

## Bulletin

### Sacred Heart Parish

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays

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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

#### Gospel Verse, Jin 10:14:

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me.*

The **First Reading** is taken from Acts 13:14, 43-52 and the event described takes place in the middle of St. Paul's first missionary journey. Paul and Barnabas quote Isaiah 49:6 in support of their decision to preach to the Gentiles. The Isaiah text referred to Christ, ...but now Paul and Barnabas apply it to themselves because the Messiah is "light for the Gentiles" through the preaching of the Apostles, for they are conscious of speaking in Christ's name and on his authority. —*The Navarre Bible—Acts of the Apostles*

The **Second Reading** is from the Book of Revelation 7:9, 14b-17. Last week we heard St. John describing his vision of the heavenly liturgy where he saw the Lamb of God in the Holy of Holies in His perpetual offering to God, the heavenly offering of Jesus Himself which we join at every Mass. Today we join St. John as he again views this heavenly liturgy and describes the Church in heaven (what we call the Church Triumphant) as it glorifies God.

The **Gospel** is from John 10:27-30. This Sunday is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus intended the beautiful parable of the Good Shepherd with its many consoling truths and promises for men of every century, including the twentieth. We are all too prone to evaluate the words of the Gospel in an exclusively historical sense. The liturgy's primary aim is to portray the present, not the past, to give grace and life along with history. You must, therefore, give the parable a present day context, apply it personally. After each sentence stop and say: Christ is doing this today — and to help me. The parable brings to our

attention three consoling truths: Christ gives His life for His sheep; He remains with them constantly through the bond of grace; He will not rest content until there be but one flock and one shepherd.

Now how do these points affect me personally? a) My Shepherd's death means my deliverance—why, even at this very moment of Mass, redemption's graces are flooding my soul. b) Between Christ and myself there must exist a closer intimacy than even that between brothers, relatives, or friends. c) It is through Christ's efforts that I have been brought into the fold, and He is ever striving to make me a more perfect member of His flock.

In order to realize these ends, Christ instituted His Church. This Church is His representative. There we may approach Him, there He is close to us, there He continues His presence: "I am with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world." Through the Church He speaks to us; in the Church flow the rivers of grace from Calvary's Cross; by means of the Church Christ seeks to become united personally with each of us. Oh, if we only would regard the Church as Christ mystically present in our midst! At this point I would like to single out two ways by which Christ fulfills His office of Shepherd in the Church, viz., through His words and through His very body.

The words He spoke will never die. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." Christ's words are as pregnant with life now as when they were first spoken. They give us the mind of our Good Shepherd as He instructs, and consoles us; they are the words of a father, a mother, a brother, a friend,

a judge. Once upon a time Christ's words performed miracles, they have not lost their power! "Young man, I say to you: arise. This day you shall be with Me in paradise." Treasure Christ's words most highly.

Christ's body in the Eucharist gives flesh to His words in the Gospel. Never disjoin one from the other. For together they constitute our most valuable earthly treasure, together they give us the whole Christ. What He promises in the Gospel He fulfills in the Eucharist. And thus the Mass, comprising the word and the body of Christ, brings Him completely to us. In the Gospel He says, "I am the Good Shepherd"—in the Eucharistic Sacrifice the Good Shepherd becomes present. In the Gospel He proclaims, "I lay down My life for My sheep"—in the Eucharistic Sacrifice He pours His life into our souls. In the Gospel He tells us, "I know Mine and Mine know Me"—in the Eucharistic Sacrifice He fulfills His claim: Whoever eats My flesh abides in Me and I in Him. In the Gospel He says, "Other sheep I have ... them also must I bring"—through the Eucharistic Sacrifice He builds up His flock, gathering stray sheep into the fold.

These, then, are our two greatest treasures, Christ's words and Christ's body. By embracing both we embrace our Savior whole and entire.

—*The Church's Year of Grace,*  
Pius Parsch

The Fourth Sunday of Easter marks the 59th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1964. Parishes are especially encouraged to include prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the general intercessions on that day and the homily may focus on vocations. Pope Francis' messages for each year should be read and taken to heart.

**Collection:**

**April 30, 2022**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$290.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Donation I/M of Alice MacDonald</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
	<b>\$511.00</b>

**NOTICES:**

**1: The Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Market:**

Calling all vendors! Are you an artisan, bee keeper, farmer, baker etc..? Then we are looking for you! The Johnstown Community Development Co-operative Ltd. has developed its very own outdoor market space!

The location is directly across from the Johnstown Parish Hall located at 15290 Highway 4 in Johnstown. The outdoor market will run bi weekly starting Saturday June 4th ending the season on Saturday October 8th, 2022.

Vendors looking at participating in this outdoor market are responsible for bringing all materials required for your space ie. tents, tables, chairs, table cloths, etc.

Vendor spaces will be \$20.00 which can be e-transferred or paid in cash the day of the market. For more information, or a vendor application, please email [johnstownlanding@gmail.com](mailto:johnstownlanding@gmail.com).

**2: AGM:** The Antigonish Diocesan Society will be hosting its annual general meeting virtually on Sunday evening May 15 at 7 pm. All parishioners from across the diocese are welcome to attend and learn more about how the society operates and supports seminarians in our diocese. You can attend through the following link to the Zoom meeting. Questions can be directed to Brian Lazzuri 902-714-3871. Meeting link <https://tinyurl.com/ADS-AGM>

**3: On Sunday, May 29, 3pm,** Dr. Michael McCarvill will be ordained to diaconate by Bishop Kirkpatrick at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church followed by a reception at St. Theresa Parish Hall. A new formation program for deacons is soon to begin

**4: Tentative Summer Schedule:** more details will be provided closer to the event

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday July 10 – Strawberry Festival and Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass – 2 pm</li> <li>• Saturday July 30 – Eat-in/Take-out Supper – 4:45 pm</li> <li>• Saturday August 13 – Cemetery Mass – Eat-in/Take-out Supper 4:00 pm</li> <li>• Friday August 19 – Milling Frolic – 7 pm – 1 am</li> <li>• Saturday August 20 – Music Royal Concert in the church - Aurore String Quartet – 7:30 pm</li> <li>• Saturday September 3 – Eat-in/Take-out Supper: 4:45 pm</li> </ul> |
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**5: Choir:** The Richmond Co. Men’s Choir is actively singing again. The men sing in a different parish in Richmond Co. one Sunday/Saturday of each month (excluding July & August). If you love to sing, come join us! We practice in Louisdale Church every second week from 7:15 PM till 8:15 PM. Our next practice will be on May 11th. Choir will be in Glendale on May 29th at 10:00 AM Mass

**6: Priests’ retreat** will be held from Monday, May 23 until Friday, May 27th via Zoom