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APRIL 21, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m.
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)
Sunday: 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,
10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
& 6:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday & Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
(unless noted in bulletin)

Devotions

First Friday

Adoration/Benediction
at 10:00 a.m.

First Saturday

Adoration after 7:00 a.m. Mass
(unless noted in bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY through FRIDAY
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed on holidays

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This week's Readings: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;
1 John 3:1-2; Alleluia - John 10:14; John 10:11-18

Next week's Readings: Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32;
1 John 3:18-24; Alleluia - John 15:4a, 5b; John 15:1-8

"SHEPHERDING AND LEADERSHIP"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

As we journey through these Easter days, I wonder, how has this season of renewal and rebirth been for you? Have you found solace in celebrating God's gift of salvation through Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection? Have you felt the joy of being embraced as a beloved child of God? Is Alleluia still your song?

We celebrate the Sundays of Easter and are invited to ponder God's goodness for all of us. It was not easy for Jesus' disciples to believe in the resurrection from the dead, but He proved the truth about it through His appearances. He fulfilled His promise, especially that of being with them for all times, not in the manner that they used to be with Him, but with the eyes of faith that would carry them through the thick and thin of their lives and ministry.

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear Jesus' beautiful and profound teaching of being the Good Shepherd. This is why this Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus presents Himself as One who would tend to His sheep and lay down His life for them. These words were concretely manifested when Jesus sacrificed and died for His disciples then and for every one of us. He manifested what true loving and caring were by offering His life to save us—the sacrifice of utmost service.

Compared to bad shepherds, who work only for pay and maybe for good reputations, good shepherds dedicate their time and lead their sheep to green pastures. They allow their sheep to grow and be filled. They protect and are ready to give their lives from prey and not endanger the sheep by placing them in the sheepfold.

In all aspects of our lives, we are entrusted with responsibilities to tend and care for one another. Parents to their children. Managers to their employees. Presidents and governors to the citizens. And yes, Pastors to their flock. Should there be an image and model to follow, it is through the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who manifested what true leadership, service, and sacrifice are. He served and was not being served. He died for the sake of us all.

Shepherding and leadership are the same. We, who are being shepherded and led, must certainly know whose voice we need to listen to. If the voice we listen to leads us to only what matters here on earth, then we shift our listening ears to the voice calling us to those things that really matter in life and lead us to salvation. And this voice is the voice of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the world.

Continued blessings to you and your family this Easter Season!

Your friend in Jesus,
Fr. Pascual Abaya IV
Rector



**The stone the
builders rejected
has become the
CORNERSTONE**

Psalm 118:22

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 21

4th Sunday of Easter

2nd Collection for the Diocese Retirement Fund
 Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
 Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, April 22

Monday of the 4th Week of Easter
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, April 23

Tuesday of the 4th Week of Easter
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, April 24

Wednesday of the 4th Week of Easter
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, April 25

Feast of St. Mark

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, April 26

Friday of the 4th Week of Easter
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, April 27

Saturday of the 4th Week of Easter
 Mass & Adoration at 7:00am
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
 Mass at 12:00pm
 Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, April 28

5th Sunday of Easter

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance
 Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
 Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

In our diverse culture, the words of Acts may sound narrow and partisan: There is no salvation through anyone but Jesus. "Elitist" might be the kindest comment some would toss at those assertions. And perhaps they would sound arrogant if Jesus didn't also say, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Jesus is the only shepherd, because it is only his voice that the sheep hear and recognize. Jesus knows his sheep, and in the Bible that means understanding and intimacy. Remember, Jesus is a king who reigned from a cross. He never lorded it over others, but sacrificed himself for them. The first letter of John says Jesus' own rejected him and refused to "know" him (3:1). Here, too, knowing refers to the deep understanding that results from intimate relationship. That intimacy was what many of Jesus' contemporaries rejected. Having rejected him, they also reject his followers. As Christ's followers, we recognize his voice. In ancient times, sheep grazed freely and flocks became intermixed. But shepherds had only to call and their sheep would hear and follow, responding to their shepherd's voice and no other. Jesus says, "the Father loves me" (John 10:17) because he willingly and obediently laid down his life. His sacrifice brought us into the sheepfold, or better, into the family of God, making us God's children. That's what we are now, but in the future, we know only this: we will resemble Jesus and be forever like him.

SHARING FAITH

John's letter has a "too good to be true" quality when it asserts we are, indeed, children of God. What else is "too good" and true about your faith?

If Jesus is a shepherd, then we must be sheep. How would you defend that metaphor among those who might view the comparison negatively?

Invite each family member to name a quality of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Why did you choose that particular quality? What can you do to imitate the quality you chose?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Look up the word cornerstone in the dictionary or encyclopedia and reflect on its meaning. Then consider what cornerstone convictions you hold.

Keep an eye out for news stories of people who were adopted in infancy and find their birth parents as adults. Reflect on the impact and significance of discovering whose child one is. What does it mean to realize you are a child of God?

Provide cotton balls for sheep, green construction paper or felt for a pasture, and blue for water. Help your family set up a scene in which you can "shepherd" the cotton-ball sheep to the good green grass and the clean, still water. Talk about all that God provides for our needs and the responsibility we have to use his gifts well and wisely. Discuss the needs of others and how we can help Jesus provide for them by giving and sharing.

REFLECTION

"... we shall be like him ..." 1 John 3:2.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

April 8 - 14, 2024

ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL IS TO FOSTER AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH STEWARDSHIP IS UNDERSTOOD, ACCEPTED AND PRACTICED THROUGHOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Oh Blessed Lord!
Oh Risen Lord!

We look through the crosses we have carried this past year and give you thanks for the awe-inspiring hope that Easter brings.

We give you thanks for calling us your friends and allowing us to share in the sacrifice of your body and blood, which is poured out for many.

Oh merciful Lord, redeemer and teacher, by the power of the Holy Spirit give us the patience and insight to listen to you during this time of continued uncertainty.

Give us the wisdom to find creative ways to put the Eucharist into action; and give us the courage to bring your Easter message of hope to a world that desperately needs your love.

To you be glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.

Teach me to seek You, and reveal Yourself to me as I seek, because I can neither seek You if You do not teach me how, nor find You unless You reveal Yourself.

Offertory Collection

Sunday + Easter	\$ 5,195.89
Weekday	\$ 1,093.62
Other Feasts, Solemnities	\$ 9.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,916.12
Total Offertory	\$ 8,214.63

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 4,000.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 45.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,027.90
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 378.00
Total	\$ 14,365.53

DIOCESAN PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND

Today, our Second Collection will be for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund. This is a different collection from the Religious Retirement Fund that is done each December. Considering the beautiful connection with Good Shepherd Sunday, we are asked to prayerfully consider giving generously to this collection that will directly support our priests who are in their retirement years. They have given their lives shepherding our communities, and we pray that they are adequately cared for in this next chapter of their lives. If you would like to donate online, please visit

catholichawaii.org/dprf

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Easter Season is now upon us. Please join Dcn. Joe and Easter Almuena every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:45am. Resources are available at **FORMED**. On your browser, go to www.formed.org. Sign up as a "Parishioner", choose "RCCHAWAII" and create an account. Please see Dcn. Joe & Easter for more information.



Please support the Cathedral Basilica and our many Catholic ministries and services by contributing to the 2023-2024 Ohana in Christ Appeal. Our Catholic Church in Hawaii has many dimensions and continues to make significant impact in the communities we serve. Your generous gift will especially help support numerous ministries and services at our parishes, schools and beyond - as well as our Parish Priests and Deacons, Youth and Young Adult Ministry and those most in need. Mahalo for your generous Stewardship of Treasure. All gifts are important and appreciated. Please give online at CatholicHawaii.org.

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

St. Anselm of Canterbury, (1033-1109), Archbishop of Canterbury, Feast Day, April 21