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Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

The Jews have a lovely legend to explain why God chose Moses to be the leader of His people. *"When Moses was feeding the sheep of his father-in-law in the wilderness, a young lamb ran away. Moses followed it until it reached a ravine, where it found a well to drink from. When Moses got up to it, he said: 'I did not know that you ran away because you were thirsty. Now you must be weary.'* He took the lamb on his shoulders and carried it back. Then God said: *'Because you have shown pity in leading back one of a flock belonging to another man, you shall lead my flock Israel.'*" On this 4th Sunday of Easter we are celebrating Good Shepherd Sunday.

The first reading is taken from St. Peter's first sermon, given on the day of Pentecost. Peter, as a Christ-appointed good shepherd of the Church, invites his Jewish listeners to enter into communion with the new Christ-founded community after repenting of their sin of crucifying Jesus, by accepting him as their Lord and Savior, and by receiving Baptism in his name. As the gate of the new Christian fold, Peter opens the gate for all new believers in Christ. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23) introduces Yahweh as the Good Shepherd of Israel Who cares for us, His sheep, providing for our needs. In the second reading, Peter encourages the persecuted and suffering Christians to follow in the footsteps of their Good Shepherd, Jesus, the *"suffering servant,"* realizing the truth that Jesus' suffering and death have enabled them to become more fully the children of God. In today's Gospel, two brief parables or similes show us Jesus, first, as a selfless, caring *"good shepherd"* who provides for his sheep protection, food and life itself, and then, as our unique gateway, (*"sheep gate"*), to eternal salvation. That is, besides guiding his flock to Eternal Life as the Good Shepherd, Jesus is himself the gateway to Eternal Life.

Life Messages: **1) We need to become good shepherds and good leaders:** Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, and caregivers, among others, are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, and blessings for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. **Parents** must be especially careful in fulfilling their duties toward their children, giving them good example and instruction and training them in Christian principles. **2) We need to become good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd:** Our local parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our shepherds. Jesus is the High Priest, the Bishops are the successors of the Apostles, the pastors are their helpers, the deacons assist them faithfully, and the parishioners are the sheep. Hence, as the good sheep of the parish, parishioners are expected to: a) Hear and follow the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, OCIA classes, counseling, and advice; b) Receive the spiritual food given by our pastors through our regular participation in the Holy Mass, our frequenting of the Sacraments, and our participation in the prayer services, renewal programs, and missions they offer; c) Cooperate with our pastors by giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, encouraging them in their duties, offering them loving, constructive advice when needed, and always by praying for them; d) Actively participate in the activities of various councils, ministries, and parish associations. **3) We need to pray for those invited to life-vocations** by the Holy Spirit to accept them, enter upon them, and persevere in living them out until death.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:25 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:30 p.m. English
7:30 p.m. Spanish

Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Rosary

The Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Organizations/Groups Monthly Meetings

Altar Society - 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Knights of Columbus - 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Men's Group - 3rd Thursday at 6:45 p.m.
Women's Group - Last Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Rich Legler, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Matthew Williams, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Apr 25	5:00 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Sun	Apr 26	10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Parish
Sun	Apr 26	12:30 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Tue	Apr 28	12:30 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Thu	Apr 30	5:00 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Fri	May 01	12:30 p.m.	Jody Vidrine & Family+
Sat	May 02	5:00 p.m.	Earlis & Shirley Vidrine & Family+

Parish Giving

April 19, 2026

1st Collection	\$4,686.57
2nd Collection	\$ 306.00
3rd Collection	\$ 633.00
Children's Collection	\$ 47.14

2nd Collection	Apr 26	Catholic Home Missions
2nd Collection	May 03	Emergency Fund
3rd Collection	May 03	Lawncare/Maintenance

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 90
10:00 a.m. 132 and 12:30 p.m. 142

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;
Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



If we desire only what is necessary, we shall never be poor. If we desire all that passion demands, we shall never be rich.

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

First Friday Devotion

Next Friday, May 1st, is First Friday. Holy Hour follows the 12:30 p.m. Mass from 1-2 p.m. and in the evening from 6-7 p.m. Come and spend an hour with our Lord.

April 26 is Blue Sunday, the National Day of Prayer for Abused Children & Those Who Rescue Them

Let us all pray for children who have suffered from abuse and for the people who step in to help, including caseworkers, foster families, advocates, and volunteers. This is a time to both lift up each child who needs hope, healing, and protection and for calling to awareness the need to speak up and support efforts for abuse prevention. Several handouts are available today on the table in the church foyer. Take one home with you.

Today is Called by Name Sunday!

Bishop Kelly is asking us to identify faithful young men (aged 15-35) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood. To submit names, please visit tylervocations.org/calledbyname. The men you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Kelly, invitations to discernment events, and support from our Vocation Team. Thank you for your participation in this important campaign!

Easter House Blessings

A sign-up sheet with Fr. Luke's available dates and times for Easter House Blessings is on the table in the church foyer. It is a special blessing with the water blessed at Easter Vigil. Those who wish to have their house blessed please sign up, selecting remaining available slots. It is your last chance to sign up.

Lay Ministers

Lay Ministers are needed for all Masses. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Training will be provided.

Recipes for Altar Society Cookbook

We are missing some important recipes and they are yours. Please, please add to our cookbook; it won't be the same without you. The box is in the foyer for paper copies, or you can take a photo and send your recipe(s) to Carolyn at 254 931-0780 by text.

Knights of Columbus - Donations for Newborn Babies

The Knights of Columbus are asking for donations of diapers in April and baby wipes in May. Your donations will be given to the Gabriel Project for distribution to mothers and babies in need. Boxes for donation items are in the church foyer and inside the north entrance to the Church. All donations are very much appreciated.

Springfest 2026 is Next Saturday - May 2

Our Springfest is next Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Don't forget. We look forward to seeing you there! Bring your family and friends.

If you have not yet signed up to help at the Springfest, Contact Paul Bibeau at bibeau3636@yahoo.com or use the sign-up sheet today in the church foyer.

Purchase a raffle ticket and you may win a \$1000 gift card, a hand-made quilt, or other items. Tickets may be purchased after the Mass - \$5 per ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets. The drawing will be at 1:30 pm on May 2. You do not have to be present to win. Please support this event and our church.

From the Diocese of Tyler - Catechist Conference

Diocesan Formation (Catechist) Conference - August 8, 2026 - Registration opened on April 20 - See the link at dioceseoftyler.org.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.



The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner

Answers for April 12

Kids: a. He was stoned to death
b. Taberah

Answered by Victoria Gutierrez, Emily Briones, Natalia Gutierrez, and Elijah Rivera.

Adults: a. The Quail
b. Joshua, son of Nun, and Caleb, son of Jephunneh.

Answered by Omar and Fatima Gutierrez, Carolyn Barrett, Andrea Gustafson, Glenda Means, Neri Gutierrez, Jason Reed, Linda Rossler, Leo Rossler, Theresa Cheatham, Bacilia Velazquez, and Mimi Plumb.

Congratulations for the 5 weeks' answers to Carolyn Barrett and Jason Reed.


Questions for April 26 (Numbers 21-25)

Kids: a. What was the name of the place that was delivered up the Canaanites to Israel who doomed them and their cities?
b. Whose daughter was Cozbi, the Midianite woman who was killed?

Adults: a. Why did the Israel choose to go through the Red Sea road from Mount Hor?
b. Did Balaam curse Israel in any of the oracles? and Why?

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