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720 Liberty Street
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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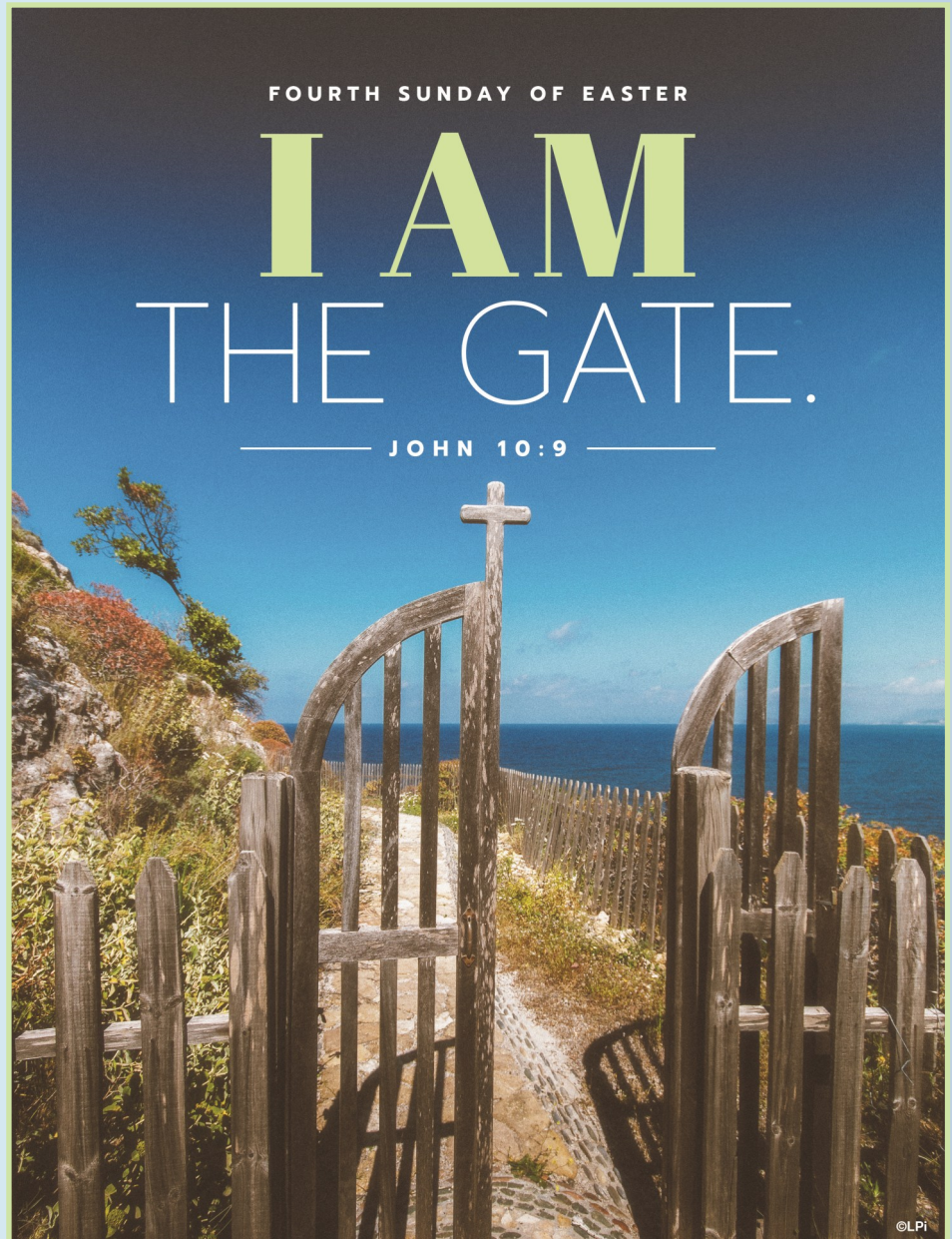
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New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JASON – It is hard to believe that it is the end of April already! As we celebrate this fourth Sunday/week of Easter, we are reminded that we are always guided by the one who loves us infinitely, so much so, that he gave us life by his. Part of living the Easter Hope is that we embrace this reality. We hear this through this weekend's gospel about Jesus as the Good Shepherd. As the sheep know the voice of the shepherd; so does the Lord want to know us. And this voice is known through faith that is lived personally and communally. There have been many shepherds in our lives that have guided us to his voice such as family members and friends. We also take time on this Sunday of Easter every year (called Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations) to give thanks and pray for the shepherds in our church. We all have been blessed in some way or another by a priest that has shepherded us to the Lord. We also have a duty to pray for them in thanksgiving for their witness and, if they are alive, for their continued guidance. Further, we have been blessed with three young men that are open to this call in their lives. We give thanks for their witness to us and hopeful that they may inspire more young people to be open to the call of God in service of the Church as priests! In the coming months/later this year we will have more opportunities offered to help us remember this gift!

I know for me I would not trade this Vocation for the world. That is not saying that it is easy or free of difficulty, but it fulfills me and helps me to be the instrument/person he is calling me to be. But this journey for me all started with a question from "shepherds" in my life that asked "have you ever thought about becoming a priest?". If you see a young man with the qualities that make a good priest, ask him that! You never know, you may be the shepherd that is guiding him to know the voice of the Lord in his life. This also goes for any other vocation as well.....but never tire from encouraging Priestly Vocations as they provide us with the food of Heaven, the Good Shepherd, Jesus, through the word and sacrament! (Please see the separate article regarding the Sacrament of Holy Orders for this Week)

I hope that the reminder to live out our faith as an Easter people has been helpful. Again, feel free to enter the season through the Little White Books, Holy Water, additional times of Confession / Adoration / Mass and the Formed app. We also have First Friday Adoration available this Friday from 8:30 am-12:15 pm (with Benediction at 12:10 pm). All are welcome!

I hope those who were able to attend the 138 Women's Conference went away refreshed and renewed. Thank you for attending and keep that vigor. A warm welcome to all joining our first communion students this weekend as they receive our Risen Lord for the first time with such enthusiasm and intentionality. Thank you again to one and all for being here as we continue our Easter Season for **He IS Risen!**

What are "Holy Orders" and where do they come from?

A Sacrament. Holy Orders is one of the seven sacraments. It, along with the Sacrament of Marriage, belongs to a special group of sacraments known as the Sacraments of Commitment. These two sacraments are "sacraments at the service of communion," "directed toward the salvation of others," and "serve to build up the people of God" (*Catechism*, No. 1534).

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Three Degrees. While all of the baptized share in the universal priesthood, Holy Orders is the sacrament of the ordained ministry. Holy Orders come in three degrees: deacon, priest or presbyter, and bishop. Only two degrees share the ministerial priesthood, bishops and priests. Priests are co-workers of the bishops, while deacons assist priests.

Ordered Ministries. Holy Orders is "holy" because it has a sacred character and is "ordered" because it is structured, tiered with increasing levels of responsibility. For instance, a deacon can preach and baptize, but cannot offer Mass or hear confessions; a priest can offer Mass and hear confessions, but cannot ordain; a bishop can ordain, but not only can he ordain, a bishop can perform every priestly function because he possesses the fullness of Holy Orders. These ministries give "holy order" to the Church.

The Early Scriptural Foundations. The beginnings of the ministerial priesthood are found in the Old Testament. Melchizedek was a priest of God, the first to offer bread and wine (Gen 14:18). Then, beginning with Aaron, the Levites were especially chosen for priestly service (Num 3:5-10), and they were consecrated for this sacred duty in a carefully prescribed ordination ritual (Ex 29; Lev 8). The Levites presided over the affairs of the Temple and served as mediators in the offering of sacrifice on behalf of sinners. The priesthood of the First Covenant anticipates Jesus, the one and only eternal high priest, "the one mediator between God and the human race" (1 Tim 2:5), and ordained priests participate in his priesthood.

A Sacrament Instituted by Christ. The ministerial priesthood was established by Jesus when he asked his apostles to continue the ministries that he began. On Holy Thursday night when Jesus instituted the Eucharist, he told his apostles, "Do this in memory of me" (Lk 22:19). When the risen Jesus appeared to the apostles in the Upper Room, Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (Jn 20:21), and to equip them for their commissioning, Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the holy Spirit" (Jn 20:22). Before Jesus ascended to heaven, he instructed the apostles, "Go, make disciples of all nations. Baptize them. Teach them" (see Mt 28:19,20). Jesus, the Good Shepherd, asked Peter to continue his shepherding duties when he said, "Feed my lambs, tend my sheep" (Jn 21:15,16). Jesus' final words of instruction to his apostles were, "You will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

A Divine Call. The call to a vocation to the priesthood begins with God, not the person. The letter to the Hebrews explains, "No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God" (Heb 5:4). The priest is "taken from among men and made their representative before God," and it is the priest's duty "to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins" (Heb 5:1).

An Extraordinarily High Calling. The priest serves *in persona Christi*, Latin for "in the person of Christ." The priest never serves on his own behalf. Rather, Christ takes over his very being, and in his humble, loving service, he is the visible presence of Christ in the community.

Ministries of the Priestly Office. The foremost ministries of the priest are to offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass and to preach the gospel. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, and without priests, the Church would be without the Eucharist. The priest is also a preacher, and he must preach first with his holiness of life, and then, and only

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then, with his words. The priest is a sanctifier, a vehicle of God's grace to the people, and the shepherd who leads the people to greater virtue and their conduit to a more intimate bond with God.

A Window to God. A priest must never draw attention to himself. He is to be transparent. When the people see the priest, they should be able to see through him to God. Sin is dirt on the surface that obscures a clear view. Therefore, each priest is called to exemplary holiness, to be a sparkingly clean window, so that the people will not be distracted by the priest, but be able to see past him to the true focus of their prayer and their heart's desires, to God alone.

<https://www.archspm.org/what-are-holy-orders-and-where-do-they-come-from/>

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Offertory	April 11 – 12	April 18 – 19
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Good Friday	190.00	
Easter	315.00	100.00
Mothers Day Flowers		280.00
Votive	105.82	177.25
TOTAL	\$ 9,935.20	\$ 10,961.32

MASS Intentions

Monday, April 27

7:30 a.m. Jim Amato (Barbara Karg)

Tuesday, April 28 – Saint Peter Chanel and

Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort

CONFESSIONS following the 12:10 p.m. Mass

8:30 a.m. Alexandra Badamo (Anne and Frank Badamo)

12:10 p.m. Carolyn Donahue (Jim and Mary Lou Delaney)

Wednesday, April 29 – Saint Catherine of Siena

7:30 a.m. The Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

Thursday, April 30 – Saint Pope Pius V

8:30 a.m. Emma and George Ditz, Sr.

(Sid and Debbie Miles)

Friday, May 1 – Saint Joseph the Worker

7:30 a.m. Rick Slike (Susan Slike)

8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

11:30 a.m. – Noon **CONFESSIONS**

12:10 p.m. **BENEDICTION**

Saturday, May 2 – Saint Athanasius

3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. CONFESSIONS

CONFESSIONS also following the 4:00 p.m. Mass

4:00 p.m. William J. Zacherl (Mary Lou Zacherl)

Sunday, May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. For the People

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Craig Beary

(Mom and Dad)

11:00 a.m. Bill and Joe Rice (Dorothy Rice)

Sanctuary Candle for Father Monty Sayers

(by Jim and Mary Lou Delaney and Family)

Times for Mass and Confession are subject to change.

Please read any emails and check the website for changes.

Readings for the week of April 26, 2026

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18
(second choice)

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

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8
/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27
/Jn 13:16-20

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

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

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9
/Jn 14:1-12



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