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Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024

From the Desk of the Pastor:

When the emperor Alexander the Great was crossing the Makran Desert on his way to Persia, his army ran out of water. The soldiers were dying of thirst as they advanced under the burning sun. A couple of Alexander's lieutenants managed to capture some water from a passing caravan. They brought some to him in a helmet. He asked, "Is there enough for both me and my men?" "Only you, sir," they replied. Alexander then lifted up the helmet as the soldiers watched. Instead of drinking, he tipped it over and poured the water on the ground. The men let up a great shout of admiration. They knew their general would not allow them to suffer anything he was unwilling to suffer himself. "I am the Good Shepherd," Jesus says. "The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

In today's first reading, Peter asserts unequivocally before the Jewish assembly that there is no salvation except through Christ, the Good Shepherd -- the one whom the Jewish leaders have rejected and crucified and in whose name the apostles preach and heal. In the second reading, St. John tells us how Yahweh, the Good Shepherd of the Old Testament, expressed His love for us through His Son Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by making us His children. In today's Gospel Jesus introduces himself as the "Good Shepherd." Jesus claims that as Good Shepherd he knows his sheep and loves them so much he is ready to die for them. The Gospel text offers us both comfort -- Good Shepherd knows us, provides for us, and loves us -- and a double challenge: to become good shepherds to those entrusted to our care and good sheep in our parish, the sheepfold of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Life messages: 1) **Let us become good shepherds:** Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, bosses, and Politicians are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, health and wealth for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds, becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives. 2) **Let us be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, our Good Shepherd:** a) by hearing and following the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, catechetical classes, counseling and advice; b) by taking the spiritual food given by our pastors through regular and active participation in the Holy Mass and by frequenting the sacraments, prayer services, renewal programs, and missions; c) by cooperating as good stewards in the activities of various councils, ministries and parish associations. 3) **Let us pray for vocations to the Priesthood, the diaconate, and the consecrated life** so that we may have more holy and Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed, and protect the Catholic community. Christ Jesus is the Priest in the full sense because He is the one mediator between God and humanity who offered Himself, a unique sacrifice, on the cross. The universal priesthood of all believers, the sharing of all the baptized in the priesthood of Christ, has received special emphasis since Vatican II. Those who are called to make a lifelong commitment to serve as ordained ministers share the ministerial priesthood of Jesus.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

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

Sunday

Rosary at 9:30 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
Wednesday - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Oakbrook Healthcare

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

6:00 p.m. English
7:00 p.m. Spanish

Masses at Wellspring

Monday - Friday, 6:45 a.m.; Sunday, 5:00 p.m.



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.

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.

The administration and pastoral care of Prince of Peace Parish is entrusted to the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (M.S.F.S.), also known as Fransalian Missionaries, an international religious order with headquarters in Rome and the Provincial House in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, visit www.fransaliansusa.com or www.wellspringcommunity.net.

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

Pray for Lucile Cook, Steve Francis, Natalie Hayes, Mike Jackson, Fr. Joseph Jacobi, Judy LeBlanc, Adam Elliott, Diana & Al Leonhardi, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Marcela Montenegro, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Amalia Saucillo, Shirley Stenklyft, Manuel Yañez, and Dudley McKamie.

Mass Intentions

Sat Apr 20	5:00 p.m.	Maria Mendez Mendoza+
Sun Apr 21	10:00 a.m.	Members of our Parish
	12:30 p.m.	Angela Salazar S.I.
Tue Apr 23	12:30 p.m.	Fr. Luke Kalarickal S.I.
Thu Apr 25	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Family Members of Our Parishioners
Fri Apr 26	No Mass	
Sat Apr 27	5:00 p.m.	Kirby, Manuel, Vidrine & Fontenot Families +

Parish Giving

April 14, 2024

1st Collection	\$2,610.00
2nd Collection	\$ 387.00
Children's Collection	\$ 176.00

2nd Collection	Apr 21	Mission Fund
2nd Collection	Apr 28	Catholic Home Missions

Mass Attendance

Sat 5:00 p.m. 63
Sun 10 a.m. 142 and 12:30 p.m. 125

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Michael Morris
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



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace even if your whole world seems upset.

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

House Blessings

Each Easter season, Fr. Luke offers house blessings with the Holy Water blessed during the Easter Vigil. The house blessing schedule is on the table in the church foyer. Please sign up now to choose a date and time that is most convenient for you. Please include your name, physical address, and telephone number.

Change in Prince of Peace Mass Schedule for April 25 –26

On Thursday, April 25, Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. On Friday, April 26, there will be no Mass at Prince of Peace.

Blue Sunday, April 28

Next Sunday, the last Sunday in April, is Blue Sunday, the National Day of Prayer for abused children and for those who rescue them. Please pray for an end to abuse in all its forms and pray in gratitude to God for their rescuers.

Lawn Care Sign-Up

Thanks, gratitude, and appreciation to all who generously donated their time and talent last year to keep the church grounds looking nice. Spring is upon us again and begins the need for lawn care and weed control now and through October. The sign-up sheet is in the church foyer. If you are able, please sign up.

Helpers of Prince of Peace Food Pantry

Our food pantry provides food free of charge and is open to anyone in the parish or wider community who needs assistance in stretching their food dollar. If you or someone you know needs help, contact the church office at (903) 871-3230.

Catholic Family Adventure Club



Please join our student Craft Fair at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception's Cathedral Center on May 4th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., hosted by Catholic Family Adventure Club. All Catholic Homeschooling students ages 5-18 are welcome to register for a table and use the opportunity to learn a bit about business while earning money towards summer fun. Registration is \$7 for CFAC members and \$10 for non-CFAC members. It is free to shop; we invite anyone from the community to come out. Register at: catholicfamilyadventureclub.com.

Project Rachael

There is hope and Healing after abortion. Call or text 903-539-2941. For more info, go to: www.sanctityoflifetyler.org/project-rachel.

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 week-end 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.



Saint Mark, Evangelist and Gospel Writer - Feast Day, April 25

Saint Mark is the author of the earliest of the four canonical Gospels that describe the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Mark's gospel is simple and direct. It challenges the reader to share in Jesus' sufferings. It is filled with details that help us to understand the human side of Jesus. Mark was not an apostle. He was probably a member of one of the first Christian communities. His mother's house in Jerusalem is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles as a center where Christians gathered. St. Peter baptized Mark and he moved with St. Peter to Rome as his secretary. Letters of St. Paul document that Mark also traveled with Paul and his cousin Barnabas on their first missionary journey. Later, during Paul's two prison terms in Rome, Mark helped him to continue his work. Traditions say that Mark went to Alexandria in Egypt and many miracles were attributed to him. He worked there for ten years before he was martyred on April 25, 68 A.D. in Alexandria. Mark is the patron saint of Venice, Italy, and his bones are said to rest in the great cathedral there. Mark's symbol is a winged lion. The lion is a desert animal, and Mark's gospel begins with the story of John the Baptist in the desert. St. Mark is patron of attorneys, lawyers, stain glass workers and insect bites.

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