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the Most Holy Trinity*

SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.
(Church &
On-line)

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(Rectory &
On-line)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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Indeed, goodness
and mercy will
pursue me all the
days of my life

-Psalm 23:6

APRIL 30, 2023

ON THE WAY.....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is "Good Shepherd Sunday." The Gospel is taken from John 10 – this year being Year A, the first ten verses are proclaimed. In Years B and C the rest of chapter 10 which speak of different aspects of the Good Shepherd are assigned for those Sunday. The Responsorial is taken from Psalm 23 which is probably the best loved of the psalms. It is very common to use Psalm 23 at a funeral because of its consoling message.

Jesus doubtless chose the image of a Good Shepherd because those who were hearing him would know what he was talking about. They saw shepherds woven into their everyday lives and could understand what the metaphor implied. I have to admit that for your humble servant who grew up in a row home in Baltimore that shepherds were not part of my world. Being a shepherd was not every day but as exotic as being an astronaut or ship captain. However, a few years ago I was visiting rural Mexico about two hours outside of Mexico City. While taking a walk up in the hills I came across a flock of sheep. They were all grazing on whatever grass was available as the moved toward the "green pastures." What was surprising to me was that the shepherd was NOT in the front leading them. Instead, he was behind the flock. When a particular sheep started wandering off too far from the rest he would send the dog to corral it back to the fold. When a sheep was lagging behind he would use his "crook and staff" to push it to catch up with the others. The flock was being pushed in the right direction but the leadership of the shepherd was from behind, that way he could keep watch over the whole group.

That image of how a shepherd operates says something about leadership in the Church. Bishops and Pastors are not infantry commanders saying "follow me" into unknown territory. As shepherds their role is to keep the people together and push the faithful in the right direction but to let them find their own way of getting there. The faithful are not mindless followers but those who are on their own path toward the "restful waters."

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

Tomorrow, May 1, we remember St. Joseph, the Worker. The feast was added to the liturgical calendar as a response to communist countries who celebrate Labor Day on May 1. The Church is committed to supporting the working men and women of the world and ensuring that they have adequate wages, safe and healthy working conditions and meaningful work. This might be a good day to thank those who work in your building, in the store, around the neighborhood for all that they do to make our city a better place.

In the Most Holy Trinity,
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

Sun 04/30	4th Sunday of Easter	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Eaton-Santo Family by Sister Bernadette</i>
Mon 05/01	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Patty Ostronic by Sister Marissa Butler</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (On-line)
Tues 05/02	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Staff Meeting (On-line) Evangelization Committee (On-line)
Wed 05/03	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Ed Richarson by Sister Bernadette</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council (On-line)
Thurs 05/04	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Ellen Noble by Eileen Coffey</i>
Fri 05/05	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Hermina Eaton by Sister Bernadette</i>
	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (Tolten Chapel) Eucharistic Adoration (Tolten Chapel)
Sat 05/08	2:00 p.m.	Young Family Gathering (Church Basement)
Sun 05/07	5th Sunday of Easter	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Anna Belle O'Shea by Joseph O'Shea</i>

Eucharistic Adoration Friday May 5th

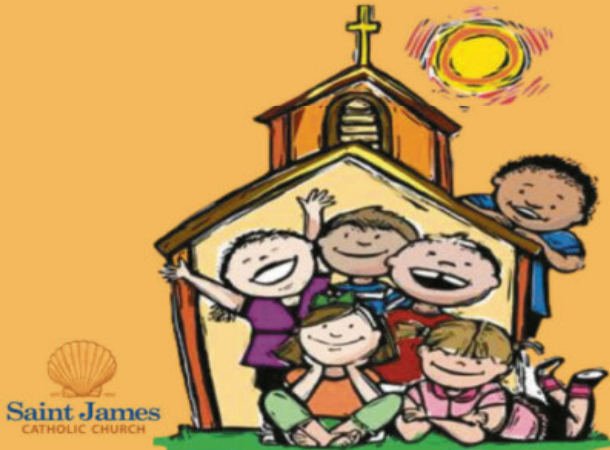
8:30 am & 6:00 pm (Chapel)
Confessions available upon request



KIDS/FAMILY MASS

MAY 14TH, 9:30AM

CELEBRATE OUR YOUTH AS THEY SERVE IN OUR LITURGY.



BIBLE STUDY:
THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY



MONDAYS
MAY 1,8,15 AND 22
7:00-8:30PM
ZOOM



**Congratulations to Melissa,
Pathma, Diana, and Imani on
making their Confirmation this
Easter Season! We are so
happy to have you grow in our
community!**



**A Celebration of
Families at St. James**

**Time 2 PM - 4 PM in
Presentation Hall Basement**
**Food and wine will be
served.**

Please email pwawire@stjameswabash.org to RSVP



St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
Margie Bass
Paul Freeman
Juanita James
Barbara Southhall
Dina Williams

Our Sick:

Victoria Allen
Aayliah Cooper

Joe Cunningham
Patsy Cunningham
Marvelean Doss
Claude Fisher
Paul Kanzer

Linda Griffin Kennard
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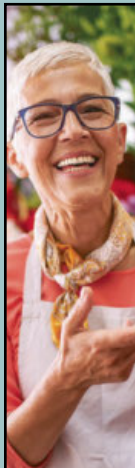
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