

PARISH CALENDAR

Fourth Sunday
of Easter

April 22, 2018

The merciful love of the
Lord fills the earth!

Saturday, April 21	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, April 22	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8) Confirmation & Youth Ministry
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, April 23	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, April 24	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, April 25	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, April 26	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 5:30 p. m.	Feeding Menu: Chili & Hot Dogs!
Friday, April 27	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, April 28	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Acts:9:26-31: Saul preached boldly in Jerusalem

1 Jn:3:18-24: Loving and believing in Christ is to keep his commandments

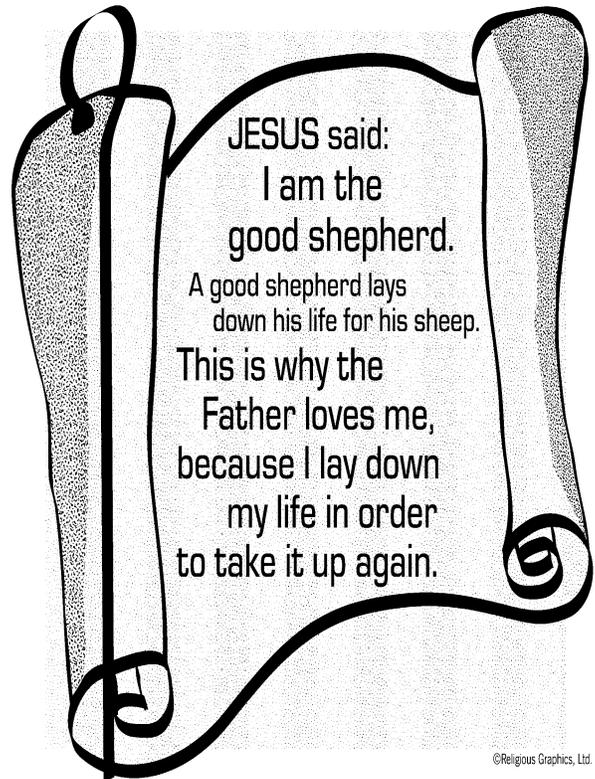
Jn:15:1-8: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

Living Catholic in the 808: Jesus Has Gone Before Us

There are times in our lives when we don't like to go first. I think children, on their first day of school, are more comfortable if they know a big brother or big sister is already at the school. Patients are uncertain when their doctor recommends they try an experimental medication. Most like to take something "tried and true" where the side effects and efficacy are known.

In Mark's Easter Gospel, the angel instructs the women to tell the disciples that the risen Jesus was going before them to Galilee. Galilee was home base for the disciples, where the Lord first called them. I imagine the disciples were still reeling from the events of the past week. But Jesus had always gone before his disciples. In life, he went before them showing them what it means to live an authentic life in total obedience to the Father. In death, he went before his disciples. The Nicene Creed reminds us that Jesus "suffered death" and was buried. He gave his disciples an example of how to place their lives entirely and ultimately in the Father's hands. And now, Jesus goes before them to new and eternal life.

Think of nay place or anything in your future that makes you fearful, anxious, confused, or unsettled. Know that Jesus has gone before you and is already there with his love and grace.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DRUNK DRIVING AWARENESS: Sign waving for Drunk Driving Awareness, **Tuesday, April 24, 2018, from 3:30 p. m. - 6:30 p. m.**, Join the Werner, Ragsdale Mole, & Kaho`oilihala Ohana. Sign waving sites, Kaulana's Site and Nanakuli Beach Park.

ST. RITA SOUVENIR BOOK: We are putting together a Souvenir book on St. Rita for the 90th Anniversary Luau. Please write a short paragraph about how St. Rita has affected you and drop it in the collection basket before **June 1st**. Should you have any questions please contact Sebastian Lopez. Mahalo!

CANNOT MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TO DUE TO A PRIOR MARRIAGE?: Pope Francis recently streamlined the process to petition for a declaration of nullity to make the process shorter. He also eliminated the mandatory fee. If a person is able to prove in this process that their prior marital bond was invalid for some reason, then he or she can marry in the Catholic Church or validate a current civil marriage. For assistance in petitioning, you can contact Rev. Alapaki Kim, Jr. At (808) 668-7833 or akim@rcchawaii.org who can assist you as an advocate.

PRO - LIFE : "Give us the grace – When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy **unborn life**." – **St. John Paul II**

WORD OF LIFE: "Heavenly Father . . . Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living." **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Every Life is Worth Living" Prayer Card.** www.usccb.org/worth-living

WEEKLY READINGS

Apr 22 Sun: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts:4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn:10:11-18

Apr 23 Mon: Easter Weekday

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

Apr 24 Tue: Easter Weekday

Acts: 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn:10:22-30

Apr 25 Wed: St. Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt:5:5b-14; Ps 89: 2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk:16:15-20

Apr 26 Thu: Easter Weekday

Acts:13:13-25; Ps:89: 2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27; Jn 13:16-20

Apr 27 Fri: Easter Weekday

Acts:13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn:14:1-6

Apr 28 Sat: Easter Weekday

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

SHEPHERD

The image of the good shepherd has always been with the Church. Pictures of the Good Shepherd crowd our imagination. From childhood on, we can remember a thousand pictures of the same Good Shepherd. The sheep are content and snow white. A lamb rides aloft the kindly and gentle shepherd's shoulder. This image comforts, sustains, and calms. Year in and year out, the Church celebrates Jesus as the Good Shepherd on this Fourth Sunday of Easter. It's a rich image worth our careful meditation.



NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus referring to himself as "the good shepherd." His sheep know him, trust him, listen to him and follow him; having faith that no harm will come to them as long as they stay close to him. We reaffirmed our faith in Christ when we renewed our baptismal promises at Easter. As stewards of our relationship with Jesus Christ, are we, like the sheep, willing to listen to Jesus, trust him, follow him no matter the cost to our comfort? (**International Catholic Stewardship Council~e-bulletin**)

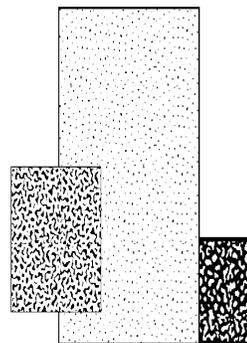
REFLECTION

Jesus uses these outsider shepherds as a new image of redemption. Jesus is not talking about the shepherd as such or the sheep as such, but about the relationship between the shepherd and sheep. Clearly the phony shepherd will flee at the first sight of trouble. And one can safely wager that most shepherds would not be inclined to die for a sheep, but would write the animal off as a loss and one of the costs of doing business in a harsh terrain.

But the good shepherd differs dramatically; he will go so far as to lay down his life for his sheep—an unheard-of claim. The current religious leaders of Israel clearly wouldn't do this; rather they seem to harangue their followers.

In Israel at Jesus' time, shepherds tended relatively small flocks and knew their sheep by name, knew their markings and temperaments. The good shepherd knows his own more intimately than this. He knows them the way the Father knows Jesus. The depth of intimacy between leader and follower is the same as the intimacy between Father and Son. And that intimacy can include everyone on earth. During this Eastertide, we reflect more deeply on the Resurrection. The leader has laid down his life for the led. He has done so freely for our sake. He has laid down his life willingly and taken up his risen life gladly.

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The stone rejected
by the
builders has become
the cornerstone

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