SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.
Psalm 23:1



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony: Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.: This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.

Mass Intentions **April 29th 4:30PM** Donovan Chavis (8yrs. Death Anniversary-RIP) by Diana Chavis; Michael Linden, Sr. & Barbara Williams (RIP) by The Conner Family; Freddy J. Landry (21yrs. Death Anniversary-RIP) by The Family; Melvin & Mary Dell Moore by Geraldine Viltz; "For All Children who were Victims of Abortion" by Langston Adams

April 30th 9:00AM Fourth of Easter; For All Parishioners

May 2nd 6:00PM Elijah Livings (RIP) & Christopher Smith (Healing) by Kathrina Martin

May 3rd 8:00AM Beverly Carmouche (Healing) by Walker & James Family

May 4th 8:00AM

May 5th 8:00AM

May 6th 4:30PM Stephen Gary (RIP) by The Family; "For All Children who were Victims of Abortion" by Langston Adams

Collections

April 22nd & April 23rd

4:30PM	**$1,654.00**
9:00AM	**$1,758.00**
Mail	**$ 680.00**
Totals	**$4,092.00**

Happy 101st Birthday
Curtis Joseph

Happy 93rd Birthday
Mabry J. McZeal, Sr.

Happy 89th Birthday
Tom Bronnon, Sr.

All High School and College graduates are ask to contact Crystal Williams at 409-365-3790, to receive information for Graduation Mass on Sunday May 21, 2023 at 9:00am.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading —Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people.
Palm — Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6
The Lord is my shepherd.
Second Reading — 1 Pt 2:20b-*25*
We have been healed by the wounds of Christ.
Gospel —Jn 10:1-10
Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:14; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:27; Jn 10:22-30;
Wednesday:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6b, 9c; Jn 14:6-14
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25;Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5ab; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:6; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 8:31b-32; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:6; Jn 14:1-12

The 2023 Spring Raffle is here!!
The prizes are as follows:
1st Prize: 55" Smart TV
2nd Prize: Laptop
3rd Prize: $200 Lowe's Gift Card
4th Prize: $100 Gas Gift Card
5th Prize: $50 Visa Card
6th Prize: $50 Visa Gift Card

The donation is $1.00. The raffle will be held at the Sacred Heart Family Day Picnic on June 4, 2023. Tickets will be available after each mass. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sacred Heart Parish Family Day Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2023, at the Port Arthur Downtown Pavilion. We will begin with Mass at 10:00am and the picnic will immediately follow. There will be food, games, door prizes and lots of fellowship!!!

Meetings

-Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, May 3rd at 5:30pm at the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building. If you ordered a shirt, please bring your payment. We are still accepting yearly dues. Please contact Mrs. Sheresse Conner-Seals at 832-704-1092.

-Sr. Usher will meet on Sunday, May 7th after the 9:00am in the St. Katharine Drexel Education building.

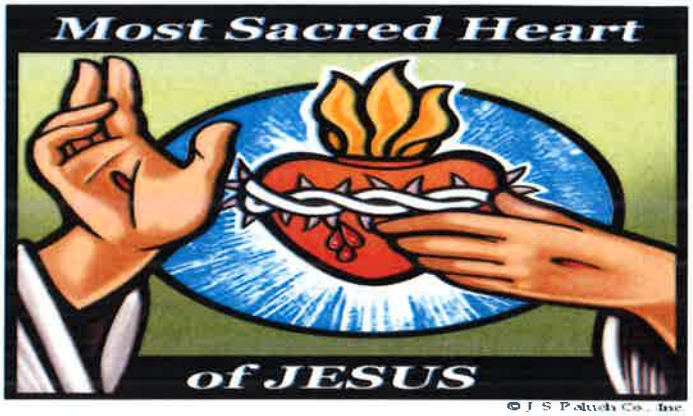
This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.



Wisdom & Worship Ministry
Our Mother of Mercy
3390 Sarah Street, Beaumont

The day will begin with a Living Rosary at 9:30am, followed by Mass celebrated by Bishop David Toups on Tuesday, May 16th at 10am, lunch and more! Open to parishioners who are age 50 and over, though anyone of any age may attend the celebration. Deadline to register is May 12. Tickets are $15 and can be purchase at our Parish Office, for more info. contact Moriline Guillory at 409-924-4301.

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS
WHERE SPOUSES DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN FOR THEIR FAMILY
Saturday, May 6, 2023 10:30AM - 5:30PM
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
211 Hardy Avenue, Nederland, Tx 77627
Couple: $64, Individual: $40

Catholic married and engaged couples throughout the Diocese of Beaumont who desire to grow together in holiness and learn to form their children in the Catholic Faith. For more information and to register, visit togetherinholiness.org or contact Conference Coordinator Cameron Kelly at 832-779-1070.



Parish Social Ministry is available to assist anyone in the parish that needs help with electric, gas, or water bills. Other services are available based on the parishioners need. All assistance provided is confidential. We are now in our 7th year of service to the parish and the community. If you would like to know more about Parish Social Ministry, please take home a brochure located in the vestibule.



Parish Social Ministry is collecting Jell-o monthly for the United Board of Missions. The box is still located in the vestibule. This will be put in the low income bags given to members of the community who apply through United Board of Missions. Please be generous. If you have any questions, you can contact Brenda Broussard or Sheryl Alpough.

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR PARISH SOCIAL SERVICE. NEXT WEEKEND THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR BEREAVEMENT FUND.

Fr. Anthony will bless those who lost a child in April. Next weekend he will bless singles, widows and widowers who lost a spouse in May.

See the Bulletin Board in the Vestibule for Announcement/Information in our Community and local area.

IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS.

Pray for ... Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Aletra Bowman, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Bernadette Brown, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Bernadette Dames,Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Herman Dugay, Yourmae Duplechain, Henry Dwin, Vincent Fertitta, Ronald Fontenette, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Lucien Lavallais, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Johanna Lewis, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Dorothy McClarin, Mabry McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Bernard Mouton, Jr., Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Dallas Oliver, Donald Oliver, Rita Oliver, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Schreida Solaire, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Audry Stood, Henry Stood, Michella Sulldan, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Iris Waymon, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Tadarell Woods, Hazeletta Younger and Tosharie Younger.

Communicants: Ethel Allen



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

The Drexel Society, Inc., Port Arthur Chapter would like to thank Gladie's Angel for their 91st Celebration Award donation. The event was a celebration of the Life & Works of Gladie Stelly. The event was sponsored by Joyce James Consulting & John James & Family.

***Resolution:** What spiritual gift I am most in need of? Faith? Charity? Humility? Something else? Today I will set aside some time to ask God in prayer to grant me that gift.*

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

O Lord, hear my prayer; hearken to my pleading in your faithfulness; in your justice answer ne. And enter not into judgment with your servant, for before you no living man is just. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all your doings, the works of your hands I ponder.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

May 6th & May 7th

LECTORS

SAT. 4:30PM Delores Yeggins
Geraldine Viltz

SUN. 9:00AM Rodney Broussard
Esther Dugay

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS

SAT. 4:30PM Corine Jones
SUN. 9:00AM Brenda Broussard

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