



Easter

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) ♦ April 26, 2015

Monday

April 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1–18

Jn 10:1–10

Tuesday

April 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19–26

Jn 10:22–30

Wednesday

April 29

*St. Catherine of
Siena, Virgin
and Doctor
of the Church*

Acts 12:24–13:5a

Jn 12:44–50

Thursday

April 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13–25

Jn 13:16–20

Friday

May 1

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26–33

Jn 14:1–6

Saturday

May 2

*St. Athanasius,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*

Acts 13:44–52

Jn 14:7–14

Sunday

May 3

*Fifth Sunday
of Easter*

Acts 9:26–31

1 Jn 3:18–24

Jn 15:1–8

My mother lived for a time on a ranch in Texas. The ranch had cattle and sheep. My mother told me that sheep are pretty dumb and need a lot of care. She had great respect for the ranch hands who patiently got them out to pasture and then rounded them up when it was time to come in. Left to their own devices, she said, sheep would be easy prey for coyotes, foxes, and bobcats that roam the hill country.

Sheep were important for many families living in first-century Palestine as well. They provided food, clothing, milk, and a source of income.

A good shepherd was worth his weight in gold, because he spent his days with the sheep, leading them to pasture, protecting them from harm, and finding them when they got lost.

Shepherds may not have had a high social status, but it would have been hard to live without them.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, does all these things for his flock, and then goes even further: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

The ranch hands my mother talked about would have grieved over a dead sheep but wouldn’t have died trying to save it. They made sure the sheep were watered and fed, but they didn’t make the sheep’s lives more abundant.

But *we* have abundant life because Jesus laid down his life for us. He is our Good Shepherd.

Can we ask anything more?

MARY KATHARINE DEELEY

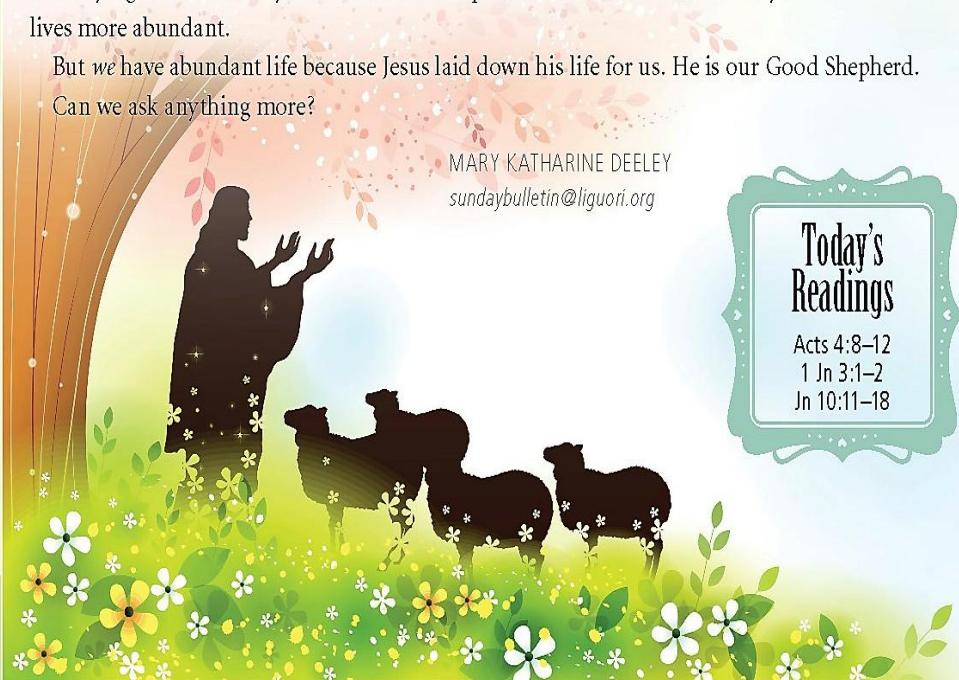
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Today's Readings

Acts 4:8–12

1 Jn 3:1–2

Jn 10:11–18





Fourth Sunday Of Easter

April 26, 2015



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A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m
SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Sun 10:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00 am specl int (Bootz)
Tues 8:00 am +John Pierce
Wed 6:00 pm +Fr Pete
Thu 8:00am +Fr Pete
Fri 8am +Mr & Mrs Augustine Bjon

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On this 4th Sunday of Easter, traditionally known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" in the Catholic Church, the Scripture readings provide us with a powerful meditation on the gift of salvation which is ours through our faith in Christ Jesus. At the same time there is an emphasis on "vocation" on who we are called to become because of this great gift. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear that Peter proclaims that "there is no salvation through anyone else." We are reminded that our salvation was purchased a great price through the horrible suffering and death of God's only Son upon the cross.

However, God has raised Him from the dead and the one rejected has become the foundation of our faith and of our lives. The reading from the First Letter of St. John highlights our identity and mission because of this gift: "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are!" It is important to note that through Baptism we are called by name to share in the life and mission of Jesus, the Risen Lord. The profound effect of this gift of salvation is beautifully emphasized in the striking image found in the Gospel reading taken from St. John: "Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'" The one who saves us is a lowly shepherd entrusted with the care of sheep, not some powerful warrior or someone in charge of the affairs of government. The one who saves us is an unlikely savior, the "Suffering Servant" described by the prophet Isaiah. The person called Jesus, who laid down his life on Good Friday and whose very name means salvation, is now the one who through his resurrection has power over life and death, his own and that of His sheep. On this "Good Shepherd Sunday" the Church asks us to pray for the servant

leaders we need, especially for vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated (religious) life. May I suggest that we go a step further? Let each of us **personally invite** some person we know to consider a vocation of servant leadership in the Church. At the same time let us offer prayers of gratitude for the persons who have answered that call and serve us at St Ann.

May God bless all of us. Have a great week!

...Fr. Khoa

This Sunday is the Special Diocesan Collection for the *Catholic Homes Mission Appeal.*

Parish Picnic: We thank you Marlow Ladner, the cooks, Altar Society, those who set up and clean up, everyone else, and all parishioners for making the parish picnic a great time for everyone.

First Friday Adoration This Friday is the First Friday of the month. Please join us in *at St Ann* this Friday, March 6th for *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.* Adoration will begin after the 8am Mass and ends at 9:30AM. Please come as "*Jesus longs for your visit*".

Yard Sale will be on May 16 and 17 from 7am to 7pm. Please contact Beverly and Loretta for more information. Thank you.

First Communion – will be Next Sunday May 3rd

Baccalaureate Mass...will be celebrated on Sunday, May 17, 2015

Lizana Light: For more information, please contact Sherry Money.

Catfish Festival: will be on May 28-31. If you have any question please contact Monica 861-2508. Please sign up for the concession stand.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sun April 26 10am	Matthew Peleaz, Richard Dunlap	Robin Peterson Henrietta Ladner , Daniel Squillante	Conner Rylie Rines	Robert Doug	Lester Palmer Family
Sat May 02 5pm	Dr Lanny Acosta	Rita Acosta, Lenell King, Doris Snowden	McKenna Katelyn Casey	Ira Necaise Doug	Patricia Lizana
May 03 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun May 03 9am	Sharon Leimer	Dale Babin, Carolyn Brewer Kim Wood	Carson Kaison McGill	Robert David	Jason & Lisa Necaise Family

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: 70Identifiable:**
\$1,726.00; Loose: \$965.00; Total: \$2,691.00;
 Children: **\$15.00;** Building Fund: **\$170.00;** Holy
 Land: **\$5.00.** Easter: **\$15.00.**

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Identifiable: **\$130.00;** Loose: **\$88.00** Total:
\$218.00.

Amount needed weekly **\$2,908.84.

Thank you for your generosity.

Bible Study: We study *the Book of Exodus.*
 Classes are on **Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, and on
 Thursday from 9-10:30am at the office.** For
 more information, please contact **Ruth Schonewitz
 and Henrietta Ladner.**

Church Cleaning: Dianne Northrop and Marilyn
 Fairley will clean the church on April 26 and May 3.
 Marie Chasse will clean the church on May 10 and 17.
 Please call Ellen West at 341-0279 to sign up. Thank
 you.

Altar Society: Meet on second Sundays.

Parish Council: Meet on 3rd Saturday after
 5pm mass.

CYO: meet every other week on Sunday 6:00pm.
 You can visit St Ann CYO contact **Katelyn
 Moran** and **Danielle Ladner** or on the website
www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo.

RCIA: RCIA classes will begin in September.

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can
 have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for
 living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes
 are available at the office.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the
 parish office informed so we may minister to those
 who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing
 facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist
 contact the parish office, 832-2560.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Betty Pierce,
 Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley,
 Janet Thompson, Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert,
 Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford,
 Julia Perronne, John Moran, George Brignac, and
 Pat Leimer.

Prayer for our Mothers

Lord Jesus, You have known a mother's
 love and tender care. We know that you will listen
 as we offer this Mother's Day prayer for our
 mothers most dear.

Protect the lives, we pray, of those who
 have given us the gift of life. May our mothers
 know from day to day the deepening glow of joy
 that comes from Your presence. Bless our mothers
 both on earth and in heaven. AMEN