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Fourth Sunday of Easter April 25, 2021

Masses Sat. 4:00, livestream

Sunday, 7:30, 10:00, 11:30

Sun. 8:30 Vietnamese,

Please wear a mask, sanitize hands, keep social distance inside the church. Keep everyone safe.



Message of Pope Francis for the 2021 World Day of Vocations, April 25.

Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocation

December 8, 2020 was the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, and began a special year of grace called for by Pope Francis in the Apostolic Letter, “**Patris Corde,**” whose aim was “to increase our love for this great saint.

Saint Joseph is an extraordinary figure, yet at the same time one “so close to our own human experience”. He did not do astonishing things, he had no unique charisms, nor did he appear special in the eyes of those who met him. He was not famous or even noteworthy: the Gospels do not report even a single word of his. Still, through his ordinary life, he accomplished something extraordinary in the eyes of God. God looks on the heart (1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines.

Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes.

Bishop Gregory Parkes will consecrate the people of the Diocese of St. Petersburg to St. Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus Christ, at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, at 12 noon on Saturday, May 1st, the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. “Year of St. Joseph is to help us learn more about this heroic member of the Holy Family, an ordinary man who fulfilled his purpose through obedience, love and trust in God. St. Joseph is the patron and protector of the Catholic Church and the patron saint of fathers. We are invited to attend in person or view the Consecration Prayer via Diocesan media outlets. “When you consecrate yourself to St. Joseph, you entrust yourself to his fatherly care, and you ask him to help you live the holy virtues that strengthen families, churches and communities,” said Bishop Parkes.

The priesthood and vowed life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of “the saints next door”. At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.

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Entrance: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (#545)

Verse 1: Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the cloud of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Verse 2: All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heaven reflect thy rays, Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise; Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Presentation of the Gifts: Like a Shepherd (#606)

Refrain: Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.

Verse 1: Say to the cities of Judah: Prepare the way of the Lord. Go to the mountaintop, lift your voice: Jerusalem, here is your God. (to Refrain)

Verse 2: I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them astray. The lost I will rescue and heal your wounds and pasture them, giving them rest. (to Refrain)

Communion: Shepherd Me, O God (#458)

Refrain: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Verse 1: God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace. (to Refrain)

Verse 2: Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your Name. (to Refrain)

Verse 3: Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. (to Refrain)

Sending Forth: How Can I Keep From Singing (#442)

Verse 1: My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far off hymn that hail a new creation. (to Refrain)

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, How can I keep from singing?

Verse 2: Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing; It sounds and echoes in my soul; How can I keep from singing? (to Refrain)

The Voice of Truth

***"They will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd."* – John 10:16**

Are you in it for the money or are you in it for the love of the game? We hear this often with professional athletes.

Really the same can be said for many who are employed. Some jobs have great meaning and worth---more often than not it is how the employee sees his value and the value of the work.

In John's Gospel this weekend we hear the story of the Good Shepherd. Jesus compares the shepherd who is only in it for the money to one who is in it for the love of sheep and the mission. The one in it for the money flees when a wolf appears so as to protect himself. Consequently, the wolf has his way with the sheep.

Jesus reminds his followers that He is the Good Shepherd, and they are like sheep. Because He is the Good Shepherd who cares for His flock, they respond to by following and trusting Him. The wolf is the evil one, Satan, who will do anything to confuse, scatter and kill the sheep. A good shepherd will oversee the flock from a high point to keep approaching danger away. When a sheep gets separated from the flock, the shepherd uses his staff and crook to pull the wayward sheep back. The good shepherd is always there for them. The good shepherd makes sure that they are well fed and their thirst is quenched. He provides everything they need.

Many of us are like sheep and will follow whatever voice we think is true. Jesus Christ came to show us the truth, to shepherd us through a world of danger and sin. He established His Church to help us, to lead and guide us, to shepherd us. And for centuries the Church has embraced this mission.

If we do not listen to the voice of truth, then we risk separation from the flock and may fall into danger. Jesus tells us, "They will hear my voice, and there will be one flock and one shepherd." Take some time today to sit in quiet reflection and listen to the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to hear what He saying to you.

Bishop Gregory Parkes



April 25, 2021—www.svdpfl.com

Parish Giving

Sunday April 18—Sunday Offering \$6,799.

Candles—\$90./ Total—\$7,243.43.

Needy—\$45 /APA—\$563./Rice Bowl—\$61.43

Thank You!

Mass Attendance was 603 people

4:00 - 144; 7:30 - 80; 8:45- 131; 10:00 - 141; 11:30 - 107

Thank you sharing your time with us.

God bless your sacrifices.

Follow the Mass on Facebook live streaming on

Saturday at 4:00 pm.

Visit www.svdpfl.com for online giving!



Pick up your Cards today!

Help support St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for making a difference to help our parish. The following gift cards are available at the **Parish Office or Gift Shop** for immediate purchase! **This is a great way to support your Parish, doing everyday shopping.**

Amazon \$25	Subway \$10
CVS \$25	The Home Depot \$25
Lowe's \$25	Visa \$50
Starbucks \$10	Walmart/Sam's Club \$25

Communications—Flocknote

Thank you for keeping in touch with our parish when you sign up for **flocknotes** to share in our daily prayers and messages. Let us know if you have stopped receiving **flocknote** e-mails and send an email to: Laura@svdpfl.com to reset your email to the group. To be sure your internet service will not block the **flocknote** messages it is best to add to your contacts, Mail@flocknote.com. Please reach out to others and invite them to join us on **flocknote** and check in with those you know to make sure they are still receiving this parish communication. The emails may be blocked until **flocknote** is safe in your contacts.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Sanctuary Candle Intention: The Joy of New Life

Sunday April 18, 2021

7:30am Tom Forte-healing (Ray & Margaret Flanders)

8:30am Blessed Sacrament Congregation

10:00am Parish Family

11:30 Floripa DaSilva+ (Oliveira Family) and
Monica Marie Barnes+ (Lay Associates)

Monday April 19, 2021

8:30am Arthur Landry+ (A friend)

Tuesday April 20, 2021

8:30am Laura Worhacz (Family)
& Blair Fickel+ (Worhacz family)

Wednesday April 21, 2021

8:30am Eileen Alger + (Al & Arleen Schmidt)
& Mary Berent (Anita McMahon)

Thursday April 22, 2021

8:30am Helen Halliday+ (Mary & Thomas Mullen)
& Betty McLaughlin Schreiber+ (Ed Nessler)

Friday April 23, 2021

8:30am Margaret Hickey+ (Vincent, husband & family)

Saturday April 24, 2021

8:30pm Eileen Alger + (Kelly Schmidt)

4:00pm Manfred Adam+ (Maria, aunt)
& John O'Brien in gratitude (Sammy)

SCRIPTURE READING

Readings for the Week of April 25, 2021

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12:24—13:5; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	Saint Catherine of Siena, Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Saint Pius V, Pope Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Saint Joseph the Worker Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Memorial: Sunday	Gn 1:26—2:3; Col 3:14-24; Mt 13:54-58 Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

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Helping Hands Ministry

We are excited to announce a new ministry here at St. Vincent de Paul. You can be on hand to help those who come in need to our community. A partnership has been established with our St. Vincent de Paul Society and Catholic Charities. Help has come from the diocese with Catholic Charities working out of the Media room on Thursday afternoons from 12-3:00 to sign people up to receive services such as rent and utility assistance. This is very exciting as we have hoped and prayed to have them join us here. As many of you know there is a desperate need within our community and having Catholic Charities here will help financially as they have received grants to help people during these trying time, whether due to Covid 19 or not. Please **call the office at 727-938-1974**. Put your name and email or phone # to become "Helping Hands" reaching out with others. We'll get back to you with how you can be of service.

Our Call to Community "Make a House a Home"

Finding affordable and available housing is not easy. If you see a house, mobile home or apartment with a FOR RENT sign on it send the contact information and address to Housing Locator- Kelly Miller-Funk at rentinpas-co@gmail.com. If you have rental properties or know someone who does, please encourage them to support this effort. We also have Catholic Charities who will be helping to house additional individuals.

We have helped two individuals and a family so far. They are happy to be able to pick out items they like to make their house feel like their home. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this project. If you are interested in being a liaison with one of these families or individuals, please let us know.

We appreciate all of the love and support you offer to those who are less fortunate in our community. It is a call to our Catholic Social Teaching. ***What ever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do for Me.***

Finance Corner

WORD OF APPRECIATION

Your offertory gift helps to pay down our operating cost. This past week we paid bills including: Payroll \$16,797; Phone & Internet \$794; Maintenance \$69; Candles \$100; Pest Control \$150; Water \$157; Property and Liability Insurance \$5,017; Pension \$957; Catholic School Support \$1,083 and Needy \$400.

We thank all who from home still send your contributions to help meet our costs and carry out our ministries. Thank you and God Bless you!

Annual Pastoral Appeal

Campus Ministry Shines, whether meeting in person or developing virtual options for group bible study, Campus Ministry at USF is growing! Take a look at this courageous ministry in action. #dosp #courageouslyliving #mycatholicfamily #ministrymatters. We are a community of steadfast servants to the Gospel, coming together to grow in our faith, nurture our children with a love of God and progress toward the greater good.



Our share needed by the diocese is **\$85,661**. To reach this goal, support is needed from every family. Thus far we have received **\$63,233 in pledges and \$48,888.92 has been paid by 179 families**. It puts us to the half way mark with the hope that the many who have not yet made a pledge will do so by Easter. One dollar a day is a pledge of \$365, or a pledge of ten dollars a month is \$120. Please do not delay your pledge. Envelopes are at the church doors. Just fill it out and drop in the basket at the altar. Do your share to help others and the parish.

Thank you to those who have returned their pledge cards. Every pledge helps those in need of services within our Diocese. Thank you and God Bless you.

Sunday - 25th

Faith Formation Class 11 am
First Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting 11:30
Youth Group 12:30 pm

Monday—26th

Share the Word 10 am
Ladies Aux Card Party 11 am
Divine Mercy 1 pm
Divine Will 3 pm

Tuesday - 27th

Wednesday—28th

Associate Cenacle 11 am

Family Faith Formation



"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11-18

Have you ever seen a sheep? What do sheep look like?

Have you ever seen or touched a little lamb? How does it feel?

When Jesus was a little boy, and also when he was an adult, there were many flocks of sheep around Palestine where he lived. He might have played with little lambs or helped a shepherd feed a flock of sheep. Jesus might have even worn a warm tunic made out of a sheep's soft wool.

One day when Jesus was speaking to the crowds he reminded them that they were like sheep that needed a shepherd. What does a shepherd do? A shepherd guides the sheep. He feeds them, protects them, and cares for them.

"This good shepherd," Jesus says, "is me! I am the good shepherd!"

You are my little lambs, my sheep bucks and my ewes.
I'll take care of you now and forever."

Prayer: Thank you dear Jesus for being the very, very good and best shepherd of all. Take care of me, my friends, my family and this church. **Amen.**

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Please pick up your mother's day spiritual bouquet cards at the entrances to the Church or in the Parish Office. We will offer a Mother's Day novena beginning May 9 through the 18th.



Our Lady's Guild--

Our THANK YOU goes out to all parishioners who contributed to our *No Bake Sale* support to the parish.

We are looking forward to our **May 11 meeting** in Father Farrell. Our meeting will be at 11:30 to 2:00. We

welcome visitors and a membership to Our Lady's Guild is only \$5. Membership is open to all Christian women and men. Come join the fun!

Arts and Crafts group meets the **1st and 3rd Mondays from 9:30 to 11:30** in the Media Center of the Education building on **May 3 and 17th**. They are now working on Christmas crafts to help our church. The following items are needed for Arts and Crafts to complete their projects: **Cash or gift cards from Dollar Tree, Michael's, JoAnn's, Hobby Lobby.** If you wish to donate cash or a gift card, please drop it off at the Rectory in an envelope marked Arts and Crafts, or you may stop at an Arts and Crafts meeting to personally donate.

Other needed Arts and Crafts donations include: **E6000 clear glue – large tubes; white or light variegated COTTON yarn; 2 red pillar candles (3" diameter x 5-6" tall); 2 white or cream pillar candles (3" diameter x 5-6" tall); 24 gauge galvanized wire; 1 ½" safety pins – need 75; Pearl head straight pins – need 150; Christmas fabric—small prints; FINE glitter (gold, silver, iridescent); 8 boxes ROUND toothpicks; 12" Deco-mesh (white, gold, silver); Plate Chargers (red, gold, silver); Mod Podge—Matte finish. DONATIONS MAY BE PLACED IN THE RED BIN LOCATED IN THE CHURCH SOCIAL HALL OR DIRECTLY TO ARTS AND CRAFTS ON MONDAYS FROM 9:30 TO 11:30 IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING.**

Rosary Makers will meet on Wednesday, **May 5** from 1:00 -2:30 in the Education Building. They meet the first Wednesday of every month. Rosary making is easy and fun! Over 7,000 rosaries have been sent around the world to spread the love of Jesus and his Mother Mary. The total number of rosaries made since September 2020 has totaled over 4,000!

Thursday—29th

Catholic Charity Assistance sign-up 12 pm
SVdP Food Pantry 1pm
Confessions 3 pm & 7 pm
Contemplative Prayer 4 pm

Friday - 30th

Coffee Social 8 am
Friday Night Dinner 4:30 pm

Saturday - 1st

Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3 pm
First Eucharist Rehearsal 5 pm
Confirmation Rehearsal 7 pm

Sunday - 2nd

Faith Formation 11 am
First Holy Communion 10 am
Mass

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Come enjoy **The Knights of Columbus Friday night dinners** Fr. Farrell Hall. The Knights will have their monthly General Meeting on **Monday May 17, at 7:00 pm**. All the Knights are welcome and encouraged to come. Face masks will be worn and social distancing held.

The Ladies Auxiliary next monthly meeting is on **Monday, May 17, at 7:00pm**, in Father Farrell Hall. Ladies if you would like to come and see what we do and how we go about doing things with the Knights, you are more than welcome to come and join us. Face masks will be worn and social distancing will be in effect.



JOIN our S.V.de P. Society
Wish List This Week: We are still in need of the regular items we pass out such as cereal, soup, canned meat, peanut butter, pancake mix and syrup.



Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 392 families, providing 9207 pounds of food, \$1,350 for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

With a growing number at our door we are in need of both cash donations and food. Cash donations can be put in an envelope marked SVDP Society and placed in the offertory basket or dropped off at the office.

Thank you for your support, the SVdP Society is made possible by your participation in serving this ministry.

Pasco County General Rent/Utility Assistance.

If you have suffered a loss of income due to the COVID-19 virus or other circumstances, and live within Pasco County, please know that help may be available to you. There are funds that will provide you with a more hopeful future as we work to address your present rent and/or utilities financial distress. You need to apply to determine your eligibility for this critical assistance.

Help has come from the diocese with Catholic Charities working out of the Media room on Thursday afternoons from 12-3:00 to sign people up to receive services such as rent and utility assistance. This is very exciting to have them join us here. As many of you know there is a desperate need within our community and having Catholic Charities here will help financially as they have received grants to help people during these trying time.

Pasco H.E.A.R.T. Program,

The Pasco Board of County Commissioners introduced a new financial assistance program for people experiencing economic hardship due to COVID-19. Pasco Community Development is partnering with several local non-profit agencies, including **Catholic Charities**, to help pay bills directly for renters in Pasco County who meet the Pasco H.E.A.R.T. Program guidelines.

Bills eligible for payment include:

Rent (past, current and future)

Utilities (water & electric)

*To qualify for Pasco H.E.A.R.T. funding, you must be a U.S. citizen (or have legal status) and Pasco County resident, who meets the income guidelines of 80 percent or below of the Area Median Income and has been economically impacted by COVID-19.

Those households who earn less than 50% of the Area Median Income, as well as applicants who have been unemployed for 90 days or more, will be prioritized. For more information or questions about available programs, contact us below. Your message will be forwarded to the first available Case Manager. You can reach us by phone: (352) 523-6958.

Please continue to monitor—MyPasco.net for updates, as more Pasco County assistance will be available in the coming months.

Youth Ministry News!
Youth Activity Gathering
Wishing you the joys of Easter in knowing the love of God in you.

Come join us this week April 25, at 12:30 for our Youth Activity Gathering. There are so many ways to have fun and enjoy friendships.

Pray Together Play Together



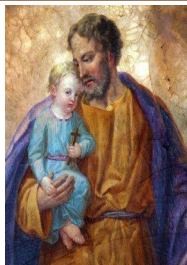
Year of Saint Joseph, Perfect Adorer of Jesus
Blessed are the ears which heard the things
you heard. Blessed is your heart aflame with
the most ardent love.

How greatly the Word Incarnate was glorified by the adoration of Mary and Joseph as they atoned for the indifference and ingratitude of His creatures! Saint Joseph joined with Mary in adoration and united himself to Christ, whose heart surged with sentiments of adoration, love, and praise for the Father and of charity for mankind. Saint Joseph's adoration kept pace with every stage of our Lord's life, drawing on the grace, and spirit, and the virtue of each mystery. In the Incarnation he adored the self annihilation of the Son of God; at Bethlehem, the poverty; at Nazareth, the silence, the apparent weakness, the obedience, and all the other virtues of Christ. Joseph knew them well and grasped clearly the reason Christ practiced them - for the love and glory of His Heavenly Father. Jesus attached to every one of His mysteries that it is special to be an adorer of the Blessed Sacrament (p.33).

Saint Joseph adored, interiorly at least, everything that Jesus said and thought. The Holy Spirit revealed all to him, so that joining with these thoughts and words he might glorify the Father in heaven together with the Son our Divine Savior. In this way, the life of Saint Joseph was a life of perfect adoration.

Joseph, we imitate the prayer of Saint Peter Julian Eymard asking the gift to be a perfect adorer of Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. "From close union with the holy adorer, Saint Joseph, I ask to learn to adore our Lord and to live in intimacy with Him. I desire to be the Joseph of the Eucharist as he was the Joseph of Nazareth".

I ask further to imitate Joseph's humility and ask renewed awareness of the many gifts lovingly given to us. (Eymard Library, Vol. 8, pgs. 33, 35-36). Saint Joseph, in whom Jesus offers perfect adoration to the Father, pray for us.



Please mark your calendars to join us for the 3rd Annual Marian Congress with Bishop Gregory Parkes on Saturday, May 8, 2021. We hope you will share in our excitement about this virtual, multicultural and faith-filled event that draws us closer to the Heart of Jesus through Mary!

The Blessed Virgin Mary is a perfect model of evangelization. She leads us to her son Jesus Christ, and she welcomes each of us with open arms as her beloved children. This is who she is!

In fact, after hearing that her cousin Elizabeth was to have a baby, Mary set out "in haste" (Luke 1:39-40) to visit her and comfort her. She warmly greeted her cousin and spent three months with her, being attentive to her needs.

This blessed encounter is depicted in stained-glass windows and paintings around the world, including right here, at our very own Mary, Mother of God Chapel in the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle. Last year's Marian Congress was held in this chapel during the COVID-19 lockdown. With the aid of our Blessed Mother, our annual Marian Congress was carried forward virtually.

We will join together for prayer and faith-sharing, as well as to reflect on Mary's generous hospitality. We will learn from the Blessed Virgin Mary how to lead others to Christ, to the Mass and to heaven, imitating the heart of our Blessed Mother. **"Mary Welcomes You with Open Arms" Saturday, May 8, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

