

**Monday**

APRIL 18

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 11:1–18

Jn 10:1–10

**Tuesday**

APRIL 19

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 11:19–26

Jn 10:22–30

**Wednesday**

APRIL 20

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 12:24—13:5a

Jn 12:44–50

**Thursday**

APRIL 21

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 13:13–25

Jn 13:16–20

**Friday**

APRIL 22

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 13:26–33

Jn 14:1–6

**Saturday**

APRIL 23

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 13:44–52

Jn 14:7–14

**Sunday**

APRIL 24

*Fifth Sunday  
of Easter*

Acts 14:21–27

Rv 21:1–5a

Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

# Easter

**Fourth Sunday of Easter ♦ April 17, 2016****Acts 13:14, 43–52 ♦ Rv 7:9, 14b–17 ♦ Jn 10:27–30**

I love the sound water makes when it is moving in a fast-flowing stream or curling up to the shore in waves. I am mesmerized particularly by waterfalls, small or large. My husband, who enjoys photography as a hobby, has taken pictures of many of the falls we have visited, and they decorate my office as a constant reminder of the power and beauty of God seen through all creation. I even have a crucifix that was designed to show the living water flowing from Christ—a waterfall tumbling down and over the foot of the cross. It is, for me anyway, one of the most powerful images of God that I can imagine.

Throughout the Easter season, the Scriptures present us with stories of resurrection and life. The preaching of the apostles, the abundance of fish caught in a net, the stirring of hearts in those who see and hear Jesus—they all show what it is like to live in “risen time,” in full knowledge and endless presence of the Lord. Today Jesus talks about God’s closeness, power, and promise. The Father has given the sheep to Jesus and no one can take them away. But in the reading from Revelation we have a clearer picture of our life with God: “The Lamb [will] lead them to springs of life-giving water.” In Jesus’ desert environment, this was a powerful image. In our world today it remains compelling. Jesus is the Living Water that brings life to our souls. Whether it flows as a gentle stream, restless wave, or waterfall from the throne of God, it is his gift to us.

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**A Word From Pope Francis**

*“Let us...rediscover the importance and the sense of our Christian life, initiated in Baptism and, like the Samaritan woman, to witness to our brothers [that] every encounter with Jesus also fills us with joy.”*

—Angelus, March 23, 2014



# *Fourth Sunday Of Easter*



*April 17 2016*

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**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*  
[Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule](#)  
Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family  
[St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions](#)  
Sat 5:00 pm Our Parish Family  
Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00am Special Int  
Tues 8:00 am Special Int  
Wed 6:00 pm Special Int  
Thu 8:00am Special Int  
Fri 8:00 am Special Int

## *From Father Khoa's Desk...*

### *Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

The Gospel reading for the 4th Sunday of Easter provides us with one of the most beautiful of all biblical images used to describe Jesus and his special love and care for his people. This text from the Gospel of John speaks of Jesus as the **Good Shepherd**. Even though most of us have not seen many shepherds in real life, we still find the image a powerful one in revealing who Jesus is for us. In fact the Lord himself used this image to describe his relationship to us. In biblical times shepherds were very common. Jesus speaks of himself as a shepherd who tenderly cares for his flock, feeds them, and knows each of them by name. "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." The Good Shepherd does not demand that the people obey him out of his own self-interest but because of their own well-being. He promises, "I will give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." The disciples of the Good Shepherd can be recognized by certain distinguishing behaviors: they listen to the voice of the Shepherd, they eagerly seek to be fed by his Word and the Bread of Life, and they commit themselves to follow in his footsteps. In so doing, these disciples continue the mission and ministry of the Good Shepherd in the world throughout human history.

In the first reading taken from the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas take up the charge to tend the sheep by urging the followers of Jesus to remain faithful to the grace of the Good Shepherd. Notice that they preached in a way that encourages and gives hope to the people. The Gentiles who heard

them were filled with delight to know that they too were called and destined for eternal life. As in the early days of Christianity, "feeding the sheep" means nourishing people with the hope that they are loved by God, that God desires them to share in eternal life, and that they can change even to the point of becoming a means of salvation for others.

This weekend is designated as a **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** and we are asked to pray for ministers of the Gospel, especially for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated (religious) life. Our prayers must be matched by our willingness to ask our young people to consider giving their lives for such a worthwhile and needed mission. Experiencing a call to priesthood or religious life is nothing less than hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd in our time. It is a call that can change lives for all eternity. Let's remember to keep each other in prayer! May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

**Parish Council:** meet next Saturday.

**Altar Society:** meet Second Sundays.

**Church Cleaning:** Thank you Bootz and Mitzie who cleaned the church on Apr 10 and 17. Diane and Marilyn will clean the church on Apr 24 and May 1. Thank you.

**Bible Study:** We will study The Decision Point. Please join us. Classes are on **Tues at 9am and Wed at 6:30pm**. For more information, please contact **Ruth and Henrietta**.

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>GIFT B.</b>
Sat Apr 16 5pm	Richard Dunlap	W C King , Lennell King , Kay VanPelt	Austin Scarengoas	Doug August	The Van Pelts
Apr 17 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Apr 17 9am	Valerie Ladner	Chantel Crabtree , Robin Peterson, Kim Wood	Carson, Karter	Robert Jimmy	Tyler & Gina Leveret Family
Sat Apr 23 5pm	Kathleen Cuevas	Mike West, Ellen West , Henrietta	Austin Scarengoas	Doug Kermit	Helen O'Neal & Gloria Armand
Apr 24 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Apr 24 9am	Lisa Cuevas	Dale Babin, Carolyn Brewer, Kim Wood	Will Nick	Robert Jimmy	Jason & Lisa Necaise Family

### **World Day of Prayer For Vocation Sunday,**

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction: "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Mt 9:38). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), to the Religious life in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to societies of apostolic life, to secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of mission "ad gentes." For more info visit <http://www.worlddayofprayerforvocations.com>  
Please continue to pray for vocations.

### **ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.**

**Bereavement Committee:** Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

**Lizana Light:** For more info, please contact Doris or Diane. Thank you

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE**  
*Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding.* Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

**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, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, Julia Perronne, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Elizabeth Necaise, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Larry Shruff, Andrew Fillengame, and Melissa Peterson, Madison Phelps, Monroe Holland, and Breanna Ladner, and Richard Dunlap.