† Jerry & Gloria Alvarez by Patrick & Rosie Lehmann

**Thursday, April 29th**

8:15AM † Mary, John & James P. Kelly by K.K.H.

**Friday, April 30th**

8:15 AM † Ellen Hubbard Annv. by Carolyn Buehrig

5:30PM † Beatriz A. Salinas Annv. by family

**Saturday, May 1st**

8:15AM † Cynthia Schuman by Mary Morin

5:30PM † Marion Uehlinger & James W. Thomson by Ken & Liz Morgan

**Sunday, May 2nd**

8:00AM † Berry Schacherl by the Didear family

10:00AM † Milagros & Lhanie Arevalo by family

12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by family

5:30PM For the Parishioners

**Advertise your business here. Contact the Parish Office Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm. Cost is \$25 per week.**

**Financial Report for Sunday 04/18/2021**

**Operating Revenue:**

Sunday Collection..... \$14,026.00  
 Sunday Online ..... \$8,519.00  
 Other Revenue ..... \$108.00  
 Memorials ..... \$50.00  
 Total Operating Revenue... \$22,703.00

**Other Contributions:**

Acts of Charity ..... \$1,230.00  
 Catholic Home Mission..... \$10.00  
 Rice Bowls..... \$7.00  
 Good Friday..... \$710.00  
 Retired Priests ..... \$310.00  
 Total Other Contributions..... \$2,277.00

Total Contributions..... \$24,980.00

**Diocesan Loan – Parking Lot, A/C, Roof Repairs (1/6/2017)**

Amount borrowed ..... \$389,469.05  
 Principal pd (3/31/21) ..... \$242,995.79  
 Ending balance..... \$146,473.26

**Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:**

Luis Alvarado, Kirk Anderson, Sugar Arras, Edna Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, Tamra Bacon, Allan Balderas, Elida Benavides, Georgie Benton, Bernice Berry, Isabel Black, Judy Bowman, John Buckner, Jimmy Buehrig, Nicole Cuellar, Michael Campos, Lisa Caperton, Carlos Cardenas, Eddie Castro, Sylvia Chatelain, Dora Church, Melanie Conner, Carole Cotter, Shirley Currie, Harly Day, Sandy DeGregorio, Florinda DeLaGarza, Pud'n Dellinger, Albert Diemert, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Elijah Ethridge, Bobby Floyd, Debbie Fuqua, Julian Galloway, Berta Garcia, Dakota Garcia, Minerva Garcia, Raquel Garza, Leigh & Jackson Gavarkovs, Deborah Giese, Beatriz Gonzalez, Juan Gonzalez, Jared Groner, Felix Guerra, Jr., Linda Habeeb, Monte Hall, John Hand, Janice Harney, Owen Harris, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Elizabeth Johnson, Lorena Kolanski, Frank Kolda, Dennis Kramer, James Lawrence, Arlene Leep, Diana Lopez, Medad Lopez, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Gilbert Martinez, Jack McCord, Pat McLemore, Fred Mitchell, Billy Monti, Arlene Morgan, John Morgan, Liz Morgan, Sam Morris, Sterling Murphy, Doug Nicol, Sandra R. Nicolas, Trent O'Connell, Anna Fay Olenick, Jason Olog, Ozzie & Mary Osborne, Valerie Pompa, Derrel & Dolores Puckett, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Patricia Riek, Joseph Rollins, JoAnn Rosales, John & Irene Rosales, Rebecca Rosales, Hedy Rosenast, Lorena Roy, David Russell, Americo Salazar, Luis Salazar, Robert Sanchez, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Brandee Saylor, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Charles Skrobarczyk, Maxine Sommers, Dean Smith, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Gloria Swantner, Joseph Tate, Andrew Trevino, Judy West, Wally Whitworth, Jr., Cynthia Williams, Helen Witzsche, Joe Zepeda and all those who asked for and need our prayers.